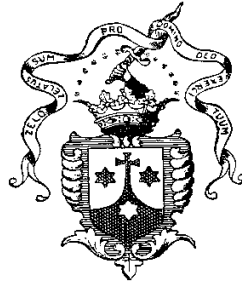


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Inauguration of Infant Jesus Church, Gorwa

February 19th, 2017 will go down in the history of Carmelites in India as a memorable day, as the long-cherished dream to have a Church in Gujarat was finally fulfilled, with the inauguration of the Infant Jesus Church, Gorwa in the Diocese of Baroda. It was in November 2004 Carmelites of the Karnataka-Goa Province arrived in Baroda, with a vision to establish the Carmelite presence in Gujarat, and now, it has finally been accomplished. Congratulations to all the pioneers and in a special way to Fr Sunil Monis for steering the venture to successful completion.

The first step at Mount Carmel School at Kadaganchi!

The Ground Floor of the Mount Carmel School, Carmel Giri, Kadangachi, Kalaburagi, was inaugurated on the 26th of January, 2017. Most Rev. Robert Miranda, Bishop of Gulbarga blessed the Crucifix, installed at the school entrance, and was unveiled by Rev. Fr Charles Serrao, Provincial Superior. Fr Provincial also unveiled the plaque bearing the name of Helen Chua Tiampo, the magnanimous sponsor of the project. Fr Rudolf V. D'Souza, the regional Superior of the Carmelites of the Canada Region inaugurated the completed building by cutting the ribbon. After a meaningful prayer service, the Bishop blessed the newly constructed building along with Fr Rudolf V. D'Souza.

Priestly Ordination of Deacon Raymond Sangu

Deacon Raymond Sangu OCD the 8th Tanzanian native was raised to the Order of Priesthood by his Grace Rev Josephat Louis Lebulu in the Holy Family Parish, Njiro Arusha on the 25th of February. Hearty congratulations to Fr Raymond Sangu and all our friars in the Vicariate of Tanzania. Hope to see many more native vocations being ordained in the order of Carmel.

The Junior Priests' Meet at Pune

All the junior priests (1-5 years of ordination) of the province gathered at Mount Carmel Church, Pune for the annual get together in the first week of February. There were altogether 32 priests. It was a memorable meeting of the youngsters with two days of input session and sharing of life experiences with one another.

The Young and the Bold Men of the Indian Carmel at Goa!

A gathering of Carmelite Priests from all over the country ordained 5 years ago, was held under the auspices of the Inter-Provincial Conference of India (IPCI) from 20-25 February, 2017 at Lar de Sta Terezinha, Margao, Goa. The participants included: 8 friars from Manjummel province, 3 each friars from Malabar and Andhra Province Province, 4 each friars from Tamil Nadu and South Kerala, 1 from Regional Vicariate of W. Bengal and 9 friars from Karnataka Goa province.

Teresa continues to write in her Successors

Our ever bubbling friars took a bold step in bringing out the Konkani Bible Diary for the first time in the history of our publication ministry. Fr Sandeep Goveas took the lead with the editing expertise of Fr Joseph Cyril Dsouza and Mr Wilson Kateel and committed friars who contributed their mite. The diary has been a great success which is highlighted in the warm welcome it received in readers market. A very special thanks to Fr Praveen Pinto for taking the lead to publish it and market it.

Fr Gregory Dsouza, the veteran writer marks his presence in the literary world with another book - *Mystical Wisdom*

Br Malvino Alfonso released his fifth work *Jennechi Porgottnni* (Proclamation of Life) a reflection on beatitudes. Congratulations dear fathers!

Jubilarian with a Difference

Fr Joseph D'Souza (Sr), who celebrates his golden jubilee of the religious life opted not to have any major celebrations at the province level. Respecting his sentiments the community of the Sadbhavana hosted a festive dinner along with the communities of Bengaluru Region. We congratulate the Jubilarian and acknowledge selfless service to the province. Ad multos annos!

App evangelization!

Fr Stephen Pereira has pioneered the venture of reaching out to thousands of people through an extraordinary app with reflections and daily prayers in three languages named 'Carmel Preran.' Please download the app in your mobiles and spread the news of the same so that many more profit from the app and savor the sweetness of Carmelite spirituality. Congratulations Fr Stephen! We are proud of you.

Musical Talent at the Pinnacle

Fr Sudeep Christy has been honored as the highest achiever in Saxophone - Grade 8. His student also has been the top achiever in Saxophone - Grade 3. Fr Sudeep Christy all the best for your journey in the ocean of Music. We hope to see you scaling greater heights.

United we Stand!

The IPCI meeting of all the OCD Provincials in India, was held at the Provincial House, Trivandrum (Malabar province) on 10th of November, 2016. Fr Johannes Gorantla, Definitor General was present and shared with the participants the programmes and plans the Generalate has for the Indian Carmel. It has been almost finalized that the Extraordinary Definitory in 2019 would be held in Old Goa, also to commemorate 400 years of our first foundation in Asia (1620). Fr Silvestre D'Souza, has been appointed as Executive Secretary of the IPCI. Long live the innovative ventures.

Into your hands Lord!

Sr. Piedade Mary of the Eucharist, of Chicalim Carmel committed herself for life in the Garden of Carmel on 20th November 2016 at Chicalim. Let us wish her all the very best as she blooms in Carmel and permeates the scent of her divine experiences to others.

Province day and Superiors' meeting in Sadbhavana

All the superiors of our communities in India came together for the meeting on the 22nd of November in Sadbhavana. Fr Ayris Fernandes, a renowned liturgist serving in CCBI Bengaluru was invited to enlighten the friars on the directives for the celebration of the liturgy. On the same evening the Province Day was celebrated with all solemnity to thank God for the blessings showered on us through the intercession of our heavenly patroness, St. Teresa of Avila. On this auspicious occasion Fr Joseph D'Souza and Fr Elias Daniel, the Silver Jubilarians, and Fr Alphonse Britto, a new Doctor in Spirituality, were honoured.

Divine Springs runs deeper!

The second phase of the renovation work at Divine Springs, A Centre for Contemplative Prayer, Youth Animation and Family Life, situated at Xellim, Canacona, Goa saw its completion when V. Rev. Fr Charles Serrao OCD, Provincial of the Discalced Carmelites of Karnataka – Goa province inaugurated and blessed it on 2nd December, 2016, at 12-30 PM.

To blend in the fragrance of Carmel:

Another flower has bloomed in the Garden of Pune Carmel... and this one is none other than a beautiful ROSE. Miss Lyan was vested on the eve of 17th of January 2017 and has been given the religious name Sr. Rose of Infant Jesus. She was born and grew up in Mumbai. She completed her Graduate and Post Graduate studies in Human Development from Nirmala Niketan College of Home Science, Mumbai. Apart from that she has specialized in Intellectual disabilities by acquiring an M. Ed degree in Special Education- Mental Retardation from SNDT University, Mumbai. She is the Grand-Niece of Br. Baptist Rodrigues, OCD of Mangalore Monastery.

Interactive and ever-active OCDS!

The English OCDS community from Mira Road had set aside 19th and 20th November 2016 to meet up with the Goa OCDS Members who arrived at Anubhav on 19th November at 7 am. A well planned programme was drawn up for the two days.

The Provincial Superior, Fr Charles Serrao, Fr Silvestre D'Souza, Second Provincial Councillor in charge of Spirituality and Fr Wilfred Rodrigues, the Provincial Delegate of the OCDS and the local spiritual assistants Fr Lancy Mendonca and Fr Ajith Rodrigues graced the occasion. Fr Provincial named the Mira road English OCDS Community as 'St Elizabeth of the Trinity Community'.

Diving Deeper!

On 14th December, 2016, the Feast of St. John of the Cross, 16 candidates from the English OCDS and 11 candidates from Konkani OCDS were vested with the Scapular thus entering into the Novitiate stage of formation. The candidates were presented with the Bible and the Constitutions of the OCDS during the ceremony. May they cherish the spirit of Carmel being as they live their committed married life in their own homes.

Mega Christmas Carol Singing Competition - 2016

Carmelites along with the Carmel Kutam organized the Konkani Carol Singing Competition 'Natalam Gitam Gayan Spardo' -2016 on 11th of December in Sadbhavana Premises. It is for the third time that such a programme is organized since its dawn in 2014. There was an overwhelming response from all over the city of Bangalore as 90 participants took part in the competition.

Shepherds of Ranithota express their joy of Christmas!

On the day of Christmas, the community of Pushpashrama along with the neighbours of the vicinity celebrated the 'Sadbhavana Day' at the college auditorium. This was the day to celebrate and to share the joy, peace and love of the Infant Jesus with the non-Christian brethren who lived in and around Ranithota. The cultural event was the combination of dances and songs which

were performed by the play home kids, neighbouring school children, college students, religious sisters and also the brothers of Pushpashrama. Large number of neighbours witnessed the celebration and were entertained by the cultural bonanza and shared the Christmas joy with each other.

Memorable 8th anniversary!

The 8th Anniversary of Konkani monthly, "Naman Ballok Jesu" was held on Saturday 10th of December at Carmel hill. On this solemn occasion Master Nihal Henson Tauro was conferred 'Yuva Prathibha Puraskar 2016' To add flavour and fervour to the celebration Kala Kutam members staged a drama "Sallio", written by Fr Jocy Siddakatte and directed by John M. Permanur. Congratulation to the editors - the present one and the emeritus!

New sprouts on the ruined roots!

The annual celebration of the feast of the proto-martyrs (first martyrs) of the Discalced Carmelite Order: Bl. Dionysius (Denis) and Bl. Redemptus was held on the 29th of November, 2016 at the ruins of our monastery in Old Goa. The Eucharist was presided over by Fr Charles Serrao, Provincial Superior, along with 17 priests as concelebrants. Fr Charles Serrao declared that the Extraordinary Definitory (which includes Fr General and his team of Definitors and all the Provincials and other Delegates of the Order) will be held here in Old Goa in 2019 to mark 400 years of the first foundation of the Discalced Carmelites in Asia.

The Karnataka-Goa Province, acknowledges the hard work of Fr Archibald Gonsalves in the last two years to get all the legal papers and pursue the case. Before him we have to recall the zeal of Rev. Fr Nemesio Alzola of happy memory and Late Mr. Mariano Dias. The latter who served this cause out of personal interest was ably supported by Fr Clifford D'Souza. Now we have the services, of Mr. B. S. Banthia, and Advocate of the Supreme Court.

Triple celebrations at Dhyavanava: On Dec. 18th there was a triple Dhamaka at Dhyavanava – the anticipated B'day of the outgoing Dean Fr Canute and bidding him farewell as he would leave for the Philippines for doctoral studies; waving goodbye to the sisters who completed their six months certificate course; the anticipated Christmas celebrations. The day was marked with a variety of cultural programmes.

Headlines from South of Africa!

1. Eucharistic procession: To mark the year of Mercy, Eucharistic procession was organized on 6th of November.
2. First Holy Communion: 35 children received the Lord for the first time on the 13th of November
3. Closing of the Year of Mercy and Confirmation: Meaningful liturgy was organized to conclude the year of Mercy highlighting all the events that were

organized throughout the year. The same day 11 children received the sacrament of Confirmation. On this occasion the newly elected bishop Duncan Tsoke was felicitated. After the Mass all parish leaders gathered with the bishop for lunch.

4. Day for men. On 26th November a fun filled day was organized for men. The event was organized with many activities and games. The highlight of the event was the makeup and massage by women.

5. Concluding the catechetical year: Catechism children gathered with the catechists to conclude the Catechetical year. This remarkable day comprised of confessions for children, thanksgiving Mass, Christmas celebration and games.

6. Day of the sick and the elderly: To share the Christmas joy with the sick and the elderly a special day was organized for them. All those who were home bound were brought to the church by the volunteers and a meaningful Eucharistic celebration was organized for them. All were served lunch and all were given a Christmas gift.

Tapovana Thumbs up!

Anti-septic – The master's septic tank was full... and the novices did the yucky-mucky work joyfully and were rewarded with ice-cream!

Carmelite Fraternity – Philosophy students of Sacred Heart Philosophy College, Alwaye (Manjummel Province) along with their Master Fr Varghese visited us during their picnic to Mysore-Coorg!

Queen Beauty of Carmel – A beautiful grotto of our Lady of Mount Carmel has been built in front of the monastery. It was blessed on 7th of October, the feast of our Lady of the Holy Rosary; creative rosary, holy mass, meaningful contemplative adoration, and cake for all marked the occasion.

Ave Maria Gratia Plena – In the month of the Holy Rosary the rosary was prayed in the cells of all the friars and the novices.

Zelo zelatus – The Mission Sunday was celebrated with the preaching about the new saint, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, and the sale of breakfast and the auction of Fr Berchi's surprise items! Two thousand rupees in 2 minutes! On the 13th of November, again in the parish, the same missionary spirit was shown by the Mass and the preaching of the prior and the games conducted by the novices.

O Bosques y Espesuras ... O woods and thickets planted by the hand of my Beloved...! A day out for the novices along with the three active friars and the cow boy Kumara at Mandalpatti, Abbey Falls, Raja seat and Dubare riverside and elephant camp. It was really a time to revise and re-live the Spiritual Canticle!

Shhhhhhh! To further increase the silent and contemplative spirit of the Novitiate through quiet communication EPABX (Inter-com) system is installed.

Vestition Ceremony: Vestition is the initiation into the life of Novitiate. On 13th November 2016 was the Vicar Provincial, Fr George Santhumayor, presided over the Vestition ceremony of 7 postulants. The whole Community of Tapovana embraced the new novices after Vestition in Prayer and brotherly love.

Interreligious dialogue with a Buddhist Monk: Vatican II proudly echoes- "The Catholic Church rejects nothing True and Holy in Other Religions". Interreligious dialogue with a Buddhist monk was really a fruitful experience. In the discussion, the importance of harmony and a compassionate concern for all the whole humanity were stressed. Mutual exchange of ideas about the lifestyle practised by Buddhist monks and Carmelite monks was the fruit of that interreligious discussion.

First profession: "All for You and nothing for me"- choosing these words of St. John of the Cross their beloved Holy Father, our 11 youngsters gladly received the Holy habit of our order on 14th December 2016. Truly they gave all of theirs to Jesus as they pronounced loudly their vows and thereby renounced 3 created goods of life, namely, Marital Life, Material Security and Adult Autonomy. The Solemn Mass was presided by Very Rev. Fr Provincial.

Christmas and New Year Sauharda Koota: Contemplation produces peace, harmony and Joy in the Spirit. As an expression of the harmony nurtured through the Carmelite Life of Prayer, Sauharda Koota brought together people from different religious backgrounds to celebrate the common brotherhood and unity in the octave of Christmas. Neighbours of Tapovana gathered with oneness in the heart. Fathers and brothers of Tapovana presented entertainment as well as a value based programme for the people. Nearly 115 people attended this gathering. The community Supper strengthened the interaction of Tapovana with the neighbors.

New teams to lead

Chicalim Carmel:

Prioress: Sr Theresita of Jesus Crucified

I Councillor: Sr Maria Rita of the Trinity

II Councillor: Sr Jacintha Mary of the Passion

III Councillor: Sr. Candida of Jesus

Raipur Carmel

Prioress: Mother Jane Mary

I Councillor: Sr. Carmel Anne

I Councillor: Sr. Elizabeth

I Councillor: Sr. Deepa Salome

Transfers and Placements:

Fr Rovel D'Souza, Carmel Hill, Mangaluru.

Br Don Tony D'Souza, Baroda, Gujarat

Br Maurice Fonseca, Margao, Goa

Br Morgan Attaide, Mapuca, Goa

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES:

#Frs Rudolf V D'Souza, Jerald D'Souza, Mario Fernandes, Jerome Mascarenhas, Steny Mascarenhas, Jason Tellis, Rajesh Madtha, working in Canada were in India for their biannual holidays.

#Fr Rathan Almeida, was in India for the classes and annual holidays.

#Frs Peter Rebello and John Cyrus D'Souza, South African Missionaries are on their home visit.

#Frs Raymond Santhanaz, Marlon Rodrigues and Sunil Menezes African Missionaries have come down for their home holidays.

#Br Morgan Attaide has come down for good and has been given the conventuality in Avila Jyothi, Mapuca, Goa.

#Fr Canute Tauro, left for the Philippines for Doctoral Studies in Psychology.

Fr Agnelo Rebello working in Prague was in India for his home holidays.

THEY HAVE GONE BEFORE US:

3rd of November: **Mrs Mary Jerome Rodrigues**, aged 68 years, paternal aunt of Fr Nitesh Rodrigues.

5th November: **Mrs Mercy**, 38 years old, niece of Fr Elias Daniel

16th November: **Mr Ignatius D'Cunha**, aged 80 years, father of Fr Melvin D'Cunha.

16th November: **Mrs Brigith Monis**, aged 99 years, grandmother of Fr Sunil Monis.

20th November: **Mr Joseph D'Cunha**, aged 60 years, paternal uncle of Fr Elias D'Cunha.

23rd November: **Mrs. Carmin Pereira**, aged 61 years, maternal aunt of Fr Sylvester Pereira.

25th November: **Mr Michael Lobo**, aged 78 years, older brother of Fr Walter Lobo.

26th November: **Mrs Theresa Fernandes**, aged 85 years, paternal grandmother of Br Pranam Fernandes.

8th December: **Mrs K.J. Annamma**, paternal grandmother of Br K.V. Ruban.

13th December: **Mrs Papamal Maria Dass**, aged 85 years, maternal grandmother of Br Sandeep Kumar.

20th December: **Mrs Maria Q. D'Souza**, aged 94 years, paternal grandmother of Fr Ronald D'Souza.

25th December: **Mr Faustine Monis**, aged 82 years, father of Fr Barnabas Monis.

17th January: **Mrs Delphine D'Costa**, aged 72 Years, the eldest sister of Fr George Santhumayor.

25th January: **Mrs Emiliana Fernandes**, aged 65 years, the mother of Srs Jacintha and Shanthi from Bogadi Carmel.

30th January: **Mr Elias Fernandes**, aged 80 years, brother in law of Fr Clifford D'Souza.

6th of February: **Mrs Magdalene Crasta** maternal aunt of Fr Faustine Crasta.

WE ARE GLAD THAT THEY ARE BORN

March 1-Frs. Deepak Tauro and Ranjan D'Sa, 6- Fr Venil D'Souza, 8- Fr Deepak Thomas, 10- Fr Cyril Menezes 12- Fr Sylvester Msemwa, 14- Fr Patrick Lobo Fr Ashwin D'Silva, 21- Fr Joy Francis, 24- Fr Cannio Cardozo, 25-Fr Prakash Tauro, 26- Fr Kevin Fernandes

April 2 - Fr Ronald Sequeira, 5 - Fr Oswald Crasta, 6 - Fr Ajay Nazareth 8 - Fr Edwin Diniz, 10 - Fr Michael M. Shenoy 11 - Br. Gregory Menezes, 12 - Fr Anil Prashanth Lobo, 13 - Br. John Malvino, 14 - Fr Donath Rebeiro, 15 - Fr Jeevan Almeida, 19 - Fr Roshan Lobo 22 - Fr Silvestre D' Souza, 25 - Fr John Alex Pinto 27 - Fr Praveen D' Souza, 28 - Fr Jerald P. D' Souza, 29 - Frs. Joseph D' Souza (Sr) & Rohan Miranda

PROVINCIAL ENGAGEMENT/PROVINCE PROGRAMMES

Mar 19	Convocation Day, Dhyanavana, Mysuru
Mar 20	First Profession at Tapovana, Kushalnagar
Mar 25	OCDs Congress, Ryshivana, Mangaluru
Mar 31	School Day, Mt. Carmel School, Belur