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The Province's Journal

1. XVI Provincial Chapter: The Karnataka-Goa Province of the Discalced Carmelites celebrated its XVI Provincial Chapter at Dhyana Sadhana, Mysuru, from 14 to 27 April 2026. The Chapter was centred on the theme, "Ascending in Faith, drawing on the rich legacy of our Holy Father, St. John of the Cross." The Chapter also elected the new Provincial Administration for the triennium 2026–2029, led by Rev. Fr. John Francis Sequeira OCD as Provincial Superior, along with four Provincial Councillors: Rev. Fr. Silvestre D'Souza, Rev. Fr. Oswald Crasta, Rev. Fr. Richard Menezes and Rev. Fr. Prakash Tauro. We extend heartfelt wishes and congratulations to the newly elected administrative team.



2. Historic First Congress of the Canadian Carmelite Vicariate: From 13 to 16 July 2026, Carmelite friars from across Canada gathered for the first Canadian Carmelite Vicariate Congress, marking the historic elevation of the Canadian Delegation to the status of a Vicariate. The Congress was a time of prayer, reflection, fraternity and discernment. Fr. Jerald D'Souza, OCD, was elected Regional Vicar, with Fr. Cannio Cardozo, OCD, and Fr. Jerome Moras, OCD, as First and Second Councillors respectively. The Congress concluded with a Eucharistic celebration and the release of Fr. Rudolf D'Souza's Konkani translation of *Crucible of Suffering*.



3. Eight Postulants Inducted into Formation: Eight Brothers were formally inducted into the Stage of Postulancy for the Formation Year 2026–2027 on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ at the Carmelite Monastery, Margao. The Eucharistic celebration was presided over by Fr. John Sequeira OCD, Provincial Superior. In his homily, he recalled his own formative years and encouraged the postulants to persevere with courage and fidelity. Fr. Marlon Rodrigues OCD

formally introduced the eight postulants to the Congregation, warmly welcoming them into this new phase of Carmelite formation.

4. Two Brothers Make Their First Profession

The Karnataka-Goa Province of the Discalced Carmelites joyfully welcomed two new members through their First Profession on 1 May 2026 at the Tapovana Chapel. Brother Ethan Lobo and Brother Brian Sequeira professed



their vows into the hands of the Provincial, Rev. Fr. John Francis Sequeira, OCD, in the presence of their families, relatives and friends. The occasion marked an important milestone in their journey of commitment to the Carmelite way of life. The Province welcomes them to the Carmelite fraternity and prays for God's abundant blessings upon them and their families.

5. Brother Wilson Rodrigues Makes Solemn Profession: The Discalced Carmelites joyfully celebrated the Solemn Profession of Brother Wilson Rodrigues in 2026. Having completed his years of formation, he embraced his lifelong commitment to God and the Carmelite Order, witnessing to perseverance and fidelity in his vocational journey. The Province rejoices in this significant milestone and invokes God's abundant blessings upon Brother Wilson, his family and his future ministry in the Carmelite family.



6. Six New Priests Ordained for the Karnataka-Goa Province: The Karnataka-Goa Province of the Discalced Carmelites joyfully celebrated the ordination of six new priests in 2026: Fr. Ruben K. V., Fr. Stin George, Fr. Elston Monteiro, Fr. Alwin D'Souza, Fr. Loy Jackson Crasta and Fr. Hilary Rodrigues. The newly ordained priests, hailing from the Dioceses of Mysuru, Mangaluru and Karwar, have received their respective appointments and begun their priestly ministry. The Province rejoices in this blessing and invokes God's abundant grace upon them as they begin their service to the Church and the Carmelite Order.



7. Fr. Peter D'Sa, OCD, Called to Eternal Life: Rev. Fr. Peter D'Sa, OCD, was called to his eternal reward after nearly five decades of devoted priestly and Carmelite service. Born on 11 February 1951, he made his Solemn Profession in 1977 and was ordained a priest in 1978. Remembered for his simplicity, generosity and readiness to serve, he ministered in India and spent over two decades as a missionary in Tanzania. A gifted linguist, teacher, healer and lover of nature, Fr. Peter touched countless lives through his pastoral care and humble service. He leaves behind a rich legacy of faith, friendship and missionary dedication.



Voices from Our Communities

1. Pushpashrama, Mysore

1. Lectio Brevis: Pushpashrama Institute of Philosophy and Religion inaugurated the Academic Year 2026-27 on 1 June with the Lectio Brevis, beginning with the Holy Eucharist celebrated by Fr. John Sequeira. The programme, themed "Nada and Todo," reflected on the life of St. John of the Cross. Fr. Alphonse Britto welcomed the gathering, Fr. Wilfred Rodrigues presented the annual report, and the Institute Handbook was released. Mr. Gavin Jude Wilson delivered the keynote address, while the Provincial released Cosmos magazine before the vote of thanks and Institute Anthem.



2. Twin Celebrations: The Pushpashrama community celebrated Rector Fr. Alphonse Britto's birthday and Fr. Prasanna Kumar's 60th birthday on 21 June 2026 with a prayer service and cultural programme organized by Fr. Richard Saldanha. The brothers presented a skit, song and dance, while Fr. Vijay and Fr. Prithesh felicitated the celebrants. Newly ordained priests and neighbouring Carmelite communities joined the celebrations.

3. Mount Carmel Festivities: Pushpashrama Shrine celebrated the Solemnity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on 16 July with the community and on 19 July with the faithful. Eucharistic celebrations highlighted the significance of the Brown Scapular, which was blessed and distributed on both days. Fr. Vijay and Fr. Alphonse Britto presided over the public Masses, while Carmelite Fathers and Sisters from Dhyavanava joined the 11:00 a.m. celebration, followed by an agape meal.



4. Faith and Life: Bible Camp for Children at Pushpashrama: Pushpashrama hosted a three-day Bible Camp from 27-29 April 2026 for around 40 children aged 6-16, organized in collaboration with the ICPE Mission and friends. Through Scripture sessions, music, action songs, skits and interactive activities, the camp fostered a joyful environment for faith formation and biblical

learning. The children concluded the programme spiritually enriched, inspired to deepen their relationship with God and live out Gospel values with renewed enthusiasm



2. Carmel Hill, Mangalore

1. Children and Parents Unite in Prayer for the New Academic Year



Ahead of the reopening of schools, Infant Jesus Shrine, Bikarnakatte, organized a special Mass and Eucharistic Adoration for students on 29 May. Nearly 500 children and their parents participated, seeking God's blessings for the new academic year. Rev. Fr. Sunil Pinto, Principal of St Ann's Group of Institutions, presided over the Eucharist and encouraged students to pursue academic excellence with discipline, prayer and strong values. An hour of Eucharistic Adoration followed, with prayers for wisdom, protection and

success. Fr. Stifan Perera welcomed the gathering, while Fr. Melvin D'Cunha also joined the celebration.

2. World Environment Day Observed at Infant Jesus Shrine; 1,000 Saplings Distributed

Infant Jesus Shrine, Bikarnakatte, observed World Environment Day with a programme promoting ecological responsibility and care for creation. Provincial Superior Rev. Fr. John Francis Sequeira, the chief guest, reminded the faithful that humanity is called to be faithful stewards of God's creation, echoing the vision of Laudato Si'. Nearly 1,000 saplings were distributed to encourage environmental conservation and sustainable living. The programme was attended by Fr. Melvin D'Cunha, Fr. Stifan Perera, Fr. Dominic Pinto, Fr. Ashwath D'Souza and numerous faithful, inspiring a shared commitment to protecting our common home.



3. Eight-Year-Old Mangaluru Girl Launches Debut Book at Infant Jesus Shrine



Eight-year-old Scarlett Rodrigues launched her debut book, *The Wonderful World of Scarlett*, at the Infant Jesus Shrine, Bikarnakatte, during the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. A Class III student of St Theresa's School, Mangaluru, Scarlett transformed her love for reading into a collection of original stories and poems with the support of Excel-Institute of Excellence. Releasing the book, Fr. Stifan Perera praised her as an inspiration to children and parents alike. The event beautifully echoed the feast theme, encouraging creativity,

reading and the wise use of technology.

4. Namma Kudla Region Holds First Fraternitas of the New Triennium



The Namma Kudla Region (Mangaluru) held its first Fraternitas of the new triennium on 28 July at St. Joseph's Monastery, Bikarnakatte. Following a prayer service, Rev. Joe Tauro led a thought-provoking session on Artificial Intelligence and Religious Life, inspiring fruitful discussions on contemporary pastoral challenges. Fr. Praveen Pinto, Superior of Carmel Ashram, Koteswar, was

unanimously elected Regional Convener. The gathering concluded with a pilgrimage to the Grotto of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

5. Infant Jesus Shrine Distributes 25 Lakh in Scholarships under Carmel Ignite

Infant Jesus Shrine, Bikarnakatte, strengthened its commitment to education by distributing scholarships worth 25 lakh to 275 deserving students through its Carmel Ignite initiative on 2 August. Renowned Konkani writer Andrew L. D'Cunha, the chief guest, described scholarships as gifts of hope that inspire recipients to help others. Fr. Stifan Perera highlighted the Shrine's holistic mission in education and social outreach, while Fr. Melwin D'Cunha thanked the benefactors whose generosity continues to transform young lives through opportunities for learning, growth and a brighter future.



3. Carmelite Monastery, Margao

1. First steps in Carmel: This year we have 8 postulants of whom four have completed their PUC at Madanthyar and the other four have joined them after studies elsewhere or work experience. Fr Provincial formally inducted into this stage of formation during the Mass with the people on 7th June, 2026. We pray that God blesses them as they begin their journey in the religious life and grants them perseverance in their vocation.



2. Sunday School: The inauguration of the Catechetical year was held on 5th July, 2026. There are around 250 children who have been enrolled. Fr Silvestre D'Souza, the new Co-ordinator presided over the Mass, and Fr Marlon Rodrigues, the Prior, concelebrated. After the Mass, there was a brief meeting with the parents, during which a few instructions and guidelines were explained. Some highlights of the annual programme were also communicated. This year we have a band of 19 committed and enthusiastic catechists. Mrs Yvette Sequeira has been elected the President. She is assisted by an Executive Team of three more Catechists.



3. A rare milestone: Fr Paul D'Souza completed 75 years of his religious profession and the Diamond Anniversary was celebrated with a solemn Mass presided over by the Provincial, Fr John Sequeira on 2nd July, 2026. Friars from the region and some

other communities of the Province joined in the celebration. The parish clergy and Salesians were among the invitees. Around 20 of Fr Paul's relatives were present. A short felicitation was held at the end of the Mass, after which the Diamond Jubilarian spoke from his heart. A fraternal meal culminated the celebrations.

4. Queen Beauty of Carmel: The principal Solemnity of Our Order was celebrated with great fervour. The Novenas were animated by different groups associated with the Carmelite Monastery and the Mass was preceded each day by the singing of the Vespers. The main celebrant on the Feast day was Most Rev. Agnelo Pinheiro, the new Bishop of Sindudhurg, who is a close friend of the Carmelites, and has made his retreat in preparation for his Episcopal Ordination on 16 April, 2026, here, at the Carmelite Monastery.



5. Youth power: The vibrant Carmel Youth began a new year on 12 July 2026 with the Inaugural Mass, centered on the theme "Ignite: Fuelled by Prayer, Fired by Love" (2 Cor 5:14). The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Fr Santhosh Menezes, Spiritual Director of Carmel Youth, inviting them to be transformed by God's love and become joyful witnesses of Christ. With the new comers, the number has swelled up to 37, this year.

6. One who sings, prays twice: We are truly blessed by many singers and musicians who conduct the choirs on weekdays and Sundays. They enhance the prayerfulness of the liturgy and promote active participation of the faithful. As a mark of gratitude, all of them were invited for a get together which has now become an annual feature. The postulants conducted a quiz and games during the time of fellowship, which kept them all on their toes. At the end, all participated in a fraternal meal.



7. Healing Touch: The Seniors Group at the Carmelite Monastery, Margao, organised a medical camp on Sunday July 19, 2026 from 9 am to 3.30 pm and 120 people benefitted from it. Fr Joy MST a well known Ayurvedic specialist from Dodamarg, Sindudhurg, with his team of 6 doctors and nurses, attended to their needs and besides diagnoses, gave them medicines which are available at his Centre.

8. On the footprints of our Holy Parents: 8 members of St Therese of the Child Jesus OCDS community at Margao, have participated in the First World Gathering which was held at Avila, Spain. They were joined two friars from our Province who were their Spiritual Assistants, namely, Frs Lancy Mendonca and Don Tony D'Souza.



4. Tapovana, Kushalnagar

1. In preparation...: As part of the preparation for first profession, Fr. Jeevan Tauro accompanied two novices at Tapovana in a period of silence, solitude and prayer before their vows on 1 May. His generous dedication, even for two novices, reflected the spirit of authentic religious formation and reverence for each individual vocation.

2. Adieus and Welcome: The month marked the formation of a new novitiate community. Following the first religious profession of the two novices, the novitiate welcomed a new beginning. After bidding farewell to the outgoing brothers, Fr. Joachim Rodrigues formally assumed office as Novice Master, joined by Frs. Alfred, Lawrence and Sylvester, who together began their ministry of accompanying the new community in formation.

3. Spick and Span: Under the leadership of Superior Fr. Joachim Rodrigues and Bursar Fr. Sylvester Pereira, a major campus beautification drive revitalized the coffee and coconut groves. Shrubs, thorns and overgrown vegetation were carefully cleared, restoring the natural charm of the property. Within weeks, the campus was transformed into a serene and welcoming environment, reflecting thoughtful stewardship and providing a refreshing space for prayer, community life and contemplation.

5. Asha Deepa, Madanthyar

Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Celebrated with Devotion: The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was solemnly celebrated on 16 July 2026 with deep faith and devotion. The festal Eucharist at 5:00 p.m. was presided over by Fr. Deep Fernandes, with the parish and community priests concelebrating. A large number of faithful participated and prayerfully received the Brown Scapular as a sign of their devotion to Our Lady. The Fr. Superior expressed gratitude to all who contributed to the celebration. The day concluded with snacks for the faithful and a fraternal monastic meal with the priests.

6. Dhyana Sadhana, Mysore

1. Five-Week Legal Seminar: Rev. Fr Clifford Dsouza OCD travelled all the way from Tanzania to organize and conduct a comprehensive five-week legal seminar at Dhyana Sadhana from May 04-June 07. Many priests, deacons, and religious men and women participated and greatly benefited from the course.

2. Change of Guard at Dhyana Sadhana: On Sunday, the Dhyana Sadhana community welcomed its new Superior and Director, Fr Lancy Rajesh Lovis OCD, along with Fr Oswald Crasta OCD, one of the new community members. The formal charge was handed over to the new Superior by the out-going superior Fr Richard Menezes OCD and it marked the official formation of the new community. Fr Sandeep Kumar OCD, the bursar of the previous community was also present.

3. Inauguration of the Eight-Month Spirituality Course: Dhyana Sadhana inaugurated its eight-month spirituality course on the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul with the Holy Eucharist presided over by Rev. Fr. Silvestre D'Souza, Vicar Provincial. In his homily, he encouraged participants to embrace the journey of spiritual formation with openness and generosity. The programme welcomed 27 full-time participants, along with several part-time participants, marking the beginning of another enriching year of prayer and formation.



7. Dhyanaavana, Mysore

1. Inauguration of the Academic Year 2026–2027: The academic year 2026–2027 commenced on 28 June with the Holy Eucharist presided over by Fr. Silvestre D'Souza, Councillor for Spirituality. The inaugural celebration was attended by Fr. Alphonse Britto and the Dhyanaavana community. Twenty-four sisters, including residential and day scholars, began the new academic year with enthusiasm. As a gesture of welcome, each sister received a rose and a calendar, symbolizing a joyful and hope-filled beginning.

2. Under the Mantle of our Lady of Mount Carmel: Dhyanaavana celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel with a solemn Eucharistic celebration presided over by Fr. Robert Ivan D'Souza, who reflected on the feast and invested the faithful with the Brown Scapular. A festive meal and a cultural programme by the sisters concluded the joyful celebration in a spirit of faith and fraternity.

8. Divine Springs, Xellim

1. Mount Carmel Block Gets a New Look: The Mount Carmel Block has received a fresh look following the painting work undertaken by the previous community under the leadership of Fr Rovel D'Souza. The present community expresses its gratitude and continues efforts to make the house more welcoming and comfortable for those seeking spiritual renewal, rest and leisure.

2. A Vibrant Retreat Ministry: The newly formed community of four priests and a regent is committed to making the spiritual resources of the house available to the people of God. In just two months, the community conducted a rich variety of retreats, recollections and formation programmes, reaching well over 200 participants.

3. Retreats and Spiritual Programmes: From June to July, the house hosted silent retreats, contemplative-charismatic retreats, recollections and programmes on Carmelite spirituality. Religious sisters, Confirmation students, parish groups and individuals participated in programmes guided by the community friars and invited collaborators.

4. Programmes for Students and Teachers: The community also welcomed groups of young people and educators. Twenty-five Confirmation students from Rachol participated in a recollection, while 47 students from Sarzora had a retreat guided by the friars. A staff orientation programme was also organised for 27 staff members of St Antony's School, Veroda.

5. Agricultural Farm Thrives: The agricultural farm continues to receive attentive care. Recent activities include spraying the areca nut trees, de-husking and selling supari, cleaning the premises and planting vegetables. The mini-piggery has also welcomed two new additions.

6. Vibrant Chapel Ministry: The chapel ministry continues to flourish under the guidance of the parish priest, Fr Frank. The friars take turns presiding at Sunday Eucharists and weekday celebrations. Catechism, youth ministry, altar servers' activities, Bible quizzes and special celebrations have contributed to a lively and active chapel community.

7. Celebrating Our Lady of Mount Carmel: The Solemnity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on 16 July was celebrated with great joy. The celebrations included the solemn Eucharist, distribution of Scapulars and fellowship with the faithful, making the feast a particularly vibrant occasion for the local community.

Carmel in Action



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A call to abide in Christ

Every year on July 16, the Universal Church and Carmelite Family celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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For Carmelites, the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is an important Marian feast. God's joyful occasion to thank God for the countless blessings bestowed through the maternal intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

First celebrated in England during the 14th century, the feast gradually spread throughout the Carmelite Order and later became a churchwide celebration in the universal Church.

This year's pastoral theme of the *Archdiocese of Gosau and Denver*, "Abide in Me" (Jn 15:4), reminds the faithful of Carmelite spirituality. "I have loved this invitation more perfectly than Mary. As Our Lady of Mount Carmel, she teaches every Christian that abiding in Christ means listening to God's Word, maintaining faithful in prayer, participating in the Eucharist, and serving



Origins of the Carmelite Order

The Carmelite Order began in the late 12th century when Christian hermits settled on Mount Carmel in the Holy Land. Inspired by the Prophet Elijah's spirit of prayer and fidelity to God, they embraced a life of contemplation, fraternity, and service. Around 1206-1214, St. Albert of Ver-

as Mary did. The scapular invites its wearers to cultivate daily prayer, meditation on Sacred Scripture, frequent reception of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and generous service to others.

cell, Patriarch of Jerusalem, gave them a rule of life centered on allegiance to Jesus Christ through prayer, meditation on the scriptures, the Eucharist, and community life.

From the beginning, the hermits entrusted themselves to the Blessed Virgin Mary, dedicating their chapel to her and becoming known as the Brothers of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel.

Spiritual richness

The Church has consistently encouraged devotion to the brown scapular. Pope Honorius II approved the Carmelite Rule in 1226, while Pope Innocent III adapted it in 1247. St. Pius X permitted the use of the scapular medal in particular circumstances. St. John Paul II, who faithfully wore the brown scapular throughout his life, described

The gift of the brown scapular

When the Carmelites migrated to Europe in the 13th century, they experienced many hardships and prayed for Mother Mary's protection.

Originally part of the Carmelite habit, the brown scapular is now a separate garment. It is very beautiful. But it is much more than a devotional object. It is a visible sign of a personal commitment to belong to Christ under the loving care of Mary's Immaculate Heart.

Those who wear it with the Blessed Virgin, inviting the faithful to imitate her virtues of faith, humility, purity, obedience, and charity.

For those who wear the brown scapulars are reminded that they are called to abide in Christ

It is a sign of Mary's loving protection and her gift of consecration to Christ through the sacraments, including the Eucharist (John 13:10, John XXII, and St Paul VI, also promotes devotion to the Virgin Mary).

Many saints bore witness to its spiritual riches. St. Thomas Aquinas, for example, devotion to the scapular as a privilege of spiritual life.

St. Therese of Lisieux found comfort beneath Mary's maternal mantle. St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, known as the "LITTLE FLOWER OF LORAIN," lived the scapular devotion to the Virgin Mary.

Closely linked to the devotion to the scapular are the Carmelite beliefs that authentic Carmelite devotion always leads to Jesus.

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8. Involved in the Local Church: The community remains actively involved in the local Church through deanery meetings, parish ministry, youth ministry, recollections and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Fr Wilfred Rodrigues serves as Spiritual Advisor of the Canacona Deanery, further strengthening the community's collaboration with the local Church.

9. A Joyful Carmelite Community Celebration: The community celebrated the Principal Solemnity of the Order in a spirit of fraternity. Following the monthly recollection, community celebration of Reconciliation and Eucharist, the friars shared fellowship over Goan cuisine and wine before concluding the day with a joyful community walk to Pollem beach—despite the heavy downpour.

9. Ryshivana, Mangalore

1. A one month's renewable programme is being held this in July for priests and nuns concluding with a retreat. A one week's contemplative retreat for lay people was held as well in July.



10. Carmel Sannidhi, Kadaganchi

1. Distribution of Protein Food Kits to TB Patients, Aland (02 April 2026): Carmel Jyothi Public Charitable Trust organized a nutrition support programme for 30 tuberculosis (TB) patients in Aland. Each beneficiary received a protein food kit containing 30 eggs, two bottles of protein powder, and 2 kg of green gram to improve nutrition and support recovery during TB treatment. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Usman Sutar, Taluk Health Officer, Aland.

2. Free Eye Check-up and Cataract Surgery Camp, Shahabad (22 April 2026): In collaboration with Anugraha Eye Hospital, Kalaburagi, Carmel Jyothi Public Charitable Trust organized a free eye check-up and cataract surgery camp at Shahabad. The camp was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Sagar, Parish Priest of Shahabad Parish. A total of 85 people underwent eye examinations, and 6 patients received free cataract surgeries.

3. Distribution of Educational Materials, Bidar (23 April 2026): The Trust sponsored educational materials for underprivileged school children in Bidar. The students received books, notebooks, pens, pencils, water bottles, caps, towels, and tiffin boxes, encouraging them to continue their education with confidence.

4. Free Eye Check-up Camp, PHC Kadaganchi (29 April 2026): A free eye check-up camp was organized at the Primary Health Centre, Kadaganchi, by Carmel Jyothi Public Charitable Trust in collaboration with Anugraha Eye Hospital, Kalaburagi, the District Blindness Control Programme, Kalaburagi, and the Office of the Taluk Health Officer, Aland. Many villagers benefited from the camp, and 10 patients were selected for free cataract surgery. The programme was attended by Mr. Datta (Ophthalmologist), Mr. Kumar (Anugraha Eye Hospital), Mr. Neelakanta (PHC), and other staff members.

5. Housing Assistance (02 May 2026): The Trust extended financial assistance to Mrs. Prabhavathi of Aland Taluk towards the construction of her house.

6. Free Eye Check-up Camp, Bhusnoor PHC (12 May 2026): A free eye camp was successfully organized at Bhusnoor Primary Health Centre in collaboration with Anugraha Eye Hospital.

Inaugurated by Gram Panchayat President Mr. Mattanna Bilagi, the camp benefited 87 people through comprehensive eye examinations. Eighteen patients diagnosed with cataracts were referred to Anugraha Eye Hospital for free surgery, reflecting a shared commitment to compassionate healthcare and community service.

7. Educational Assistance (13 May 2026): Financial assistance was provided to the son of a prisoner to enable him to continue his Paramedical Diploma studies in Kalaburagi.

8. Free Eye and Health Screening Camp, Garoor B Village (18 May 2026): A free eye check-up and general health screening camp was jointly organized by Carmel Jyothi Public Charitable Trust, Anugraha Eye Hospital, Don Bosco Institution, Kalaburagi, and the District Blindness Control Programme. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Abhishek by watering a sapling. Seventy-two people benefited from the camp. Free medicines were distributed, and 14 patients were identified for free cataract surgery.

9. Free Eye Camp, Naronia (21 May 2026): A free eye check-up and cataract surgery camp was conducted in collaboration with Anugraha Eye Hospital and Community Health Centre, Naronia. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Savitri Sajjashetty. Around 93 people underwent eye examinations, and 20 patients were taken to Anugraha Eye Hospital for free cataract surgery.

10. Computer Training Programme for Prisoners (04 June 2026): A new batch of 30 inmates of the Central Prison, Kalaburagi, commenced a three-month computer training programme organized by Carmel Jyothi Public Charitable Trust. The programme was inaugurated by Chief Superintendent Mr. Kamble. Certificates were also distributed to the previous batch of 30 inmates who had successfully completed the course.

11. World Environment Day (05 June 2026): World Environment Day was observed at Mount Carmel CBSE School, Kadaganchi. Officers from the Aland Taluk Forest Department educated students and staff on environmental conservation, the importance of protecting forests, avoiding plastic pollution, and promoting sustainable living.

12. Educational Support for Prisoners' Children (06 June 2026): The Trust provided free books and study materials to two children of prisoner Mr. Yoginath, who are studying at Mount Carmel CBSE School, Kadaganchi.

13. Donation of LED Televisions to Central Prison (07 June 2026): Two LED televisions were donated to the Central Prison, Kalaburagi for the benefit of inmates. Chief Superintendent Mr. Kamble and Deputy Superintendents Mr. Suresh and Mr. Chennappa were present on the occasion.

14. International Domestic Workers' Day (16 June 2026): International Domestic Workers' Day was observed at Kadaganchi to recognize and appreciate the invaluable contribution of domestic workers. The programme highlighted the importance of ensuring respect, dignity, equal rights, and social protection for domestic workers.

15. International Yoga Day (21 June 2026): International Yoga Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Mount Carmel CBSE School, Kadaganchi. The programme was presided over by Rev. Fr. Cyprian Fernandes, Manager of the School. Rev. Fr. William Miranda was the Chief Guest, and Rev. Fr. Sandeep Goveas, Principal, was present along with teachers and students. Mr. Sharanappa and students demonstrated various yoga postures and breathing exercises, followed by active participation from all students.

16. Ration Support to Deaf and Mute Residential School (25 June 2026): The Trust donated essential food supplies to 73 children residing at Shriyan Deaf and Dumb Residential School, Kalaburagi. The donated items included 100 kg rice, 10 kg sugar, 10 kg atta, 15 kg cooking oil, tea powder, washing soap, detergent powder, 10 kg rava, and vegetables.

17. Release of Two Prisoners (04 July 2026): On the request of the Chief Superintendent of Central Prison, Kalaburagi, Carmel Jyothi Public Charitable Trust paid the pending fines of two prisoners whose sentences had already been completed but who remained in prison due to their inability to pay the fine. The Trust facilitated their release and reunion with society.

18. Free Dental Camp at Central Prison (08 July 2026): A free dental check-up and treatment camp was organized at the Central Prison, Kalaburagi in collaboration with Al-Badar Dental College and Hospital. The programme was inaugurated by Chief Superintendent Mr. Kamble by watering a sapling. Dr. Sangeetha, Head of the Department, along with a team of ten dental professionals, provided dental examinations, treatment, and free medicines to inmates.

19. Workers' Identity Card Registration Camp (11 July 2026): A Workers' Identity Card Registration Camp was organized at Kadaganchi in collaboration with the Labour Commission of Gulbarga Diocese. Sr. Cynthia explained the benefits of labour cards, the application process, required documents, and government welfare schemes. Eighteen labourers received their identity cards on the same day.

20. Our Lady Honoured (16 July 2026): Feast of our Lady of Mount Carmel was celebrated at Kadaganchi. Fr. Vincent, Parish Priest of Chittapur was the main celebrant. He preached beautiful homily about mount Carmel and about our mission. More than 150 people were present. After the mass there was fellowship meal served to all the people. Priests and religious of our deanery were present

11. Carmel Niketan, Bangalore

1. Honouring the Mother with the Sisters:

The Carmelites of the Geddalahalli, together with the CSST Sisters, celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on 16 July at the CSST Generalate. Fr. Rovel delivered a reflection on the relevance of Carmelite spirituality in today's world, followed by the Holy Eucharist presided over by Fr. Jesvin



Tom Benoy. The celebration concluded with a shared meal, strengthening bonds of fraternity, gratitude and joyful fellowship.

12. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Talegaon

1. Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel: The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was celebrated with deep devotion on 19 July at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Talegaon, Pune. The celebrations began with the hoisting of the church flag, followed by a well-attended nine-day novena. The Solemn Eucharistic Celebration was presided over by



Most Rev. Bishop Simon Almeida, Bishop of Poona, with Carmelite Fathers from Mira Road, Vasai, and Grace Villa concelebrating. The feast concluded with a cultural programme and fellowship, fostering faith, unity, and Marian devotion.

Carmel Across Continents

Parish Snapshots: Coffs Harbour, Australia

01. A Night of New Life: St Augustine's Celebrates Record 11 Adult Baptisms

St. Augustine's Parish, Coffs Harbour, celebrated a memorable Easter Vigil on 4 April as 11 adults were baptized into the Catholic Church, marking the largest number of adult baptisms recorded in the Lismore Diocese. Fr. Joe D'Souza presided over the liturgy and administered the Sacrament of Baptism, while Fr. Vinod Lobo reflected on Christ, the Light of the World. The joyful celebration was a powerful witness to the transforming grace of the Gospel.



02. Birthday Blessings for Fr Joe

St. Augustine's Parish joyfully celebrated the birthday of Parish Administrator Fr. Joe D'Souza on 1 May with a Thanksgiving Mass and the heartfelt wishes of parishioners. Fr. Vinod acknowledged his dedicated pastoral ministry, while parish staff hosted a celebratory gathering. The day concluded with the Carmelite community offering prayers of gratitude for Fr. Joe's life, vocation and leadership.

03. A Heartfelt Tribute to Mothers

On 10 May 2026, St Augustine's Parish celebrated Mother's Day with joy and gratitude, honouring all the mothers of the parish. Fr Vinod Lobo presided over the celebration and, in his homily, reflected on the precious role of mothers and their selfless love, care, and dedication in the family and community. The liturgy included special prayers for all mothers, giving thanks for their countless sacrifices and blessings. At the conclusion of the Mass, each mother was presented with a special gift as a token of appreciation and gratitude. It was a beautiful celebration that recognized and honoured the love, strength, and faith of mothers who continue to inspire their families and the parish community.



04. A Celebration of Faith and Freedom

The East Timorese community gathered at St. Francis Xavier Church, Woolgoolga, on 23 May to celebrate the restoration of Timor-Leste's independence with a Thanksgiving Mass on the eve of Pentecost. Fr. Vinod Lobo presided and reflected on the connection between freedom

Together in Discernment



Bursars Meeting at Ryshivana



Superiors and Formators Meeting at Ryshivana



Superiors' Training Program at Ryshivana



IPCI Meeting at Sadbhavana



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Principals and Managers Meeting at Sadbhavana



Social Mission Meeting at Sadbhavana

and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Joyful hymns and prayer beautifully expressed the community's faith, gratitude and cultural heritage.

05. Pentecost: A Celebration of Unity in Diversity

St Augustine's Parish celebrated a joyful Multicultural Pentecost on 24 May, bringing together parishioners from many nations in faith and fellowship. Fr. Vinod Lobo presided over the Eucharist, highlighting the Holy Spirit's power to unite diverse communities. Prayers in ten languages, cultural performances, traditional attire and shared cuisine beautifully reflected the richness of the parish's multicultural family.



06. Young Hearts Meet the Eucharistic Lord



Around 110 children from St Augustine's and St Francis Xavier Churches joyfully received their First Holy Communion during four weekend Masses on 13–14 June. Fr. Vinod Lobo presided over the celebrations, reflecting on the Eucharist's central place in Christian life. The children received commemorative certificates and gifts, and the joyful occasion concluded with the cutting of a celebratory cake.

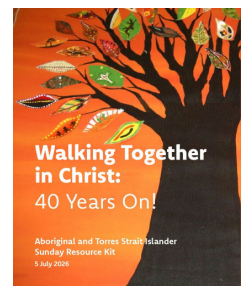
07. A New Chapter in Ministry



The parish communities of St Augustine's, Coffs Harbour, and St Francis Xavier, Woolgoolga, warmly welcomed the appointment of Fr. Vinod Lobo as Assistant Priest, effective 18 June 2026. Appointed by Bishop Gregory Homeming OCD, Fr. Vinod now joins Fr. Joe D'Souza in pastoral ministry, with parishioners assuring him of their prayers and support in his new mission.

08. Walking Together in Christ

St Augustine's Parish joined the Catholic Church across Australia in celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday on 5 July. Reflecting the theme, "Walking Together in Christ: 40 Years On," the parish offered special prayers in thanksgiving for the faith, culture and enduring witness of Australia's First Nations peoples, reaffirming its commitment to reconciliation, justice and unity.



09. Celebrating the Beauty and Grace of Carmel



The parish communities of St Augustine's and St Francis Xavier joyfully celebrated the Solemnity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on 18–19 July. Following a nine-day novena, the Carmelite friars led the weekend Eucharistic celebrations, reflecting on Mary's virtues, the Carmelite heritage and the Scapular devotion. Blessed Brown Scapulars were distributed after each Mass, inviting the faithful to deepen their commitment to prayer, faith and discipleship under Our Lady's maternal protection.

10. Strengthened by the Spirit: Sacrament of Confirmation



St. Augustine's Parish, Coffs Harbour, rejoiced as 120 children received the Sacrament of Confirmation during celebrations on 22–23 July. Delegated by the Bishop, Fr. Joe D'Souza conferred the sacrament and encouraged parents to nurture their children's faith through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The newly confirmed received certificates and commemorative

mementoes, marking a joyful milestone in their Christian journey and strengthening them as faithful witnesses of Christ

Echoes from Italy

Easter Gathering of KG Province Friars in Italy

The friars of the Karnataka–Goa Province serving in Italy gathered for their Easter reunion at Santa Maria della Scala, Rome, on 9–10 April 2026. Friars from Empoli, Lucca and Teresianum joined the host community for prayer, Eucharistic celebrations and fraternal fellowship. The



gathering also included a walking pilgrimage to lesser-known churches of Rome and a traditional Goan breakfast. The presence of Definitor Fr. Pius D'Souza enriched the celebration. The reunion concluded with a fraternal meal, joyful recreation and words of gratitude from Rector Fr. Ambrose D'Souza.

From Canadian Shores

1. - Books of Rev. Fr. Rudolf V. D'Souza

1. **EKSURE SUVATEK YEYA**, A Konkani Translation of 'Come To A Lonely Place' book by Dr. Rudolf Valerian D'Souza, was released on Easter Sunday 2026 at Infant Jesus Shrine Mangalore.



2. **Devil of the Mind**, An English Translation of Konkani Book **THEKLENTHLO DEUNSAR** by Rev. Fr. Rudolf V. Dsouza, released by Rev. Fr. John Sequeira OCD, at Cloistered Carmel Bogadi, Mysore on April 26 2026.

3. **KOXTT DOGDANCHEM AGTTEM**, A Konkani Translation of 'Crucible of Suffering' book by Victor Alvares, Mangalore released at Mount Carmel Spirituality Centre, by Rev. Fr. Christophe Marie, the Definitor General of the Discalced Carmelites on July 16th 2026.

2. Vancouver, Canada

1. 40th Priestly Ordination Anniversary Celebration

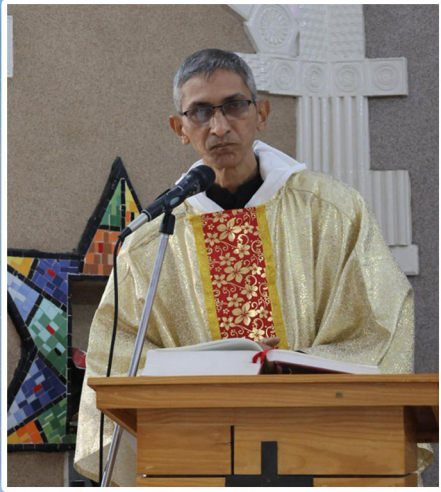
The Carmelite Community of St Mary of Jesus Crucified joyfully celebrated the 40th anniversary of Fr. John's priestly ordination on 1 May with a Thanksgiving Mass and festive reception. Rev. Msgr. Gregory Smith reflected on the beauty of priestly vocation in his homily. Carmelite communities,



XVI Provincial Chapter - Ascending Together: Moments from the XVI Provincial Chapter

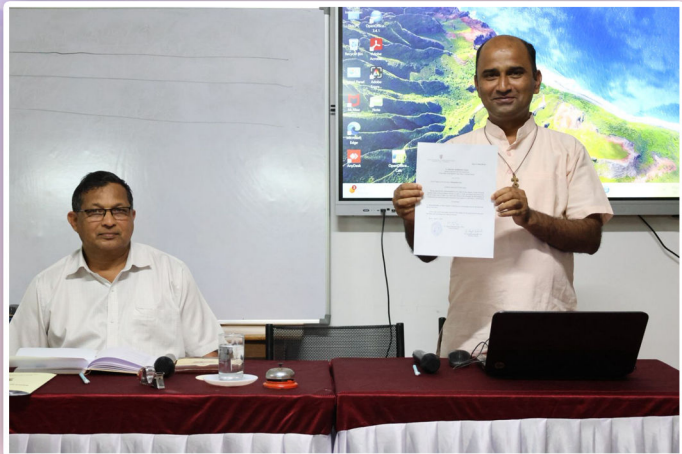












clergy, parishioners, family and friends gathered in gratitude for Fr. John's faithful ministry. The celebration featured video greetings from the Superior General and Provincial, messages of appreciation, cultural performances and music, making the occasion a heartfelt expression of thanksgiving, fraternity and enduring service.

2. Golden Jubilee of Birth - Celebration



The Carmelite community of St. Mary of Jesus Crucified joyfully celebrated the Golden Jubilee of Life of Fr. Victor Fernandes on 23 July. The day began with Morning Prayer and a Thanksgiving Mass, where Fr. Cannio Cardozo reflected on gratitude and dedicated service. A second Eucharistic celebration at St. Paul's Hospital brought together staff and patients. The festivities concluded with a community potluck attended by Carmelite friars, clergy, parishioners, family and friends. Marked by prayer, fellowship and thanksgiving, the celebration honoured Fr. Victor's faithful ministry and prayed for God's continued blessings upon his life.

From the Rainbow Land: South Africa

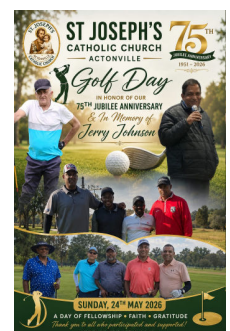
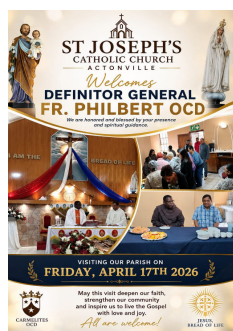
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Shrine Celebrates Feast and 10th Anniversary: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Shrine joyfully celebrated its patronal feast and the 10th anniversary of the Shrine on 18-19 July 2026. Centred on the theme, "The Mystical Life is for Everyone," the celebration also commemorated the Carmelite Order's jubilees of St. John of the Cross. Following a three-day Triduum, Bishop Amos Mabuti Masemola presided over the solemn Eucharist. Ten evergreen trees were planted to mark the anniversary, while the Carmel Festival drew thousands of pilgrims for prayer, fellowship and celebration, reflecting the Shrine's decade-long mission of spiritual renewal and hope.

News from St Joseph's Parish, Actonville, Johannesburg, South Africa

1. April 12: Divine Mercy Sunday: Divine Mercy Sunday was celebrated with great devotion with adoration and procession.

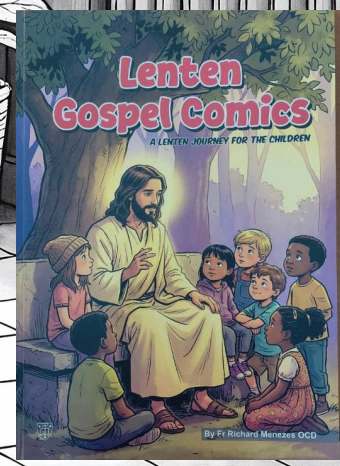
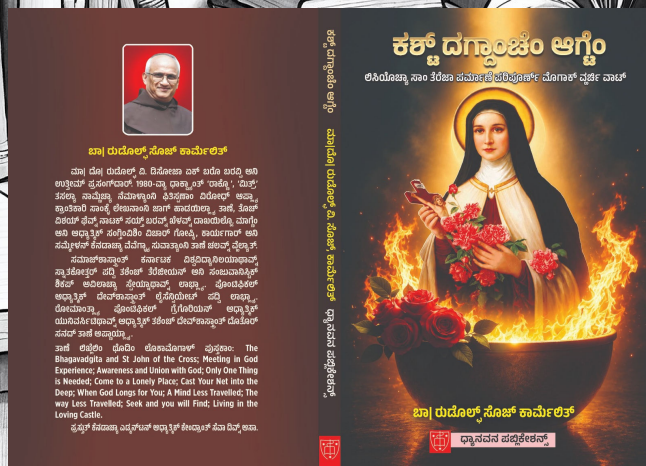
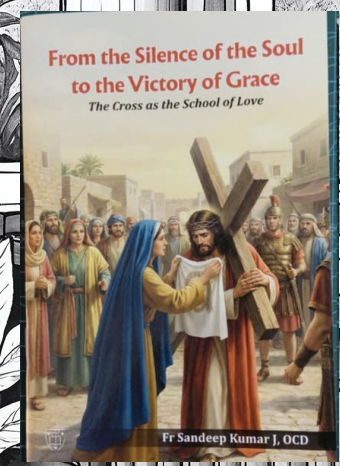
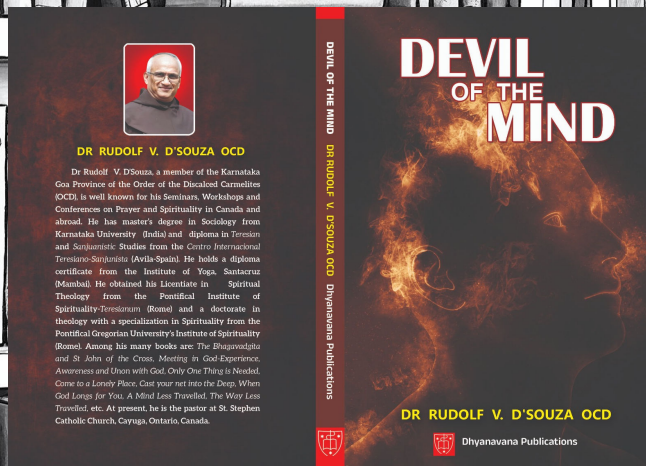
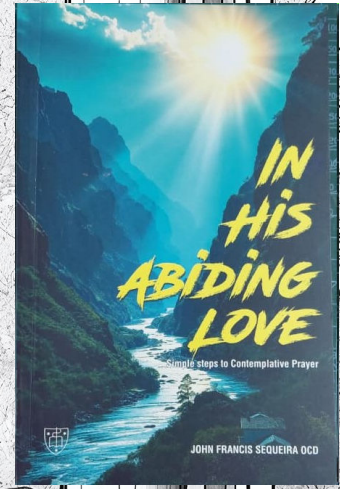
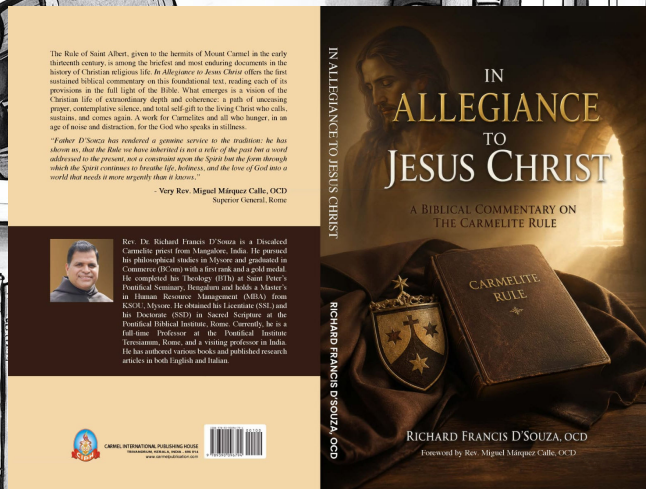
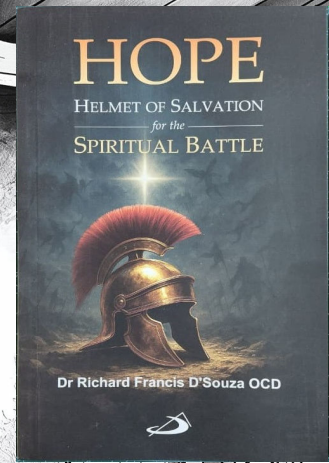
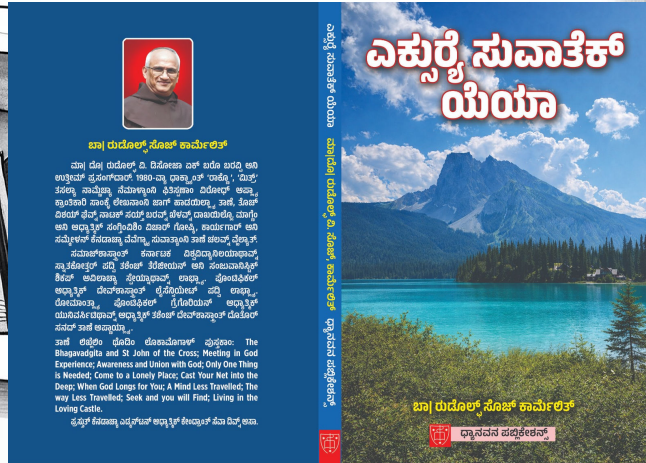
2. April 17: Visit of the Definitor General: Definitor General Rev Fr Philbert visited the parish as he was on his pastoral visitation of the mission. He celebrated the mass with the faithful and after the mass we had fellowship sharing with the breakfast where people interacted with him and shared the news of the parish.

3. May 10: Year of Jubilee: The parish of St Joseph Actonville celebrated the 75th jubilee of the parish building foundation. His Grace Emeritus Buti Tlhagale presided over the celebration of the mass in the absence of Cardinal Stephen Brislin. A spirit filled liturgy was organized with great devotion.



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4. May 13: Our Lady of Fatima Honoured: On the feast of Our Lady of Fatima, mass was celebrated in the evening and a candle light procession was organized with the statue of Our Lady of Fatima.

5. May 24: Golf Day: Golf day was organized by the parish through the support of the donors to raise funds for the parish. A substantial amount of collection was made through this fundraising. It will be used for the renovation of the hall and for other works of the parish.

6. July 11: Child Safeguarding workshop: Child Safeguarding workshop was organized on Deanery level at our parish. More than 150 people participated from various parishes. The arrangement was acclaimed by the Archdiocesan team who came to conduct the workshop. At the end of the workshop all those who are working with the children had to go through the vetting process.



7. July 26: Introducing the Child safeguarding committee: The Child Safeguarding committee was introduced in the parish as a requirement from the Archdiocese. The committee includes, PPC and PFC chairpersons, a Police and a lawyer for legal purposes, a nurse for medical purposes, a social worker for child counselling and the catechism coordinator.

5. Vicariate of Tanzania

Fr. General fraternal visitation in Tanzania: From 28 June to 3 July 2026, the Vicariate of Tanzania joyfully welcomed Fr. General after many years. During his visit, he met the friars and members of the Secular Carmelites and visited communities in Dar es Salaam, Morogoro and Dodoma, while representatives from Mbeya and Songea also gathered to meet him. On 2 July, Fr. General addressed the members of the Vicariate, followed by a Eucharistic celebration. The visit was a memorable occasion of joy, fraternity and encouragement for the Vicariate.



Whispers from the Cloister

1. Cloistered Carmel, Bogadi, Mysuru

On 21 April 2026: The Cloistered Carmel, Mysore, was privileged to receive the visit of Mother Theresita, the President, and Sr. Anna of Baroda Carmel. The two Sisters were in Mysore to participate in the Provincial Chapter, which was held at Dhyana Sadhana.

On 22 April 2026: The Cloistered Carmel, Mysore, was blessed to celebrate a solemn Thanksgiving Mass at 6:30 a.m., presided over by the newly elected Provincial, Rev. Fr. John Sequeira, along with his Councillors. The celebration was further enriched by the presence of Rev. Fr. Silvester D'Souza, Vice Provincial, who joyfully celebrated both his birthday and the anniversary of his ordination. The occasion was one of great joy and thanksgiving and concluded with a fraternal breakfast fellowship.

On 15 July 2026: Most Rev. Dr. Francis Serrao, SJ, Bishop of Mysore, presided over the solemn Eucharistic celebration at 4:30 p.m. in honour of the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. He was joined by priests from neighbouring parishes and various religious congregations, while numerous

religious sisters, friends and benefactors also gathered for the celebration. Following the Holy Mass, the statue of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was solemnly installed in the portico. The joyful occasion concluded with a fellowship gathering over tea, shared with all the faithful present.

On 20 July 2026: The Cloistered Carmel, Mysore, joyfully celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of the religious profession of Sr. Veronica, marking sixty years of her faithful commitment to the Lord. The occasion was celebrated in a simple and intimate family gathering. Her brother, Rev. Fr. Anthony Pollakat, OCD, presided over the Eucharistic celebration at 10:30 a.m., joined by family members and members of the community. The celebration concluded with a felicitation programme and a fellowship meal, during which all joined in giving thanks to God for His abundant blessings and for Sr. Veronica's sixty years of dedicated religious life.



2. Sacred Heart Monastery, Cloistered Carmel, Mangaluru

1. Heart speaks unto heart: On 12 June 2026, the Cloistered Carmel Sisters of Mangalore celebrated the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, the titular feast of the monastery. Rt. Rev. Dr. Peter Paul Saldanha, Bishop of Mangalore, presided over the Holy Eucharist, assisted by several concelebrating priests. In his homily, the Bishop reflected on God's unconditional and abiding love, drawing inspiration from St. John Henry Newman's motto, "Heart Speaks unto Heart." The chapel was filled with faithful, who later joined the Bishop and priests in extending their feast-day greetings to the Sisters.

2. Brothers and Sisters Live in Unity: On 1 July 2026, the Cloister Convent Kankanady, Mangalore joyfully welcomed thirty-six Carmelite priests for the morning Eucharistic celebration. The priests, who had gathered at Ryshivana for their Superiors' Meeting, were invited to celebrate Mass at the monastery at the request of the Mother Prioress. The occasion provided an opportunity for the sisters and priests to strengthen their fraternal bonds. After a fellowship breakfast, the priests departed for Ryshivana to continue their meeting.

3. "Arise, My Love, My Beautiful One, and Come Away": On 03 July 2026, Sr. Marie Celine peacefully passed away after a prolonged illness. Her funeral Mass was celebrated on 04 July by Rt. Rev. Dr. Peter Paul Saldanha, Bishop of Mangalore, following which she was laid to rest. Sr. Marie Celine was remembered as a humble, prayerful and devoted religious who faithfully served God and the Carmelite community for many years. Numerous messages of condolence expressed gratitude for her dedicated life and offered prayers for her eternal repose.



3. Carmel Matha Ashram, Hassan

1. The titular feast of Mt. Carmel: On 16 July 2026, Carmel Matha Ashram, Hassan, joyfully celebrated the titular feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Most Rev. Dr. T. Antony Swamy, Bishop of Chikmagalur, presided over the concelebrated Holy Eucharist, joined by seventeen diocesan priests. A three-day preparation was held from



Celebrating Life, Celebrating Brotherhood



13 to 15 July. Following the festal Mass, scapulars were distributed to the faithful, and a meal was served to all. The celebration was a joyful occasion of faith and thanksgiving for the Carmelite community and the faithful.

2. 95th Birthday of Rev. Sr Ann Therese: The Sisters of Hassan Carmel had the joy of celebrating the 95th Birthday of Rev.Sr. Ann Therese on the 21st of July. It was a day of celebration for the Carmel of Hassan to celebrate the Birthday along with her Family. Sr. Ann Therese has contributed a lot being the pioneer of this Carmel and for the spiritual growth of the Monastery.



4. Carmel of St. Joseph, Kurnool

1. In the recently concluded elections at Kurnool Carmel, Rev. Sr. Grace of Jesus was elected Mother Prioress, Rev. Sr. Maria Johanna Tuny of the Holy Trinity as First Councillor, and Rev. Sr. Therese of the Child Jesus as Second Councillor. Though the community is not under the jurisdiction of the Province, the friars have long shared a close spiritual and pastoral bond with it. The newly elected leadership was warmly congratulated and assured of prayers as they undertake their responsibility of guiding the community.



2. On 31 May 2026, the Common Novitiate Programme at Kurnool concluded with a day of thanksgiving, prayer and joyful fellowship. Rt. Rev. Dr. Johannes Gorantla, OCD, Bishop of Kurnool, presided over the concluding Eucharistic celebration and reflected on the mystery of the Holy Trinity and the call to communion. The closing programme featured Living Flame, a creative presentation by the novices on the life and spirituality of St. John of the Cross. Mother Anna of Jesus, Federal Formator, presented a report on the novitiate year, while the Bishop and Rev. Fr Charles Serrao OCD, expressed

their appreciation to all who contributed to the programme. The day concluded with Eucharistic adoration, recreation and fellowship, bringing the Common Novitiate Programme to a prayerful and memorable close.

Carmel Beyond the Habit

1. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Community, Margao

1. A Joy-Filled Day of Fellowship: OCDS Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Picnic at Quepem ,Goa: On 3 May 2026, the Our Lady of Mount Carmel OCDS Community, Margao, organised a joyful picnic at Quepem, Goa. Members gathered for a day of fellowship, recreation and shared meals. The swimming pool and water slide were especially enjoyed by the children and adults alike, while games such as Housie and "Clap" added to the cheerful atmosphere. The gathering provided a welcome opportunity for the members to strengthen their bonds of friendship and community, concluding as a memorable day of joy, unity and togetherness.



2. Apostolate, Works of Charity & Service: During May and June 2026, the community carried out various charitable initiatives in support of the poor, sick and vulnerable. Dry rations were distributed to those in need, including people living on the streets and residents of orphanages. Financial assistance was also extended to patients undergoing dialysis and to persons affected by paralysis. Through these acts of service, the community sought to express Christian compassion and mercy, offering practical support and care to those experiencing hardship and suffering.

3. Gratitude towards Spiritual Assistant: On 30 May 2026, the Our Lady of Mount Carmel OCDS Community, Margao, gathered to express gratitude to Rev. Fr. Diogo Proença for his dedicated service as Spiritual Assistant. Members from Chicalim also joined the celebration, which included prayer, hymns, a skit and heartfelt sharing. A spiritual bouquet was presented as a token of love and prayer, followed by a special blessing as Fr. Diogo prepared to begin his new mission. The gathering was a joyful occasion of appreciation, fraternity and thanksgiving.

4. Consecration of Monastery and OCDS Community: During the June 2026 fraternity meeting, the monastery and the OCDS community were consecrated to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. The solemn act, held in preparation for the Feast of the Chaste Heart of St. Joseph, marked a grace-filled moment of prayer and renewal. The consecration deepened the spiritual life of the members and strengthened their unity, renewing their commitment to live in love, purity and faithful service to God.

5. July 16: Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel: On 16 July, the Carmelite family celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel with deep devotion and joy. During the Eucharistic Celebration, the Definitive Members renewed their promises, reaffirming their lifelong commitment to the Carmelite vocation. The celebration provided a grace-filled opportunity for the community to renew its faith and devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel, deepening its trust in her maternal care and guidance and strengthening the commitment of all to live their vocation with greater fidelity.

6. Grandparents Day Celebration – OCDS Margao: On 19 July 2026, the Our Lady of Mount Carmel OCDS Community, Margao, held its monthly meeting and celebrated Grandparents Day in advance. The gathering included the Chaplet of the Precious Blood, the Liturgy of the Hours, meditation and formation sessions, along with the celebration of members' birthdays. Grandparents were specially honoured through songs and a cake-cutting ceremony. The occasion provided a joyful opportunity for prayer, gratitude and fellowship, recognising grandparents as pillars of faith and family life.



2. St Therese of Lisieux Community, Margao

A day filled with Joy and Togetherness: On 26 April 2025, the St Thérèse of the Child Jesus OCDS Community held a joyful picnic at Greenfield Inn, Varca. Members enjoyed swimming, games, dancing, Antakshari and other recreational activities, fostering a spirit of fellowship and togetherness. The gathering was further enriched by the presence of their Spiritual Assistant, Fr. Don Tony D'Souza. The enthusiastic participation of all contributed to a memorable day marked by joy, laughter, unity and fraternal fellowship.



3. Mother of God Community, Pune

1. Seminar on Liturgy of the Hours – Rev. Dr

Rudolf Raj Pinto OCD: On 21 June 2026, an OCDS seminar on the Liturgy of the Hours was held at the Monastery of God the Father, Cloistered Carmel, Ramwadi, Pune, under the guidance of Fr. Lancy Mendonca, OCD. Fr. Rudolph Raj Pinto, OCD, led the sessions, explaining the structure, significance and proper celebration of the Divine Office and encouraging the members to remain faithful to this important aspect of their Carmelite vocation. The programme included prayer, fellowship, Evening Prayer with the Cloistered Sisters and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, leaving the participants spiritually enriched and inspired.



2. Induction of Seven New OCDS candidates into Aspirancy:

On 12 July 2026, the Mother of Divine Grace OCDS Community at Ramwadi, Pune, joyfully welcomed seven new candidates into Aspirancy. The Rite of Admittance was presided over by Fr. Lancy Mendonca, OCD, Spiritual Assistant, during which the candidates expressed their desire to begin formation in the Secular Order and received the OCDS emblem. The gathering also included Vespers

with the Cloistered Carmel Sisters, fellowship and prayers for the new aspirants. The community concluded the meeting with gratitude to God and prayers for their faithful perseverance in the Carmelite vocation.

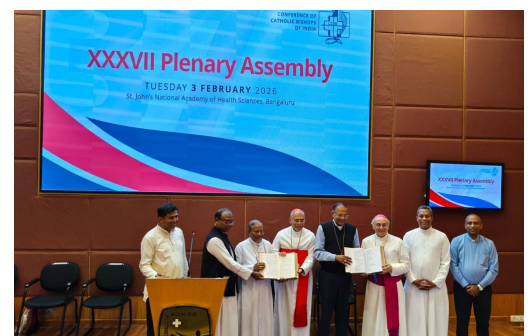
4. St Teresa of Avila Community, Mapusa

Induction to OCDS: On 05 July 2026, the St Teresa of Avila OCDS Community, Peddem, Mapusa, Goa, joyfully celebrated the admission and profession of several members. Mr. Louis Sebastian D'Souza and Mrs. Judith D'Souza made their Temporary Promises, while Mr. Charles Basil Pinho and Mrs. Priscilla Rose Pinho entered Initial Formation-I and received the Small Brown Scapular. Ten other members renewed their Temporary Promises. The Eucharistic celebration was presided over by Fr. Silvestre D'Souza, followed by a fellowship gathering with family, friends and members of the Carmelite community.



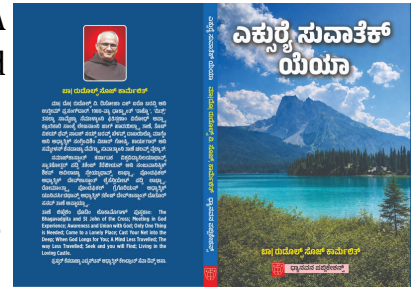
Celebrating Milestones

1. A Landmark Contribution to the Konkani Missal: Fr. (Dr.) Rudolph Raj Pinto, OCD, Executive Secretary of the CCBI Liturgy Commission, played a pivotal role in contributing to the New Revised Edition of the Konkani Missal. The landmark text was officially released on February 5, 2026, by Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Leopold Girelli during the CCBI Plenary Assembly in Bengaluru. Released in both Romi and Kannada scripts, the new Missal expands liturgical access for Konkani-speaking faithful



2. Fr. Rudolf V. D'Souza's New Book Released on Easter Sunday: A

A new book by Fr. Rudolf V. D'Souza, *Come to a Lonely Place*, was released on Easter Sunday under the banner of Dhyanaavana Publications, Bengaluru. The book offers practical reflections on prayer and the pursuit of inner serenity, highlighting the importance of discipline, spiritual reading, exercise and the daily practice of the presence of God. It also encourages readers to discover God in nature, recognise and develop their God-given talents, and share them generously with others. Emphasising the values of compassion, love and kindness, the book offers practical guidance for cultivating a deeper spiritual life and greater serenity amid the demands of daily living.



3. Fr. Manoj Braganza, OCD, Awarded Doctorate in Philosophy:

Rev. Fr. Manoj Braganza, OCD, was awarded a Doctorate in Philosophy from the Pontificio Ateneo Sant'Anselmo. He successfully defended his doctoral thesis, titled "Virtual Reality and Eudaimonia: A Philosophical Inquiry into the Ontological, Anthropological, and Ethical Questions Related to Virtual Reality," before the faculty. In recognition of his outstanding academic work, he was conferred the doctoral degree summa cum laude.

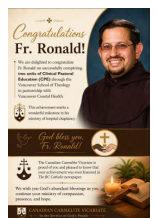
4. Fr. Canute Tauro, OCD, Awarded Doctorate: Fr. Canute Tauro, OCD, was

awarded a Ph.D. by De La Salle University, Manila, Philippines. His doctoral dissertation, "Well-being among Mothers of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in Karnataka, India," explored the lived experiences and well-being of mothers raising children with autism within a collectivistic and interdependent cultural context. The study offered valuable insights into the challenges and experiences of mothers caring for children with ASD in Karnataka.



5. Fr. Rayan Teeshan Pinto, OCD, Completes LL.M.: Rev. Fr. Rayan Teeshan Pinto, OCD, successfully completed his Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Constitutional and Administrative Law from Christ University, Bengaluru, securing a CGPA of 3.53 out of 4.00. He was conferred the degree during the Convocation Ceremony held on 29 May 2026. His academic achievement reflects his commitment to higher education and intellectual formation, and is a matter of joy for the Karnataka-Goa Province.

5. Fr. Ronald Sequeira Completes Clinical Pastoral Education: Rev. Fr. Ronald Sequeira successfully completed two units of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) through the Vancouver School of Theology in partnership with Vancouver Coastal Health. This achievement marks an important milestone in his ministry of hospital chaplaincy and reflects his commitment to pastoral care and service.



7. Fr. Richard Menezes OCD Publishes Lenten Gospel Comics:

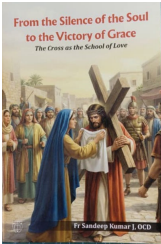
Fr. Richard Menezes OCD, Director of Dhyana Sadhana, marked a significant achievement with the publication of Lenten Gospel Comics, a unique and child-friendly resource designed to help young readers encounter the Gospel meaningfully during Lent. Released on 19 February 2026 at the Infant Jesus Shrine, Bikarnakatte, Mangaluru, the book presents the daily Gospel through engaging narratives, creative illustrations and practical reflections.

Drawing together religious formation and psychological insight, the publication offers children a simple and enriching way to journey with Jesus towards the Cross and the joy of Easter.



8. Rev. Fr Ajay Nazareth OCD , a member of our Province, has been elected First Provincial Councillor (he was the fourth provincial councillor in the last triennium) of Navarra Province, Spain. We appreciate him and assure our prayers as he takes on this new mission!

9. Rev. Fr. Ambrose D'Souza OCD, Rector of Santa Maria della Scala community in Rome has been elected as the Second Councillor of the Centro Italia Province. We extend our congratulations to Fr Ambrose, and pray God's abundant blessings on him!



10. Rev. Fr. Sandeep Kumar's latest book, *From the Silence of the Soul to the Victory of Grace: Way of the Cross*, based on the Spirituality of the Saints, was released at Dhyana Sadhana. The book was formally unveiled by Rev. Fr. Joy Francis. Rooted deeply in the rich spiritual heritage of the St John of The Cross, St Francis of Assisi, St Therese of Child Jesus and St Anthony of Padua, the work offers profound meditations on the Way of the Cross, guiding readers from interior silence to the transforming triumph of grace.

Travel Information

Arrivals:

- 08 April 2026 - Fr Rayan Pais from South Africa
- 08 April 2026 - Fr Rohan Miranda - from Canada
- 10 April 2026 - Fr Alexandar Braganza from Canada
- 10 April 2026 - Fr Anthony Stephen from South Africa
- 11 April 2026 - Fr Ivan Monteiro from Canada
- 13 April 2026 - Fr Rajesh D'Souza from Canada
- 13 April 2026 - Fr Sunil D'Souza from Canada
- 14 April 2026 - Fr Rudolf V. D'Souza from Canada
- 19 April 2026 - Fr Clifford D'Souza from Tanzania
- 21 April 2026 - Fr Roshan Pinto from Tanzania
- 29 Apr 2026 - Fr Joyson Saldanha from Tanzania
- 04 May 2026 - Fr Joe D'Souza from Australia
- 05 May 2026 - Fr Victor Fernandes from Canada
- 06 May 2026 - Fr Victor Fernandes from Canada
- 25 May 2026: Fr Babush Rodrigues from Italy

09 June - Fr Venil D'Souza From Canada

23 June 2026 - Fr Noel D'Cunha from UK

25 June 2026 - Fr Canute Tauro from Philippines

01 July 2026 - Fr Manoj Braganza from Italy

Departure:

12 Apr 2026 - Fr Rajesh Madtha to Canada

06 May 2026: Fr Alexander Braganza to Canada

20 May 2026 - Fr Sunil D'souza to Canada

05 June 2026 - Fr Victor Fernandes (Jr) to Canada

13 June 2026 - Fr Joe D'Souza to Australia

19 June 2026 - Fr Ruban KV to Italy

19 June 2026 - Fr Roshan Pinto to Tanzania

01 July 2026 - Fr Babush Rodrigues to Italy

03 July 2026 - Fr Regan Paul D'Souza to Italy

14 July 2026 - Fr Clifford D'Souza to Tanzania

Provincial's Calendar

September 2026

14-19 – Retreat at Ryshivana, Mangalore

18-27 - South Africa

28-18 October - Tanzania Vicariate Congress and Visits

October 2026

21-22 – Provincial Council at Sadbhavana

23 - Infant Jesus Shrine Committee Meeting

November 2026

04 - Elections at Andheri Carmel

09-15 - Retreat to OCD Sisters – Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand

23-28 - Young Priests' Meeting at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Talegaon

26 - Meeting with Bishops of Gujarat at Gandhinagar

27 - Elections at Baroda Carmel

30 – Provincial Council at Divine Springs, Xellim

December 2026

- 01-02 – Superiors' Meeting at Divine Springs, Xellim
- 03 Dec – Parish priests' Meeting at Divine Springs, Xellim
- 04-05 – Provincial Council at Divine Springs, Xellim
- 06 – Mass at St Joseph Vas Shrine, Mudipu
- 14 – Mass at Chicalim Carmel
- Definitive Promises - St Therese of the Child Jesus community, Margao
- 26-27 – Scholastics' Meet at St Joseph's Monastery, Mangalore

Consolidated Programme**September 2026**

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Thanking you

Fraternally Yours in Carmel,



Fr John Francis Sequeira OCD

Provincial Superior

