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SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN THE PROVINCE

01. WE HAVE A NEW RESIDENCE!



The inauguration of the new residence at Udupi was held on the 6th of November 2023. Rev. Fr. Silvestre D'Souza the Provincial, cut the ribbon and Most Rev. Gerald Isaac Lobo blessed the house in the presence of the Parish Priest of Kalmady, Fr Baptist Menezes, the Provincial Councillors, Friars from Koteswar community and representatives from Mangaluru and Madanthyar communities. The Bishop presided over the Eucharist, during which he blessed the altar, the cross and the tabernacle and handed over the keys to Fr. Alwyn Sequeira the

priest in charge of this house. Fr Silvestre thanked the Bishop for his guidance and constant support. Fr Prakash D'Cunha oversaw the entire project. For the present, Fr. Alwyn Sequeira and Fr. John Sequeira will be residing in this house while being attached to the Koteswar community. May God be glorified through this new presence!

02. MIMOSA BLOSSOMS AT CAPE TOWN!

The Mimosa Carmelite Monastery at Cape Town was blessed and inaugurated on 27th October 2023. His Eminence Cardinal Stephen Brislin, Very Rev. Fr. Miguel Marquez OCD, His Lordship Auxiliary Bishop Sylvester David OMI, Rev. Fr. Silvestre D'Souza OCD, Rev. Fr. Philbert Namphande OCD and Rev. Fr. Pius James D'Souza OCD Definitors were the guests of honour. The solemn Holy Eucharist was celebrated at 10.00

a.m. and Fr. Silvestre D'Souza broke the word of God. The blessing of the Monastery was solemnized by Cardinal Stephen Brislin, cutting off the ribbon by Rev. Fr. Miguel Marquez OCD, and unveiling of the plaque by Rev. Fr. Silvestre D'Souza OCD. The felicitation began with the brief report presented by Fr. Mari Joe OCD. Rev. Fr. Miguel Marquez OCD addressed the gathering and Cardinal Stephen Brislin thanked the OCD fathers for their spiritual and pastoral service in Cape Town. 300 guests who were present enjoyed the delicious meal. The Provincial expressed his gratitude by thanking everyone. He also thanked Fr. Mari Joe who worked hard to bring this Mimosa shrine and Carmelite monastery to the present day. Special thanks to Fr Antony Stephen who accompanied Fr Mari Joe as a brother in all his endeavours.



03. SOUTH AFRICA HITS THE SILVER MILESTONE!

On 28 October 2023, the Carmelite Friars celebrated 25 years of Carmelite presence in South Africa, recalling that the first two friars, Frs. Raymond Santhanaz and Vinod D'Mello arrived in Johannesburg on June 13, 1998. The Thanksgiving Mass was presided over by Most Rev Buti Tlhagale Archbishop of Johannesburg,

Superior General Rev Fr Miguel Marquez, Provincial Superior Fr Silvestre D Souza, Definitor Generals Frs. Pius James D'Souza and Philbert Namphande, and supported by many priests and nuns. The Superior of Benoni Community, Fr Arvin Tauro, welcomed all the guests. The pioneers of the mission in South Africa, Frs. Raymond and Mari Joe, were specially honoured.



04. ADIEU DEAR BR BATTHI!



Br. Baptist Rodrigues of St. Joseph, lovingly called Br. Batti breathed his last on 3rd October 2023. Carmelites of the KG Province are deeply saddened by his demise. The funeral rite took place on the 6th of October 2023. The Eucharist was celebrated at 03:30 pm by His Excellency Most Rev. Aloysius Paul D'Souza, Bishop Emeritus of Mangalore Diocese. Fr. Archibald Gonsalves preached a meaningful homily. Many Carmelite friars and priests of the Diocese concelebrated the mass. Fr. George Santhumayor presented the eulogy and laid before the congregation, the humble yet generous life of Br. Baptist. Fr. Provincial spoke a few words thanking both the bishops and all who assisted Brother during his last days. Fr. Melvin D'Cunha, the Superior, expressed his gratitude to everyone for their service towards Br. Baptist. The liturgy was organized by Fr. Deep Fernandes along with the Brothers. After the Mass, Msgr. Maxim Noronha prayed the commendation of the dead, and thereafter, the mortal remains were carried in a solemn procession to the cemetery. Fr. Silvestre, D'Souza, the Provincial Superior, blessed the tomb and said the prayers at the cemetery where Br. Baptist was laid to rest. It was an afternoon of pain, where many bid adieu to a dear friar and a life-long friend. Goodbye, Dear Br. Baptist, you continue to live in our hearts!

05. CARMELIGHTS SHINE BRIGHT!



On October 30, 2023, Mount Carmel School, Kadaganchi, proudly hosted the inaugural CarmeLights Inter School Sports 2023 event on its premises. It included all the schools of the Carmel Jnana Education Trust, MCS Ramnagar and MCS Mira Road. The event began with a prayer dance by students from MCS, Kadaganchi, followed by a warm welcome by Fr. Deepak Thomas, the correspondent of MCS Kadaganchi, and a welcome

dance. Fr. Archibald Gonsalves presided over the event. Mr Binoy Raphael, Managing Director of SIFT Consultancy Pvt. Ltd, Bangalore, graced the event as the Chief Guest, alongside Mr Bhusan Thakur and Mr. Rayappa Reddy as the Guests of Honor. Fr. Alphonse Britto and Fr. Joseph Praveen, Parish Priest of the Mother of Divine Grace Cathedral, Kalaburagi, were the special guests of honour. Mr Bhusan lit the Olympic Torch and passed it on to the sports captain of MCS Kadaganchi, who, in turn, shared it with sports captains of other schools. This symbolic moment culminated in the ignition of the CarmeLights 2023 Sports Light. The march past, led by the MCS Kadaganchi Band, and the Guard of Honor received by the President followed. Following the presidential address by Fr Archibald Gonsalves, Mr Binoy Raphael inaugurated the website of MCS Kadaganchi (www.mountcarmelkalaburagi.com) and its Mobile App. The CarmeLights Inter School Sports Meet 2023 featured three events: Kho-Kho, Throwball and Chess. All games were categorized by class, with matches played in leagues, leading to semifinals and finals. MCS, Mira Road, emerged as the champions of CarmeLight Sports Meet 2023 based on total points earned. The Sports Meet concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

06. YOUNG BIRDS FLOCK TOGETHER!

Junior Priests' Meet 2023 was held from October 9 to October 13, 2023 at Dhyanaashram, Rajodi. The gathering drew a total of 15 priests. On the eve of the 9th, Fr. Peter Pereira, Superior, kindled the lamp in the presence of Rev. Fr. Silvestre D'Souza, Fr. Archibald Gonsalves, and Fr. Alphonse Britto after which the Eucharist was celebrated. Following that, the Provincial, along with the two Councillors, addressed the Junior Priests. Fr. Leon Cruz SDB, together with his team Gloria and Sheldon, enlightened the junior priests on the importance of youth ministry. They encouraged the junior priests to share their experiences and to acknowledge the service each of them provides to the mission with which they are entrusted.



07. FR PAUL - MIGHTY IN NINETY!

Rev Fr Paul D'Souza completed 90 years of life on September 28, 2023. The day began as the community gathered in the choir for morning praise with Fr. Paul lighting the Candle marking the 90 years of life. The concelebrated Eucharist immediately at 6.15 a.m. was joined by several admirers of Fr Paul. At 11.30 am, the community and members of the communities

in the region with some close relatives of Fr Paul and some OCDS representatives gathered for a short wishing programme. Wishing in the name of all who present Fr. Diogo Proenca stated Fr. Paul's talents and qualities. The poetic reflections of daily Mass readings by Fr. Paul was released titled "Lyrical Messages". The Postulants sang, danced and played on this occasion. Monastic lunch followed to enhance this fraternity. Three cheers to Fr. Paul! May you be with us to hit the century!

08. BENEFactor OF EMMAUS

Mr. Frank Carvalho, the esteemed donor and well-wisher of Emmaus Wellness Centre in Mapusa, breathed his last on the 9th of November 2023 in the United Kingdom, while residing in a Care Home. He was 95 years old. The Emmaus Wellness Centre, is a testament to the philanthropic vision of Mr Frank and his wife, the late Mrs Olga Carvalho Reis da Costa. With the new building which he financed to a great extent, this Centre has become a beacon of hope for countless individuals in the region, providing essential psychological and spiritual benefits and promoting well-being among the participants. While acknowledging his generosity



and friendship towards the Province, we pray for his eternal repose. We count on his intercession for all those who carry on his mission of service to humanity at Emmaus Wellness Centre. The funeral was held on the 6th of December 2023 at All Saints Church, Kenton, Harrow, United Kingdom.

09. 'O PUSHPASHRAMA HOME SWEET HOME' OF ST THERESE!



The celebration of the 150th Birth Anniversary and the Centenary of the Beatification of St Therese of the Child Jesus, the patroness of Pushpashrama, was celebrated on Sunday, 8 October 2023. The solemn Eucharistic Celebration was presided over by His Grace, Archbishop Emeritus Most Rev. Bernard Moras, the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Mysuru at 4.00 pm. This was followed by a cultural programme on the life and mission of the Little Flower held at the Pushpashrama auditorium, and dinner. The entire celebration was organized by the Carmelite Family of Mysuru Region under the leadership of Pushpashrama Community and guided by Fr Alphonse Britto, OCD, the Provincial Councillor for Spirituality. Around 45 priests and 500 Religious and faithful were present for the celebrations. Around 225 children were on the stage to perform various programs.



This tree is still standing after the sand beneath was washed out.....Why? Because its roots are so deep. It reminds me of what our relationship with Jesus should be like. When the storms wash up against us, we will still stand because we are firmly planted. Lord, help us to keep growing our roots deep in Your Word, Your Truth, and Your Love.

REGIONAL VICARIATE OF TANZANIA



01. EDUCATING WITH A HEART OF LOVE!

On September 14, 2023, the Carmelite Pre and Primary School Malamba, celebrated a significant milestone with the inauguration and blessing ceremony conducted by Rev. Fr. Silvestre D'Souza, Provincial Superior. The event was attended by Carmelite Fathers, OCDS members, dedicated staff, non-teaching staff, and supportive parents. The ceremony marked the official commencement of the school. With the blessings of Rev. Fr. Silvestre D'Souza, the Carmelite Pre and Primary School embarked on its mission to provide quality education and nurture young minds.

02. RUBY SPARKLES BRIGHT!

On 17 September 2023, the Vicariate of Tanzania celebrated its "Ruby Jubilee" at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Kihonda. The solemn mass was presided over by His Excellency His Grace Most Rev. Nyaisonga, Archbishop of Mbeya in the presence of His Grace Most Rev. George Desmond Tambala OCD, Archbishop of Lilongwe, Malawi, Fr. Silvestre D'Souza, Provincial, Fr. Praveen Frank, Regional Vicar, and the friars and faithful. They were all united in joy as they celebrated 40 years of generous service and constant faith in the Vicariate of Tanzania. This Ruby Jubilee celebration is a testament to the Vicariate of Tanzania's persevering commitment to its mission and inspires a deep sense of unity, faith and gratitude. As they look forward to continuing this journey of faith and service, they express their sincere gratitude to all who contributed to the success of this important event. We remembered all our pioneering missionaries Frs. Walter Lobo, Felix Moras, Richard Castelinho and Peter D'Sa.



ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITES (OCD) REGIONAL VICARIATE OF TANZANIA

NEWLY ELECTED VICARIATE COUNCIL



From 18-22, 2023 September, the Regional Vicariate of Tanzania had its Congress and elected office bearers of the new triennium and they are:

- Rev. Fr Elius Malale – Regional Vicar
- Rev. Fr Nelson Osmond Vaz – First Councillor
- Rev. Fr Reginald Mworio – Second Councillor

We congratulate these friars of ours and wish them every success in the administration of the Regional Vicariate of Tanzania.

04. DENVER ORGANIZES A SPECIAL ROSARY FOR PEACE

A Public Rosary Rally was organized by Fr. Ronald Sequeira, OCD, Spiritual Director of the Fatima Statue Apostolate in the Archdiocese of Denver. There was tremendous participation from the general public, including over 300 people from various parishes in the metro Denver region, to witness faith and prayer. While praying the rosary, the Eucharistic procession moved around the grounds of St. Frances Cabrini Parish and down the neighbouring sidewalk along S. Pierce Street. The Shofar horn signalled the beginning of each decade. The procession came to an end at the church. Fr Ronald concluded the rally by imparting the benediction and praying for world peace.



PROVINCIAL DELEGATION OF CANADA



01. RETREAT AT LITTLE FLOWER MONASTERY, CANADA

The Spiritual Retreat at Little Flower Monastery in Carmel Hill, Deroche, BC, held exclusively for a Korean group, was a significant spiritual event that brought together 58 participants. This retreat was conducted entirely in the Korean language and was led by a Korean Priest who came all the way from New York, USA. The retreat took

place over the weekend, starting on Friday, October 13th, and concluding on Sunday, October 15th, 2023. The retreat provided participants with a profound spiritual experience.

02. WESTERN REGION FRIARS' REGIONAL MEETING

The Western Region of Vancouver BC convened a community gathering at the picturesque setting of Deroche, Little Flower Monastery, Carmel Hill, on October 2, 2023. This gathering aimed to foster spiritual growth, communal bonding, and a deeper understanding of their patron saint, St. Therese. The event encompassed a range of activities including Holy Mass, a study and reflection session on St. Therese and the constitution, Midday Prayer, lunch, and recreational activities. The event not only deepened their spiritual understanding but also fostered stronger bonds of friendship and support among the friars.



03. ST. PATRICK'S PARISH, CALEDONIA

A. All Hallows Eve Potluck: St Patrick Parish community gathered after the 5 pm Mass on Saturday to Celebrate All Saints Day. It was combined with the beautiful colour fall season on the eve of all Saints celebration. It was a fun-filled event with children being the center of attraction. The dining table was filled with a variety of dishes, from India to North America culminating with a sweet table, deserts. Everybody had a pleasant time.

B. Come Holy Spirit: Thirty-five young people from two schools from St. Patrick's parish were fully initiated into the Catholic Community by sealing with the gift of the Holy Spirit, through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Most Rev. Gerard Bergie of the Diocese of St Catharine's anointed the young people with the oil of Sacred Chrism empowering them with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Bishop specially thanked the Carmelites for serving in his Diocese as well as at St Patrick's Church. The Church was packed with family and friends.

C. Anointing with the Oil of the Sick: On November 3rd, St Patrick's Church invited everyone to pray for the sick. Fr Saju Pastor of St Charles Garnier Hamilton Church celebrated the Healing Mass and preached a spirit-filled homily emphasizing the importance of anointing of the sick for the healing of the body and spirit. Prior to the healing Mass, there was a holy hour of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and sacrament of confession. Many joined for this preparation. There was an intercessory group continuously seeking God's blessings on the sick. It was a prayerful evening, filled with blessings.

04. ST MARY'S PARISH AND ST ANN PARISH, HAGERSVILLE

A. 70th Anniversary of CWL! The 70th Anniversary of St. Mary's – St. Ann's Catholic Women's League was celebrated on October 16, 2023. The celebration began with Mass at which Fr. Roshan D'Souza OCD was the presider and preacher. A Rosary followed the Mass. A lovely dinner was served with 63 people attending. The keynote speaker was Deedee Alexandre, who gave an inspiring talk on who we are as women. Following this was a presentation by Catherine Montague on "Who We Are and What We Do". Along with this was a wonderful display of pictures and scrapbooks showing their history. The evening ended with the singing of the League Song.

B. Living Rosary in the month of the Holy Rosary! Praying for the Missionary work around the world and for peace in the Middle East, the parishioners of St. Mary's Hagersville ON offered the Living Rosary to our Lady on the weekend of October 21 & 22. It was done after 5:00 pm mass on Saturday and 10:30 am mass on Sunday, which was World Mission Day. St. Ann's Parishioners prayed the Living Rosary on Sunday, October 29 after 8:30 am mass. The CWL members took the lead and helped the people to pray with great devotion.



Ontario Regional Gathering at Oakville, Canada



OCDS Regional Recollection at St Aloysius Parish, Kitchener, Ontario

UPDATES FROM THE PROVINCIAL COUNCILLORS

Fr Archibald Gonsalves: Provincial Councillor for Formation and On-going Formation

1. Keeps in touch with Regents regularly and accompanies them. Their regular assignments are assessed.
2. Met all the aspirants at Madanthyar pursuing PUC individually, at Asha Deepa. Visited the Aspirants at Mapusa and Postulants at Margao.
3. Met the Deacons before they moved to the communities for their diaconal ministry and discussed with them, their interests and future plans.
4. Along with the Formators of Theology and Philosophy and the Provincial Prefect of Studies, has planned the scholastic Meet to be held in Mangaluru on 27& 28 December.
5. Organized Regional vocation Promoters meet at Mangaluru on 20 November, to assess the progress and difficulties. All the vocation promoters are constantly reminded of their task and encouraged.

Fr Alphonse Britto: Provincial Councillor in charge of Spirituality and Media

1. Visited all our Spirituality Institutes and Retreat Centres.
2. The first meeting of the Infant Jesus Shrine committee, Mangaluru, was conducted, to plan for the forthcoming annual feast.
3. Fraternal meeting of the Directors of all the Spirituality Institutes and Retreat Centres was held.
4. St. Therese's 150th Birth anniversary and Centenary of her Beatification was celebrated in the Mysuru region.
5. A meeting of the Spiritual Assistants of OCDS communities was held in Sadbhavana from Oct 21 to 22, when inputs on their role were given.
6. The third Provincial Congress of the OCDS was organized at Lar, Margao, Goa from Nov. 10-12. Around 90 members participated in the gathering.
7. Two province retreats were conducted in Xellim, Goa from November 6-11 & and 13-18, in which a total of 40 Friars participated.
8. Carmelite family gatherings were conducted with the help of local coordinators in Mysuru, Mangaluru, and Talegaon regions.
9. The first round of regional gatherings were conducted by local organizers.
10. An online spiritual conference on St. Therese was organised; a second one is being planned.



Fr Prakash D'Cunha: Provincial Councillor in charge of Temporalities

1. Construction of the office block at MCS School, Shivamogga has commenced
2. Farm House where our friars can reside, completed at Udupi.
3. The construction of the farmhouse at Maravanthe has been completed.
4. Following up 8 court cases regularly.
5. Rectification of properties around the Province is in progress.
6. Through Fr Archibald Gonsalves meetings were held with the Provincials of SMMI sisters, Capuchins, and MSFS fathers. We are working towards the lease of their Property to the Discalced Carmelites.
7. The building committee members along with the Provincial Councillors visited Nagpur, in view of the new monastery building and the retreat centre.
8. The meetings were held with the Architects and the engineers to plan the modifications of the building at Divya Sadan (Annexe), Bengaluru.
9. Along with the members of the construction committee visited Talegaon to discuss with the community plans for the future residence.



Fr Joachim Rodrigues: Provincial Councillor in-charge of Apostolate

1. An online webinar Child Protection was organized for all those who are working in the school on 16th September, 2023. The resource person was Sr Dulcin Crasta UFS.
2. For the first time, an interschool sports meet, aptly named CARMELIGHTS, for all our schools managed by the Province, was organized at Kadaganchi on 30th November 2023.
3. Meetings are being planned for friars involved in the Social Apostolate (14th December) and a triennial gathering for Carmelite Parish Priests (15th December).
4. The needs of infrastructure in the schools (buildings, computers, smart boards, etc) are being attended to. Each School will also have a modest office for the Correspondent (Joint Secretary).
5. A well-furnished office for the Secretariat of Social Work and Carmel Jyothi NGO is being planned at Hadagali.
6. The Carmel Garments Unit at Jagalur is being provided with the necessary equipment and furnishings.



THEY SHINE



01. Fr Rathan Almeida: We are happy and glad to announce that Rev. Dr. Rathan Nicholas Almeida, OCD, has been appointed by the Karnataka Region Catholic Bishops' Council (KRCBC) as the Secretary of the Desk for 'Theology and Doctrine' with effect from 1st November 2023. The job of the "Desk of Doctrine and Faith Matter" is to clarify and give a position of the Church on certain matters referred to it, keeping in mind the teachings of the Holy Mother Church. The Chairman of the Desk for Theology and Doctrine is Most Rev. Peter Paul Saldanha, the Bishop of the Diocese of Mangaluru. We wish our dear Fr. Rathan all the very best in this new assignment and pray for God's wisdom and blessings.

02. Br. Malvino Alfonso: Br John Malvino Alfonso has successfully participated in the online workshop organized by FABC Office of Social Communication (FABC OSC) from September 6-16, 2023. As a result, he has secured a certificate of participation from Bangkok, Thailand for a writing and translation workshop for pastoral literature. The KG Province wishes him success and God's blessings in all his endeavours to promote language diversity and cross-cultural communication.



03. Fr Elias D'Cunha: Fr Elias D'Cunha serves as a Chaplain of St Joseph's Hospital in Empoli Italy. The hospital has five blocks and is well-equipped with all the necessary facilities. The Carmelites were entrusted with this chaplaincy in the year 2018. Fr Elias has six hours of duty and his service includes a visit to the sick, providing a listening ear, and offering emotional and spiritual support. Besides the regular duties, he is available for the sacrament of anointing and reconciliation, blessings, adoration, communion to the sick, and celebration of the mass. This pastoral ministry is sometimes challenging as a few of them express their doubt and queries regarding the credibility of the ministers of the Church authorities and other doctrinal questions. The Karnataka-Goa Province acknowledges the good work of Fr Elias and accompanies him through prayerful and fraternal support.

04. Fr Rayan Teeshan Pinto: We are delighted to extend our warmest congratulations to Fr. Rayan T. Pinto for successfully completing his studies in Law at SDM Law College, Mangaluru, and enrolling as an Advocate on the 16th of November 2023. His dedication and hard work have undoubtedly played a pivotal role in this significant achievement. As he embarks on this new journey as an Advocate, may he continue to exemplify the principles of integrity, fairness, and compassion and work for the good of the Church and the society.



05. Fr Juje Anthon D'Souza: He has been appointed the chaplain for "Jesus Youth Movement" Mysuru. He has been assisting them for some months now and they have highly appreciated his spiritual ministry. We congratulate him on assuming this new responsibility and we pray that his presence and guidance may contribute significantly to the growth of our youth, bringing them close to Jesus.

NOTEWORTHY EVENTS FROM COMMUNITIES IN INDIA

1. CARMEL HOME, BELUR

- On the 29th of September 2023, the parish celebrated the feast of St. Michael the Archangel, the patron of the parish. About 300 faithful and 32 priests were present for the festal mass. On the eve of the feast day, there was a Carmelite fraternity celebration from different communities of the province.
- On the 31st of October 2023, there was a half-day prayer convention for the faithful and some of them from other parishes joined for the same. About 200 people were present. It was led by Mr. Shiju Thomas and his team from Bangalore.
- During the entire month of October, the holy rosary was conducted in the families of the parish.

2. CARMEL NIVAS, LONDA

We love you Mother India: To mark the occasion of Independence Day on August 15th, a spectacular parade was organized at Mount Carmel School, Ramnagar under the leadership of Fr Anton Souz. The Parents of Ms. Saeel Desai, the topper in the school had the honour of hoisting the National Flag.

We salute you dear Teachers: On the occasion of Teachers Day on September 5th, the students of Mount Carmel School hoisted a meaningful cultural program. Actions songs, skits and dances stole the hearts of teachers. The faithful also prayed and thanked teachers during the Eucharistic celebration.

Birthday of the Mother: The Nativity of our Lady was celebrated on September 8th with love and respect at the Parish and the substations after the preparation through the nine days of novena. The traditional festal family meal was organized at Mount Carmel Hostel. The boys had decorated the statue of Mother Mary with an artistic floral design. After the prayer service in vernaculars, all partook in the vegetarian meal.

We Hail You O Cross: The Holy Cross being taken in the Diocese was welcomed at Holy Family Church, Londa on 13th September. The Cross was taken in procession from the Londa Circle and thereafter there was a liturgical ceremony to honour and adore the Cross. The following day the Cross was taken to Watre in procession and then passed on to Sangaragalli -the neighbouring parish.



3. DHYANAVANA, MYSURU

We are proud Indians: The Independence Day celebration at Dhyanavana was a vibrant and harmonious event that brought together individuals from various walks of life to commemorate the freedom of the nation and reflect upon the essence of inner liberation. The key highlights of the celebration were the Flag Hoisting Ceremony, a spiritual discourse that emphasized the

importance of inner freedom through mindfulness, meditation, and self-awareness, that featured cultural performances, including patriotic songs and dances, guided meditation and prayers, and a flag-themed decor.

Mysuru Darshan: Mysuru, often referred to as the “City of Palaces,” is a captivating city in the Indian state of Karnataka. The recent visit to Mysuru provided a memorable experience. These are the key highlights: The trip commenced with a visit to the splendid Mysuru Palace, followed by a visit to Chamundi Hills and St. Philomena’s Church. A brief visit to Anjali Ashram was a spiritually enlightening and enriching experience, followed by an evening visit to the Brindavan Gardens. This was followed by the visit to the Shuka Vana and the Mysuru Zoo.

Onam and the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary: The great celebration of Onam and the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary was celebrated in the community with a spirit of festivity and religious devotion. The celebration included



special prayer service and Holy mass and colourful decorations, traditional music and dance. The celebration featured a range of cultural events, including traditional Onam games, dances such as Thiruvathira and Pulikali, and the intricate art of Pookalam (flower rangoli) creation. The highlight of the twin celebration was the sumptuous meal.

Rock and shock: Talents Day is an annual event in the community that provides a platform for individuals to showcase their unique skills, abilities, and talents. The Talents Day this time included welcome speeches and an introduction to the day's activities. The performances included singing, dancing, essay writing, best selfie, throwball, drawing, speech, best out of waste, fancy dress, quiz, stand-up comedy, and more. The diversity of talents on display highlighted the richness of the community. Awards were presented in various categories, including "Best Performer," "Most Creative Artist," and "Emerging Talent." The event also included a variety of food items and refreshments.

First-ever joint gathering: In a significant and unprecedented event in the field of spirituality, two esteemed institutes, Dhyavanava and Dhyana Sadhana, came together for their first-ever joint gathering. This momentous occasion aimed to foster collaboration, share knowledge and promote a deeper understanding of spiritual practices and teachings. The event took place on 22-10-2023 at Bogadi. The highlights of this event are the Opening Ceremony and the welcoming address by Fr. Rovel D'Souza. It also included networking and community building and bonding, cultural performances and amusing games. The success of this event would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of the organizers (Fr Rovel and Rev. Fr Rathan) and sisters from both Centers. Their commitment to the cause of spiritual enlightenment and unity is commendable.



We are missionaries! The October Mission Rosary, a special prayer event dedicated to the missions, was conducted with great devotion and participation. The key highlights are devotional gatherings, praying the rosary, offering intention and the lighted candle rosary procession. The rosary allowed participants to come together in prayer, reflection, and solidarity with missionaries worldwide.

4. PUSHPASHRAMA, MYSURU

- The Assumption of the BVM and Independence Day was celebrated on the 15th of August. The Solemn Eucharistic Celebration was presided over by Fr Lancy Levis OCD. After the Eucharistic Celebration, a short Independence Day program was held. Fr Lancy Levis hoisted the flag, and Bro Aldric gave the message of Independence.
- A Seminar for teachers was organized on 26th August 2023. The theme was 'The Dynamics of Interpersonal Relationship in Education'. Speakers of international fame like Dr Asha P Pathrose, Dr. N N Prahallada, and Dr Yeshodhara K, were the Resource persons. Fr Oswald Crasta OCD, the Rector of Pushpashrama welcomed all present. Fr Wilfred Rodrigues OCD, the Dean of Pushpashrama introduced the seminar and the speakers, and Maria D'Souza, the principal of St Joseph's School, Rajiv Nagar proposed the vote of thanks.



The Nativity of Mary was celebrated with devotion and solemnity on 8th September. During the nine days of preparation for the feast, each a day a virtue of Mary was taken for the reflection during the Eucharistic Celebration. On the feast day, Fr Ashwath D'Souza OCD presided over the Eucharistic celebration at 6.30 am. At the end of the mass, new corn was blessed and distributed to the people. The Solemn Eucharistic celebration of the Nativity of Mary at 6.30 pm was presided over by Fr Oswald Crasta OCD. The community celebrated the Monti Fest and Onam at noon with a cultural program and a variety of dishes for lunch.

- As a part of the preparation for the Youth Convention in Bangalore, the Jago Yatra with the relic of St Pope John Paul II is moving from place to place, and the relic visited the Infant Jesus Shrine Pushpashrama on 21st September 2023 at noon. A short prayer service was held and the devotees present were blessed with the relic, the piece of the wood of the cross used by the Saint.
- The celebration of Mission Sunday was held on November 5, 2023. After the Eucharistic celebrations, various activities were organized to raise funds for the missions.



5. TAPOVANA, KODAGU

The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away: Fr. Richard Saldanha the conventual member of the community was transferred to Avila Jyothi, Mapusa, on August 14th. With a tiny farewell programme, the previous night, he made his way to Mapusa, Goa. Fr. Lawrence D'Mello was warmly welcomed as the new member of the community.

Arrival of a brand-new four-wheeler: The much-awaited four-wheeler, a brand new WagonR with the installation of the latest updated accessories, arrived in Tapovana, thanks to the Provincial Administration and a well-wisher from Bangalore.

Rambutan Orchard: Besides tapas (contemplation) there is a vana (garden) with a variety of fruit trees in our novitiate house. Rambutan saplings are planted in the main wing of the vegetable garden with a well-protected fence for the cows and goats. The fruits will be enjoyed by the community members and the novices in the next triennium

6. PUSHPANJALI, GORWA



Pushpanjali offers a bouquet to St Therese! The Pushpanjali community celebrated a solemn commemoration of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, the patroness of their monastery. The event spanned several days and included a Triduum, culminating in a grand celebration on St. Therese's feast day, October 1st. There were around 600 people who witnessed the celebration. In preparation for the feast, the community organized a Triduum, a period of three days of reflection and prayer. Each day was dedicated to exploring different aspects of St. Therese's life and spirituality. The feast of St. Therese celebrated was the pinnacle of the commemoration. The day's activities included a procession with St. Therese's holy relic; solemn Holy Eucharist and veneration of the holy relic. After the spiritual celebration, a stage

was prepared for a cultural presentation. This was a joyful expression of gratitude and celebration, showcasing the talents and creativity. The performance was not only entertaining but also conveyed the essence of St. Therese's teachings.

Other Highlights

1. The solemnity of the assumption of Mary was celebrated on 15th August. After the mass, the statue of the Infant Jesus which was damaged due to heavy rain and wind was reinstalled.
2. Carmel Youth organized a visit to Mother Theresa Ashram in Vadodara on 3rd September. The purpose was to show our fraternity as well as to make people aware of the services done by MC sisters.
3. On 12th November, the parish celebrated the 9th annual feast of Infant Jesus. In order to celebrate the annual feast, a triduum was organized. The main theme of the feast was 'Call to Serve and Save'. The celebration started with a glorious procession with the Statue of Infant Jesus, followed by Holy Eucharist and fellowship. In order to enrich the celebration, there was an orchestra after which followed the traditional Gujarati Garba dance.
4. On the 13th of November, Carmel Youth organized children day. Around 34 children participated in it. There was lots of fun, community-building games, input session on Holy Eucharist followed by Holy Eucharist and price distribution.

7. ST MARY'S CHURCH, HEGDE NAGAR



New facelift: The altar of St. Mary's Church was blessed and consecrated on September 15, 2023, the feast day of Our Lady of Sorrows. The altar has been modified and aesthetically refurbished. At 5:30 p.m., His Grace, Most Rev. Peter Machado, Archbishop of Bangalore, officiated over the Holy Mass. Before the final blessing, the archbishop blessed the newly erected tabernacle and handed over the key to the Parish priest. A significant number of priests and faithful attended the celebration. Fr. Boniface D'Souza, the parish priest, thanked each and every one. Everyone was offered refreshments at the conclusion of the mass.

Annual feast: The annual feast of St. Mary's church was solemnized this year with great pomp and gaiety on the 15th of October 2023. In honour of the church feast, there was a Triduum with a special rosary and homilies in three different languages. The Solemn festive mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Silvestre D'Souza. The evening solemn Eucharist celebration was concelebrated by friars of Bangalore region. The festal celebration concluded with a car procession and Eucharistic adoration. The parish priest Fr. Boniface D' Souza thanked all who helped to celebrate the feast. It was a day of family celebration that witnessed a large number of people



8. ST JOSEPH'S MONASTERY, MANGALURU



Oasis 2023 - A retreat titled, "Oasis 2023" a venture by the Carmelite friars to offer the people of God a rich pasture of God's word, comprising theological and biblical exhortation was held at the Infant Jesus Shrine from Oct 23-25, 2023. It focused on St. Paul's Letter to the Romans. Carmelite Friars along with Br. Prakash D'Souza (Bandra) guided the retreat. It included praise and worship led by Fr. Joseph D'Souza and his group. The priests offered insightful reflections on various themes taken from the highly theological Epistle of St. Paul. Reflections were given by Carmelites which saw

Fr Deep Fernandes, Fr Joseph Cyril D'Souza, Fr John Pinto and Fr Rayan Pinto. Adoration on all three days was guided by Br. Prakash D'Souza. Thousands flocked to the Shrine premises to avail the best of the retreat. On the days of the retreat, the Shrine had made provisions for afternoon meals for all the participants.

Carmel Matrimonial App launched - Carmel Matrimonial, initially an offline venture, that became useful as an online website during the lockdown period has now been launched as an app on play store. It was officially launched by Dr Aloysius Paul D'Souza, bishop emeritus of Mangalore diocese during the Oasis 2023 Retreat at Infant Jesus Shrine, Carmel Hill on October 25. Carmel Matrimonial Link: <https://qrco.de/beTDQo>

Drawing and colouring Competition - To encourage creativity in children, Naman Ballok Jesu organized a drawing and colouring competition at Infant Jesus Shrine on October 21st, Saturday. More than 70 children enthusiastically participated in the competition. The competition was held in three categories.

Special Visits to the Shrine

- Smt Rinchen Lhamo Hon'ble Member National Commission of Minorities Government of India paid a courtesy visit to the Infant Jesus Shrine on Oct 17, 2023. Fr Melvin D'Cunha, the Superior of the Monastery welcomed her cordially and explained to her the ministry that is being done by the Carmelite Priests. She was appreciative of the architecture of the Shrine and the services. Fr Stifan Perera the Director of the Shrine was present.



- 100 participants of the Society of St Vincent de Paul, National Council of India visited the Infant Jesus Shrine on September 16, 2023. They had come from all over India to participate in the 69th Annual General Meeting held at the Pastoral Center, Bajjodi-Mangaluru. Fr Stifan Perera wholeheartedly welcomed them all and explained to them the architecture of the Shrine, the mission and ministry of the Carmelites.
- The Metropolitan Archbishop of Calcutta Most Rev. Thomas D'Souza accompanied by the Vicar General of the Archdiocese paid a courtesy visit to the Infant Jesus Shrine on August 11th, 2023.
- The Sisters from Ryshivana paid homage to the Infant Jesus early on August 12th, 2023.



Prison Ministry of India Silver Jubilee inaugurated - Most Rev Aloysius Paul D'Souza, the Bishop Emeritus of Mangaluru inaugurated the Silver Jubilee year of Prison Ministry India - Mangaluru Unit on Sept 28, 2023 at the Infant Jesus Shrine, Carmel Hill, Mangaluru. He officiated at the Eucharistic celebration at 10.30 am where Rev Fr Stifan Perera, the Director of the Shrine preached a meaningful homily reflecting on the readings of the day. At the end of the Liturgy, Bishop Emeritus unveiled the logo of the Jubilee Year and recalled the launch of Prison Ministry India - Mangaluru Unit 24 years ago

and appreciated their service. When it was launched, the ministry was entrusted to the leadership of Carmelite Priests of the Infant Jesus Shrine. Many lay people and religious Sisters joined this mission and have carried it out faithfully.

Celebration with a difference at Carmel Hill - The 77th Independence Day celebration at the Infant Jesus Shrine, Carmel Hill, Mangaluru was unique. The community joined together with the congregation to honour the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Both Masses witnessed mass participation of people, and after the second Mass, everyone joined for the 77th Independence Day celebration. Mr. David, a displaced student from Manipur, hoisted the national flag. Though he has suffered persecution, he presented a positive outlook on democracy and nation-building in his short speech. In inviting a young man displaced due to violence and persecution in Manipur to hoist the Tiranga, the Shrine, and the Carmelites manifested their solidarity with the suffering population of the state. The Carmelite Brothers sang a meaningful patriotic song. It was a brief yet meaningful celebration of the feast of our Lady's Assumption and the 77th Independence Day of the Country.



A Monti fest that matters! - The devotees at the Infant Jesus Shrine offered things such as sugar, pulses, grams, oil, flour, peas, snacks and toiletries, respectively, during the nine days of Novena in preparation to Monti Fest. This initiative taken by the friars of St. Joseph's Monastery saw an exceptional response when the faithful provided in large amounts. Thus, in response to the promise that these gifts would be delivered to those in need, they were distributed to different places. On the first day, things were distributed to the Cammelian Sisters and Fathers at Gurpur, where HIV+ kids are housed. On the second day, the rest was distributed to Snehalaya, De Mercedes Orphanage, White Doves and Shalom Trust Kadri.

The mighty one has fallen - A huge tree near the Vocation Home fell in early hours of Sept 9, 2023. It was an 80-year-old that had given plenty of tasty mangoes, shelter to the building as well as the devotees and shade to the Vocation Home.



Pro Orantibus Day - The Shrine celebrated Pro Orantibus Day, a day dedicated to all Cloistered communities, on 23rd November 2023. This day invites the faithful to thank God of the gift of contemplative life and to pray earnestly for the men and women belonging to Contemplative congregations. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Rudolf D'Souza, OCD. Rev. Sr. Jacintha OCD, from Kankanady Carmel, addressed the congregation and spoke of the contemplative life of a Cloistered

Carmelite nun. Rev. Fr. Stifan Periera prompted questions to Sr. Jacintha, and her responses revealed a deeper insight into the reality of their life in the cloister.

Guru Pranam! – Shikshak Divas was celebrated at St Joseph's Monastery. Brothers offered flower bouquets to the priests who are teachers in one or the other way in their own style.

Annual Day of Ballok Jezu Kutam – The organization of Ballok Jezu Kutam celebrated its Annual Day at the Infant Jesus Shrine on 16th November 2023. Ballok Jezu Kutam is a group of volunteers, who offer their time and energy for the smooth running of the Shrine. They number around 40 who are from various walks of life. A thanksgiving Mass was solemnized at 10:30 am in the Shrine. The Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Deep Fernandes. The annual day celebration was an afternoon of delight. The dais was decorated by the presence of Rev. Fr. Pius James D'Souza, the Definitor General. Rev. Fr. Deep Fernandes, Rev. Fr. Stifan Pereira, Mr Melwyn Moras the Vice President and Mrs. Rose Marie the Secretary of the BJK. The occasion was enriched by splendid performances of the members of the group, including singing and dancing. Fun games too were held, and everyone present gleefully partook in them!



A Photograph Contest by Naman Ballok Jesu – To mark the occasion of Children's Day, a Photography Contest was held by Naman Ballok Jesu wherein a photograph was to be clicked of a child between the age group of 3 to 15 years with the Naman Ballok Jesu Magazine. More than 50 children participated in this competition and showed their enthusiasm and creativity in a spectacular manner. The creativity in these photographs were well appreciated by all.

9. TALEGAON, MAHARASHTRA

Seeking heavenly roses – On the 1st of October, 2023, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church came together to celebrate the Feast of St. Therese of Child Jesus. This year's celebration held a special significance as the parish had the privilege of hosting a relic of St. Therese. Additionally, a special exhibition was organized to commemorate and shed light on the life and spirituality of this beloved saint. It was a day of reflection, prayer, and communal devotion, bringing the parishioners and faithful closer to the teachings and example of St. Therese.



Carmelites come together: On the 2nd of October, the Talegaon community organized the first-ever Carmelite Family Gathering for the Pune Region. The event brought together approximately 48 religious participants from various religious communities. The resource person for the gathering was Fr. Regan D'Souza, who delivered an enlightening talk on the life and spirituality of St. Therese of Child Jesus. To foster a sense of community among participants, an icebreaker activity was organized. Participants had the opportunity to

share their personal experiences, reflections, and insights related to St. Therese's spirituality. The maiden gathering was a meaningful and enriching day and after the celebration fellowship meal was shared by all.

10. PRERANA, JAGALUR

- ♦ On 3rd August, free distribution of scissors, cloth, case, bobbins, scale, tread, tape, buttons, and needles to the tailoring trainees in Kelagotte village was done by Prerana in Collaboration with FVTRS. In total, 29 trainees benefitted from the same.
- ♦ On 11th August, the evaluation of the De-addiction programme held on 26th July was organized in collaboration with Shri Kshetra Dharmasthala Rural Development B.C. Trust Jagalur. For the meeting, the President Mr. Chidanand, Fr. Sylvester Pereira, Mr. Ganesh, Mr. Manjunath and other dignitaries were present.
- ♦ On 15th August, Independence Day was celebrated in Prerana Social centre. Fr. Sylvester Pereira hoisted the flag. Bharathi Akka, Manjunath Guruji and his team of Tapassu Trust, students from

Moraji Desai residents' school, members of Carmel Garments and others were present.

- ♦ On 16th August, an exam was conducted for tailoring women, and training from the cutting master Mr. Yellappa Hadagali and Mrs. Sahina Begam from Alphathima Lions Club president was held.
- ♦ On 28th August, 'Swastya Sankalpa'- an awareness program on a healthy environment for children was held in Tamlahalli. Dr. Aravindan and Manjunath Guruji, Tapasu Trust were the resource persons. Fr. Vishan Monis and other dignitaries were present for the same. 180 students benefitted from the programme.
- ♦ On 4th September, Common Service Centre Candidate's training programme was held in collaboration with Sri Kshetra Dharmasthala rural development B.C. Trust. Fr. Sylvester Pereira inaugurated the programme and Dr. Shastri was the resource person for the programme. 82 members benefitted from the programme
- ♦ On 5th September, Pragathi Parisheelana Sabe organized by Sri Kshetra Dharmasthala Rural Development B.C. Trust was held in Prerana Hall for the supervisors of self-help groups of five talukas. Fr. Ronald inaugurated the programme by lighting the lamp. Mr. Janardan, Mr. Ganesh and others were the guests of honour. 86 supervisors from five taluks were the participants.
- ♦ On 14th September, 'Navajeevanotsava sabhe', a programme for the De-addicted people and their families was organized at Prerana. Fr. Sylvester inaugurated the program, Dr. Aravindan, Mr. Tippeswami, Mr. Tippanna (LIC), Mr. Janardana, Mr. Ganesh and other dignitaries were present. 94 people were present.
- ♦ On 25th September, 'Swastya sankalpa' an awareness program on healthy environment for the children was held at Hanumanthapura. Dr. Aravindan and Fr. Ronald Furtado were present for the same. 218 students were present for the programme.
- ♦ On 26th September, 'Swastya sankalpa' an awareness program on a healthy environment for the children was held at Kalledavapura. Dr. Aravindan and Fr. Ronald Furtado were present for the same. 192 students were present for the programme.
- ♦ On 28th September, Salesian priests from Davanagere had their half-day recollection and community dialogue in Prerana. Five of them were present. Fr. Vishan Monis preached the recollection talk.
- ♦ On 1st October, on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanthi, 'Swachath' programme was held. The students from Morarji Desai resident's school helped in cleaning the surroundings. 210 students were present.
- ♦ On 2nd October, a free health camp was organized in collaboration with the Government Department of Yoga and Nature Care Centre in which over 250 participants benefitted. The Programme was inaugurated by Mr. Devendrappa local MLA, Dr. Swami from Ujire, Dr. Swetha Belagalli, Dr. Santhosh, Mr. Vishwanath THO Jagalur, Fr. William Miranda, Fr. Ronald Furtado, Dr. Aravindan, and other guests.
- ♦ On 3rd October, 'Jana Jagrathi Vedike' meeting was held in Prerana to plan the De-addiction programme for the next year and also to plan an awareness programme in the village schools for the children.



- ♦ On 4th October, a training program for the lake preservation committee was held in collaboration with Sri Kshetra Dharmasthala Rural Development B.C. Trust Jagalur. The farmers were given information regarding water-preserving sources. Dr. Deveraj from Chitradurga was the resource person. 58 farmers were present for the same.
- ♦ On 10th October, 'Dusara Damaka,' a camp for the rural children was organised in collaboration with Don Bosco,

- ♦ On 15th October, the CRI regional gathering was held and the new president for the Little Flower CRI zone was elected. Fr. Sunil Rodrigues and Fr. William Miranda were guests and sisters from different communities were present for the half-day recollection. Fr. Vishan Monis was appointed as the president of CRI Davanagere Zone.
- ♦ On 28th October, free distribution of 8,500 cashew plants for the 99 farmers of Jagalur was held in collaboration with Shri Kshetra Dharmasthala Rural Development B.C. Trust, Jagalur. Fr. Sylvester inaugurated the programme, Mrs. Geetha, Dr. Aravindan, Mr. Janardhan, Mr. Ganesh, and other dignitaries were present for the same.
- ♦ On 31st October, a meeting termed "Networking" was held. This was an awareness program and meeting regarding cooperation of all the social workers in stopping child labour and child marriage in the vicinity. For the meeting, NGOs from the Jagalur vicinity, police officers, and teachers were present.
- ♦ On 11th November, a dental camp was held in 'Navachetana' School in Jagalur taluk with the help of the College of Dental Science, Davanagere. The Screening was done for 376 Children and 37 students were treated. Fr. William Mrianda, Fr. Ronald Furtddado, Dr. Aravindan, Dr. Vivek, Dr. Kumarswami and other doctors were present.

From the community:

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12. CARMEL SANNIDHI, KADAGANCHI

For new beginnings: On November 29, 2023, the Carmel Jyothi Tailoring Centre in Kadaganchi, a unit under the Carmel Jyothi Charitable Trust, was inaugurated. The event was graced by Fr. William Miranda OCD, Secretary for Social Apostolate, Fr. Deepak Thomas KJ OCD, Superior of Carmel Sannidhi and Director of Carmel Jyothi Social Welfare Centre, Sr. Shilpa, Carmel Jyothi Social Work Coordinator, Mr. Biranna Waggi (Person in Charge of the Hanuman Temple), Mr. Shanthappa Bhute, Teacher Mounamma, and 35 students. The program commenced with a welcome song by the participants. Fr. Deepak Thomas, along with Mr. Biranna Waggi, Mr. Shanthappa Bhute, and Teacher Mounamma, inaugurated the new tailoring unit by cutting the ribbon. Post-inauguration, Fr. William addressed the students, providing insights into the rules and regulations of the tailoring school, addressing queries, and clarifying doubts. Subsequently, Fr. Deepak conveyed his best wishes to the participants. The attendees were then grouped, and Sr. Shilpa, along with the teacher, provided further instructions. Serving as the Master of Ceremonies, Sr. Shilpa guided the program, and with a vote of thanks, the inaugural event concluded. Tea and snacks were offered to the participants after the program.



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Mount Carmel School, Shivamogga



Avila Jyothi Community visited Chicalim Carmel



Triple Birthday Celebrations at Geddalahalli

CLOISTERED CARMEL NUNS

1. SACRED HEART MONASTERY, MANGALURU

- ♦ On the 2nd of August, Rev Fr. Walter Lobo provided some insights especially on Prayer according to St. Teresa of Avila.
- ♦ On the 8th of August, Bishop Robert Miranda of Gulbarga Diocese visited the monastery and shared his mission experience and the various activities that are in progress. He also requested the prayers of the community for his Diocese.
- ♦ On the 10th of August, Rev Fr. Pius James D'Souza, Definitor General paid a friendly visit to the Cloistered Carmel.
- ♦ On the 25th of August, the celebration of St Mariam Baouardy took place with solemnity. Rev Fr. Rudolph Raj Pinto officiated the Holy Eucharist along with the other Carmelite priests and preached a meaningful homily on the life of Mariam Baouardy.
- ♦ On the 8th of September sisters had a solemn Eucharistic celebration of the nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The community thanked God for the providential care throughout the year and especially remembered and prayed for all the family members.
- ♦ On the 3rd of October, the community had a grand celebration of the Jubilee year of St. Therese of Child Jesus. As a part of the celebration, they conducted quiz and games. They also partook in light refreshments.
- ♦ On the 14th of October, Rev Fr. Archibald paid a friendly visit and spent quality time with the community.
- ♦ On the 29th of October, Rev Fr. Richard D'Souza provided a session on Sacred Scripture and cleared all the doubts of the nuns with patience and clarity.



2. CARMELITE MONASTERY, MUMBAI

The Provincial conducted elections on November 14, 2023, and the following are the results:

- Prioress: Rev. Mother Theresita of the Child Jesus
- 1st Councillor: Sr. Marie Elizabeth of the Trinity
- 2nd Councillor: Sr. Assucena of the Trinity
- 3rd Councillor: Sr. Soccorro Teresa of Jesus

3. PREM JYOT CARMEL ASHRAM, VADODARA

The Provincial convened elections on November 30, 2023, with the following outcomes:

- Prioress: Rev. Mother Suesan Marie of the Child Jesus
- 1st Councillor: Sr. Helen of the Cross
- 2nd Councillor: Sr. Anna of Jesus
- 3rd Councillor: Sr. Therese Marie of Jesus



While we extend our congratulations to the new teams of Mumbai and Vadodara Carmel, we request for your prayers for their intentions.

SECULAR CARMEL – OCDS

01. WE ABIDE BY THE SPIRIT OF CARMEL! A Seminar on the OCDS Province Statutes was held from October 21-22, 2023 at Sadbhavana, Bengaluru. The programme was inaugurated by the Provincial, Rev Fr Silvestre D'Souza, OCD. Fr Alphonse Britto, the Councillor in charge of Spirituality, Fr. Deep Fernandes, Provincial Delegate for the OCDS, and the Spiritual Assistants of the OCDS. The President of the Provincial Council Mr Sebastian Mendes, Provincial Council members Mr. Roy Rodrigues, Mrs. Laveena Dmello, and Jessy Pinto were also present. In total, there were 13 OCDS office bearers, and 8 Spiritual Assistants as participants. The Provincial Superior and his delegate were the resource persons for the Seminar. The newly approved OCDS Province Statutes of the Karnataka Goa Province were studied in depth. Along with that, quite a few practical difficulties were discussed.



02. WE GATHER AND WALK IN LOVE! Ninety-two Secular Carmelites from 8 Communities, of the Secular Discalced Carmelite Order in Karnataka-Goa Province converged to celebrate the Triennial OCDS Congress at Lar de Santa Terezinha, Margao-Goa, from 10th – 12th November 2023. The theme “Walking in Love” was chosen to honour the Jubilee year 2023 of St. Therese. The Provincial, Rev. Fr. Silvestre D'Souza, Rev. Fr. Alphonse Britto, Provincial Councillor for Spirituality, Rev. Fr. Deep Fernandes, Delegate Provincial to the OCDS, Sebastian Mendes, President OCDS Provincial Council, Laveena D Mello, I Councillor/Secretary, Jessie Pinto, II Councillor and Roy Rodrigues, Provincial Council member, supported by the presidents and spiritual assistants of the host community, Elizabeth Santos and Fr. Lancy Mendonca of Mt. Carmel, and Martha Pereira and Fr. George Santhumayor of St. Therese Communities, together they facilitated the three-day congress programme. Fr Alphonse Britto and other dignitaries marked the opening by lighting of the lamp. In his inaugural address, he said, to be like the salt and light of the world to be true to the call. Rev. Fr. Silvestre delivered a talk on Love – the very Spirituality of St. Therese. The Spiritual Assistants, Fr. Regan D'Souza and Fr. Oswald Crasta also joined the programme. The Postulancy brothers' skit on St. Therese was also one of the centres of attraction. The Congress was structured around various moments for reflection, mass, divine office, prayer, fraternal communion, and Joy of togetherness. The Carmelite Spirituality was discussed as an authentic testimony of our Vocation, addressing our identity as Carmelites belonging to the Order of the Discalced Carmelites.



03. MISSION CAMPAIGNS AT MARGAO!

A. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Community - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Community OCDS held their annual mission sale on Sunday 15th October 2023, at the Carmelite Monastery Margao, Goa. The Theme of this year's mission was, “Truly I tell you whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine you did for me.” The mission sale was held after the Sunday masses and had various items on sale including Goan delicacies like – Doce, Pinac, Bibinca, Batica cakes, etc, and other traditional food like Pork Vindaloo, Chicken Cafereal, Biryani, etc. Snacks like Croquettes, Sausage Bread, Chicken Rolls, Vada Pav, Patties Memos, etc were also included. The mass-goers made a beeline to buy the food stuff and by the end of all the masses, all items were sold out. The proceeds from the mission sale will be used to help Carmelite's mission in poor areas and provide financial aid, medicine, and dry rations for dialysis patients, and underprivileged families.



B. St Therese of Child Jesus Community - The yearly mission sale of St. Therese of the Child Jesus Community based at Lar de Santa Terezinha, Pajifond Margao-Goa, was held on 29th October 2023, for Jagalur and Local mission. Members worked tirelessly to put up a spectacular goan home-style variety of bakes and snacks, sorpotel and sanas, and much more, and it was fruitful. The members were deeply moved to support Fr. Sylvester Pereira OCD, Superior, and two friars at the Carmelite Monastery, Holy Spirit Mission Station Jagalur- Karnataka. On 19th November, Fr. Vishan Vinu Monis was warmly received at the fraternity meeting vespers and in short reflected on love (Walking in Love) to honor St. Therese this year. Overwhelmed by the OCDS members' generosity and care for the mission, he thanked the community for their kindness. Mr. Agnelo Braganza OCDS, I Councillor, in charge of the mission, presented him with the contribution, which will be used to provide shelter to a needy parish family.



4. COMMEMORATING HER CHILDLIKE CONFIDENCE!



The OCDS community of St Therese is inspired by their patron: St. Therese of the Child Jesus. To commemorate her feast on the 1st of October and also to honour the jubilee year 2023, an inter-school Rolling Shield Elocution Completion titled 'Childlike Confidence' on the 24th of September was held. The objective of this initiative was to make the saint known and to learn and imbibe some of her qualities. Altogether, there were 15 school entries. Rev. Fr.

George Santhumayor OCD, Spiritual Assistant addressed the gathering. President Mrs. Martha Pereira OCDS welcomed all present and introduced the chief guest Dr. Siona A Gomes, and the panel of Judges. Both Margao OCDS communities joined in for the triduum for the Solemnity on 1st October. Rev. Fr. Ronald D Souza OCD, Superior of Avila Jyothi, Carmelite Seminary, Mapusa, presided over the Solemn Eucharistic Celebration. He preached a meaningful homily and towards the end, he awarded the shield and prizes to the winners of the elocution competition.

5. ANNUAL DAY FOR ST. TERESA OF AVILA OCDS

The Annual Day Celebration of St. Teresa of Avila Community, Bikarnakatte, Mangaluru, took place on October 13, 2023. The event was a joyful Family Get-Together, graced by the presence of distinguished guests, brothers, and family members. The function was presided over by Rev. Fr Melvin D'Cunha OCD, the Superior of St. Joseph's Monastery. Rev. Fr Deep Fernandes OCD, the Provincial Delegate of OCDS, honoured the occasion as the Chief Guest. Additionally, Rev. Fr Liguory Crasta OCD, was present as the Guest of Honour. Rev. Fr Ivan D'Souza OCD, Spiritual Assistant, Mrs. Jacintha Lobo OCDS, President of the Council, and Mrs. Laveena D'Mello, Provincial Council member, presided over the function.



The program commenced with Mass at the Shrine followed by Vespers. A concise report was presented by Mrs. Precilla D'Souza, OCDS, Secretary. Rev. Fr Melvin D'Cunha OCD expressed gratitude to the OCDS members for their dedicated service to the Shrine. In his address, the Chief Guest, Rev. Fr Deep Fernandes OCD, acknowledged this OCDS group as one of the oldest, emphasizing its maturity and ongoing development. Mrs. Laveena D'Mello, OCDS, a member of the Provincial Council, elaborated on the chosen theme of the Annual Day, highlighting the symbolism of grapes in a vineyard to uniting together, drawing parallels to the community's unity.

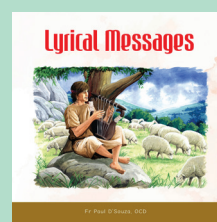
Prizes were distributed during the celebration to the winners of several competitions that were organized previously for the members which included Chutney Making, Cooking without Fire, Flower and Flower Vase making, Garland making, Musical Chair, Thread and Needle, Lemon and Spoon, and Breaking the Pot. Spot games added to the lively atmosphere and a cultural Programme was organized for everyone's enjoyment.

SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS



Carmel Preran 2023 - Carmel Preran Bible Diary for the year 2024 was released by the Judicial Vicar of the Diocese, Rev. Fr. Naveen Pinto at Oasis 2023 on Oct 23, 2023. It comprises readings, reflections, the life of the saint, significance of the day and prayers. The same will be printed in English under the title Daily Carmel Light and Carmel Dhyana in Kannada.

Holiness of God - Holiness of God, penned by Fr Gregory D'Souza was released in Mysuru during the centenary celebrations of St Therese at Pushpashrama on the 8th of October 2023.



Lyrical Messages - The book on short lyrical verses, the venture which began in the year 2014 by Fr Paul D'Souza, was released on September 28th on his 90th birthday at Margao.

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATIONS

The Inter-Provincial Conference of India (IPCI)

- President: Rev. Fr Augustine Mulloor (Provincial, Manjummel Province)
- Vice President: Fr Silvestre D'Souza (Provincial, KG Province)
- Executive Secretary: Fr Pradeep Xavier (South Kerala Province)

Appointments – at the request of the Diocesan Bishops

- Fr Vishan Monis – The zonal CRI president for the Little Flower zone, Davanagere
- Fr Rayan T. Pinto – Spiritual animator/chaplain of Prison Ministry of India, Mangaluru Unit, Diocese of Mangalore

Other transfers/Placements/Appointments

- Fr Arun Bennis – Cape Town, South Africa
- Fr Vijay Kumar – Talegaon, Pune
- Fr Stephen Lobo – St Mary's Church, Hegde Nagar
- Fr Rayan T. Pinto – Residence at St Joseph's Monastery, Carmel Hill
- Fr Patrick Lobo – St Joseph's Monastery, Carmel Hill
- Fr Robert Ivan D'Souza – Director of Dhyavanava Publications

Friars residing at Udupi Farm House

- Fr Alwyn Sequeira – Priest in charge
- Fr John Sequeira

Placements of Deacons (till their priestly ordination)

- Dn. Pranam Fernandes – Infant Mary Church, Bajjodi
- Dn. Anthony Stephen – Pushpashrama, Mysuru
- Dn. Siltan Noronha – Tapovana, Kushalnagar
- Dn. Clifford Rodrigues – Asha Deepa, Madanthyar
- Dn. Santhosh Menezes – St Joseph's Church, Mira Road, Mumbai

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

Departure

- September 12 – Fr Wilfred Pais to Tanzania
- October 03 – Fr John Cyrus D'Souza to Johannesburg, South Africa
- November 06 – Fr Richard D'Souza to Rome
- November 22 – Fr Elias D'Cunha to Empoli, Italy
- November 24 – Fr Venil D'Souza to Canada
- November 29 – Fr Arun Bennis having obtained his visa has left for Cape Town, South Africa
- December 09 – Fr Vivian Menezes to Tanzania

Arrival

- September 15 – Fr Richard D'Souza from Rome
- October 10 – Fr. Vivian Menezes from Tanzania
- October 11 – Fr Venil D'Souza from Canada
- October 12 – Fr. Elias Dcunha from Empoli, Italy
- October 26 – Fr Rudolf V. D'Souza from Canada
- November 11 – Fr Israel Gonsalves from Denver.
- November 16 – Fr Vijay Kumar arrived in Bangalore and will be on home vacation till Christmas

DAYS TO BE NOTED IN YOUR CALENDAR

December 2023

- 12 – Provincial Council Meeting, Sadbhavana, Bengaluru
- 13 – 14: Superiors Meeting, Sadbhavana, Bengaluru
- 13 – Province Day and Silver Jubilee celebrations, Sadbhavana, Bengaluru
- 14 – Silver Jubilee of Religious Profession (Frs. Jeevan Tauro, Alphonse Britto, Rovel D'Souza, Ajith Rodrigues & Canute Tauro)
- 14 – Social Apostolate Meeting, Sadbhavana, Bengaluru (5 pm)
- 15 – Parish Priest's Meeting, Sadbhavana, Bengaluru
- 16-17 – Provincial Council Meeting, Sadbhavana, Bengaluru
- 27-28 – Scholastic Meeting, Carmel Hill, Mangaluru
- 27 – Carmel Studio Meeting, Carmel Hill, Mangaluru
- 30 – Golden Jubilee of Ordination – Fr Joseph D'Souza (Sr)

January 2024

- 04 – Infant Jesus Feast – flag hoisting (Mangaluru)
- 07 – Infant Jesus Feast, Pushpashrama, Mysuru
- 11 – Formators Meeting @ Ryshivana, Ranipura
- 13 – Carmelite Fraternity Day, Mangaluru
- 14 & 15 – Feast of the Infant Jesus, Mangaluru
- 19 – Infant Jesus Feast, Asha Deepa, Madanthyar
- 20 – Infant Jesus Feast, Carmel Ashram, Koteswar
- 20 – First Death Anniversary of Mother Marie Gemma OCD, Baroda Carmel, Vadodara (06-30 am)
- 21 – Priestly Ordination of Dn. Anthony Stephen-St John the Baptist Church, Vijayanagar (09-30 am)
- 22 – Dhyavanana Publications Board Meeting, Carmel Hill, Mangaluru (afternoon)
- 23 – Priestly Ordination of Dns. Clifford Rodrigues, Santhosh Menezes & Pranam Fernandes – Carmel Hill, Mangaluru (03-30 pm)
- 24 – Thanksgiving Mass: Fr Clifford Rodrigues-Our Lady of Pompei Church, Gurpur, Mangaluru (10 am)
- 24 – Infant Jesus Shrine Committee Meeting, Carmel Hill, Mangaluru (Afternoon)
- 26 – Thanksgiving Mass: Fr Pranam Fernandes – St Antony's Church, Fermai, Mangaluru (10-00 am)
- 27 – Thanksgiving Mass: Fr Santhosh Menezes-Holy Cross Church, Eliarpadav, Mangaluru (10-00 am)
- 29-31 – Young Priests' Meeting, Carmel Sannidhi, Kadaganchi

February 2024

- 05-10 – Province Retreat, Ryshivana
- 14 – Ash Wednesday
- 23-25 – Inter-Provincial Formators Meeting organized by IPCI (Councillors in charge of formation, Masters of Novices, Philosophy and Theology brothers), Margao.

March 2024

- 09 – Convocation at Ryshivana, Mangaluru
- 10 – Convocation at Dhyana Sadhana, Mysuru
- 10 – Meeting of the Spirituality and Retreat Centre Directors
- 19 – Convocation at Dhyavanana, Mysuru
- 19 – Diamond Jubilee of Religious Profession – Fr Berchmans Pinto
- 28 – Maundy Thursday
- 29 – Good Friday
- 30 – Easter Vigil
- 31 – Easter Sunday

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

December 2023: 01- Baroda Carmel; 02-03 – Visit to Gorwa Community, Baroda; 04-06– Sadbhavana, Bengaluru; 05 – Visit to Vijayanagar Community; 07 – Bengaluru Regional Gathering and Recollection, Geddalhalli; 08-11–Sadbhavana, Bengaluru; 12–Provincial Council Meeting, Sadbhavana, Bengaluru; 13-14–Superiors Meeting, Sadbhavana, Bengaluru; 13–Province Day Celebration, Sadbhavana, Bengaluru; 15–Parish Priests' Meeting, Sadbhavana, Bengaluru; 16-17–Provincial Council Meeting, Sadbhavana, Bengaluru; 18-21–Sadbhavana, Bengaluru; 22–OCDS Promises, Margao; 24 – Christmas Vigil Mass @ Infant Mary Church, Bajjodi; 25 – Mangaluru; 26 – Cloistered Carmel, Mangaluru; 27 – Carmel Studio Meeting, Carmel Hill, Mangaluru; 27-28 – Scholastic Meeting @ Carmel Hill, Mangaluru; 29 – Nuptial Mass, Kulshekar, Mangaluru; 30-31 – Sadbhavana, Bengaluru; 31 – New Year Vigil Mass @ Vijayanagar 08-00 pm.

January 2024: 01-New Year Mass @ 7.00 am at Cloistered Carmel, Bengaluru; 02-Meeting with the CSST General, Bengaluru; 03-05-Visit to Hadagali; 06-Sadbhavana, Bengaluru; 07-Infant Jesus Feast Mass, Pushpashrama; 08 – 09-Visit to Dhyanaavana, Dhyana Sadhana and Cloistered Carmel, Bogadi; 10-Visit to Hassan Carmel and Belur; 11-Meeting of Formators, Ryshivana; 13-Fraternity Day, Mangaluru; 14-Infant Jesus Feast, Mangaluru; 15-16-Visit to Kushalnagar; 17-18-Sadbhavana, Bengaluru; 19-Meeting of Major Superiors with the Archbishop-Patriarch of Goa and Daman; 20-Visit to Cloistered Carmel, Chicalim; 21-Priestly Ordination of Deacon Anthony Stephen, Vijayanagar; 22 (afternoon)-Meeting of Dhyanaavana Publications' Board, Mangaluru; 23-Priestly Ordinations, Mangaluru; 24-Thanksgiving Mass of Fr Clifford Rodrigues, Gurpur; 26-Thanksgiving Mass of Fr Pranam Fernandes, Fermai; 27-Thanksgiving Mass of Fr Santosh Menezes, Eliarpadau; 29 – 01 Feb-Visit to Kadaganchi; 29-Meets the Young Priests of the Province, Kadaganchi.

Thanking you

Fraternally Yours in Carmel,



Fr Silvestre D'Souza OCD

Provincial Superior

