

## Celebrations

### Glorious St Therese!



The Centenary of the canonization of St. Thérèse of Lisieux was prayerfully celebrated across our communities in Mangaluru, Rajodi, Mysuru, Gorwa, Talegaon, Mira Road, Bengaluru, and Margao, as well as in our Cloistered Carmels in Hassan, Mysore, Bangalore, Chicalim, and Mangaluru.

### A Milestone!

The Malisho Carmelite Novitiate in the Regional Vicariate of Tanzania joyfully celebrated its Silver Jubilee on October 1, 2025, marking years of grace and growth.



### A Golden Occasion!



The faithful of Watre joyfully celebrated the Golden Jubilee of St. Anthony's Chapel on May 16, 2025, marking 50 years of blessings. The jubilee eve featured the inauguration of a grotto and recognition of benefactors, while the celebrations culminated with a Thanksgiving Mass presided over by Most Rev. Derek Fernandes, Bishop of Belgaum.

## Journey of our Formees

### Ministers of the Word and Sacraments!



Deacons Prithesh Crasta, Pranay Pereira, Avith Pais, and Stany Pinto, were ordained priests at Infant Jesus Shrine, Mangaluru, by Most Rev. Francis Serrao SJ, Bishop of Shimoga on May 2, 2025.



Deacon Jesvin Tom Benoy was ordained a priest by Most Rev. Johannes Gorantla OCD, Bishop of Kurnool at Infant Jesus Shrine, Pushpashrama on May 19, 2025.



Deacon Movin Desmond Pereira was

ordained priest at St. Vincent De Paul Church, Katpady, by his grand uncle, Most Rev. Louis Mascarenhas, Bishop of Allahabad on May 21, 2025.



Deacons Benedict Maziku Thomas, Patrick Bonaventure Soffu, Edgar Charles Mbambura were ordained priests at Our lady of Mount Carmel parish, Kihonda, Morogoro, by Most Rev. Lazarus Vitalis Msimbe SDS Bishop of Morogoro on August 30, 2025.

### Called to Serve!



Brs. Alwyn D'Souza, Elston Monteiro, Stin George, Loy Jackson Crasta, Hilary Boddol Rodrigues, were ordained as Deacons on October 3, 2025 at the Infant Jesus Shrine, Mangaluru.



The parishioners at Santa Maria A Ripa, Empoli, Italy witnessed a historical event for the first time. Br Ruban Karikaparamb Vargees, who pursued his theological studies in Rome, was ordained a Deacon on October 19, 2025, by Most Rev. Gherardo Gambeli, the Archbishop of Florence.

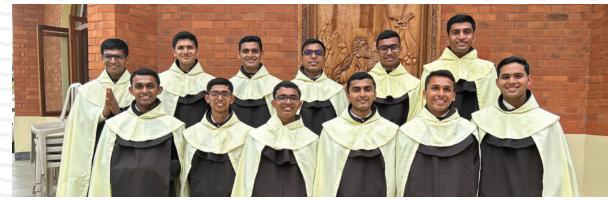
### Forever!



On February 21, 2025, the Vicariate of Tanzania celebrated the Solemn Profession of three Carmelite friars in the Garden of Carmel: Brs. Benedict Thomas, Patrick Bonaventure and Mahery Hanjarina.

On December 8, 2025, Br Datus Prosper Bukuru, made his Solemn Profession in Rome.

### First Love!



On May 1, 2025, twelve novices namely Brs. Aiqwin D'Souza, Ashwin D'Souza, Aren Machado, Denzil D'Costa, Elroy Monteiro, Jackson Crasta, Jostin Crasta, Melroy Crasta, Nihal D'Souza, Rishal D'Souza, Royson Thoras, and Sohan Rego, professed their religious vows at our Novitiate, Tapovana, Kushalnagar.



On May 20, 2025, Br Ronal Cloyten D'Cunha, made his First Profession, celebrated with family, friars, and friends.



On 20 July 2025, at the Novitiate Community in Malisho, Mbeya, six novices namely Brs. Edward Kolosi, Oscar Massawe, Silvano Stephano, Badaga Conrad, Ahebwa Deogratious, and Mawejje Andrew made their First Religious Profession.

## Life in the Province

### Significant Visits!



On 28 February 2025, the Carmelite Provincials of India and their Councils met at Sadbhavana, Bengaluru, in the presence of V. Rev. Fr. Miguel Marquez Calle, Superior General.

### A New Beginning!



On April 23, 2025, a new house, "Grace Villa," in Pune was blessed by Fr Silvestre D'Souza. Formerly the home of the Thankachan family, the residence now serves the Carmelite mission in Maharashtra and provides accommodation for friars specializing at Jnana Deepa, the Jesuit Faculty nearby.

### A New Facility!



On November 18, 2025, the Little Flower Auditorium was inaugurated, at Mount Carmel School, Ramnagar. Rev. Fr Pius James D'Souza, Definitor General, led the blessing.

### Revitalizing a Monastery!

On June 3, 2025, Fr Silvestre D'Souza, blessed the newly renovated Prerana Mission Station, Jagalur, including the chapel, friar and guest rooms, kitchen, and staff quarters.



### The Ninth Foundation in Tanzania!



On January 18, 2025, the Discalced Carmelite Friars of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Vicariate of Tanzania, blessed and inaugurated Carmel Prayer House in Dodoma. It was presided over by Most Rev. Beatus Kinyaiya, OFM Cap, Archbishop of Dodoma.



## Special Events

### Meeting Christ in the Scriptures!



A Bible Symposium was held at Xellim from August 27-29, 2025, bringing together clergy and religious to deepen their understanding of Scripture, under the guidance of Fr. Dr. Richard D'Souza OCD, Professor at the Teresianum, Rome.

### Sportsmanship Among Our Children!

The third edition of CarmeLight 2025, the interschool sports event, was held on November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> with great enthusiasm at Mount Carmel CBSE School, Ramnagar. Selected students from six schools managed by our Province, participated. Mount Carmel CBSE School, Ramnagar, emerged victorious, lifting the Rolling Trophy with the highest overall points.



## Cloistered Carmels

### Journeying Together!



On March 1, 2025, the Federation of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, comprising nine Cloistered Carmels, inaugurated the Juniors' Course at Kurnool Carmel, Andhra Pradesh, fulfilling a long-cherished dream.

### A Joyful "Yes" to God!

On 2 May 2025, we joyfully celebrated the First Profession of Sr. Miriam of the Immaculate Heart of the Mangalore Carmel.

On 21 November 2025, we rejoiced in the Solemn Profession of Sr. Anjali Maria and Sr. Hemangini Maria of the Baroda Carmel.



## The Secular Carmel

### Two New Shoots!



On July 16, 2025, the Discalced Carmelite Secular Order was established at Carmel Ashram, Baroda, officially welcoming 14 members into formation.

On July 27, 2025 a small unit comprising of 15 members was launched in Pune. They gather once a month at the Cloistered Carmel, Pune.

### Our Dear Departed!

Sr. Teresa of Jesus – Mangalore Carmel  
Sr. Marie Therese – Baroda Carmel  
Sr. Mary of the Passion – Bangalore Carmel  
Sr. Nirmala Therese – Bunda Carmel  
Mrs. Amy Fernandes, OCDS, a member of the St. Teresa of Avila Community, Bikarnakatte.



The funeral of Miss Helen Chua Tiampo, a great benefactress of the Province and the Canada Delegation, was held on November 3, 2025, at the Little Flower Monastery, Fraser Valley. She was laid to rest in the monastery crypt with deep reverence and gratitude, honoring her faith, generosity, and enduring legacy to the Carmelite community.



### They Have Made Us Proud!

Fr. Charles Serrao has been appointed Pontifical Commissary for the Rosarian Congregation on April 2, 2025, assuming full authority over its affairs with four advisors, and residing at the Generalate in Carmelaram, Bengaluru until 2031.

Fr. William Miranda was honoured by the District Health Department for his work against tuberculosis in Aland Taluka.

Fr. Rayan Pinto secured the highest marks in Environmental Law among 108 KSLU colleges.

### Academically Equipped!

Fr. Ronald Canute Tauro successfully defended his doctoral thesis in Psychology at De La Salle University, Philippines.

Fr. Jaison Tellis earned his Licentiate in Spiritual Theology from the Indian Institute of Spirituality, Bengaluru.

Fr. Ivan Sequeira completed his Licentiate in Spiritual Theology, at La Facultad de Teologia, Vitoria-Gasteiz.

Fr. Raymond Sangu defended his Licentiate in Biblical Theology at the Pontifical University of St Thomas Aquinas, Angelicum, Rome.

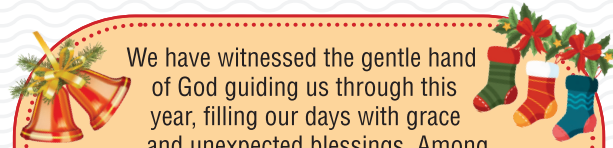
Fr. Siprian Yothan Kihwele was awarded a Licentiate in Spiritual Theology at Teresianum, Rome.

### Servant Leadership!

Fr. Joe Tauro has been appointed Episcopal Vicar for Religious in the Diocese of Udupi.

Fr. Boniface D'Souza (Jr) has been appointed Episcopal Vicar for Religious in the Archdiocese of Johannesburg.

Fr. Sunil Rodrigues has been appointed to the College of Consultants in the Diocese of Shimoga.



We have witnessed the gentle hand of God guiding us through this year, filling our days with grace and unexpected blessings. Among those blessings, your friendship stands out as a gift we value deeply. Your support, generosity, and warmth strengthen us in our mission and bring joy to our Province.

As the New Year dawns, let us move forward with renewed trust, knowing that the Lord who has been faithful will lead us into even greater moments of grace and wonder.

May the newborn Christ fill your hearts with joy, hope, and unwavering faith, bringing light where there is darkness and peace where there is unrest. May His presence bless your homes with love, your work with purpose, and your lives with countless moments of happiness. As Saint John reminds us: 'The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth' (Jn 1:14)."

*May the joy and peace of Christmas be with you throughout the year 2026. God bless you all.*

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## THE DISCALCED CARMELITES Karnataka-Goa Province

*Wish you a Joyful Christmas  
and a Blessed New Year -2026*



"Jesus is born in our midst; he is God with us. He comes to accompany our daily lives, to share with us in all things: our joys and sorrows, our hopes and fears. He comes as a helpless child. He is born in the cold night, poor among the poor. In need of everything, he knocks at the door of our heart to find warmth and shelter." (Pope Francis)

