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Our Lady of Mt. Carmel



St. Teresa of Avila



St. John of the Cross



St. Joseph

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HAPPY SILVER JUBILEE!



Congratulations to our Provincial Delegate!

On Sunday, November 15, 2015 St. Edmund's Parish had a triple celebration. They celebrated the Feast of St. Edmund of Abingdon, the 25th Anniversary of the Religious Profession of their beloved Pastor, Fr. Jerald D'Souza OCD and his birthday. The day began with 11:00 a.m. Mass with Fr. Jerry as the celebrant and concelebrants Father Tim McCarthy and Father James Comey (retired priests from North Shore deanery) who were invited to surprise him. The Grand Knight and an Honour Guard were there for the procession with the priests and many of the altar servers who were excited and honoured to be part of the celebration. At the Mass the children from the Children's Liturgy presented Fr. Jerry with a basket of cards and a beautiful little replica of the church. The church was full to capacity with parishioners and many Secular Carmelites of the Lower Mainland who attended to show their love and dedication to Fr. Jerry, their Provincial Delegate.

After Mass everyone went to the parish hall for a reception in the hall which was beautifully decorated with posters of past and recent events. Parishioner Peter



Nation emceed and read excerpts of letters from Archbishop Michael Miller CSB, Provincial Father Charles Serrao OCD and all the Canadian Carmelite friars. The letters were placed in an album and presented to Fr. Jerry as a keepsake. The principal of the school and some students also made a presentation. Representatives of the Lower Mainland Secular Carmelites presented cards with spiritual bouquets. Molly Diaz OCDS acknowledged and thanked Fr. Jerry for his ongoing spiritual guidance and support and presented him with flowers. She also thanked the wonderful parishioners for including the Secular Carmelites in their celebration.

Fr. Jerry was deeply touched and thanked everyone who helped to organize a wonderful and memorable celebration. He also thanked everyone for their presence and making him feel so loved and special. He cut the special cakes and everyone then enjoyed the scrumptious luncheon prepared and beautifully presented by the CWL ladies. The atmosphere was joyful and uplifting and everyone enjoyed themselves. Parishioners and Secular Carmelites are all so blessed to have Fr. Jerry as their shepherd.







CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU, FR. JERRY!



Fr. Provincial begins Pastoral Visitation in Canada

Rev. Fr. Charles Serrao OCD, our Provincial, arrived into Vancouver on October 6, 2015 for his Pastoral Visitation. He was greeted by Fr. Rudolf D'Souza for his stay at the Guardian Angels Rectory. He later joined Fr. Jerald D'Souza who arranged a delicious dinner for the occasion. Also present were Fr. Rajesh Madtha and Fr. Jaison Tellis. Fr. Provincial left next morning to continue his pastoral visitation in Prince George, Calgary and Armstrong. He officiated at the Ceremonies of the St. Joseph Community, Calgary and St. Teresa of Jesus of the Andes Community, Vernon. He also joined the Sisters of the St. Joseph Monastery, Armstrong in their celebration of the V Centenary of the Birth of St. Teresa of Jesus.



*500th Centenary of the Birth of
Saint Teresa of Jesus*

OCTOBER 15, 2014 - OCTOBER 15, 2015



500
500th CENTENARY
SAINT TERESA
OF JESUS



The Holy Father Francis

cordially imparts the requested

Apostolic Blessing to

Discalced Carmelites

Friars and Sons of the Order

and Members of the Secular Order

and through the intercession of the Virgin Mary
invokes an abundance of divine graces

15 October 2013 **St. Edmund's Parish, North Vancouver, BC** of **Avila**

St. Edmund's Parish, North Vancouver, BC

For further information, see 22.05.2013

+ Cardinal Vincenzo

Archbishop of Vancouver



PROGRAM

5TH CENTENARY OF THE BIRTH OF ST. TERESA OF AVILA ST. EDMUND'S PARISH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2015

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| 9:00 AM Mass | Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Archibald Gonsalves OCD
Former Provincial Superior |
| 10:30 | Opening Remarks
Rev. Fr. Jerald D'Souza OCD
Provincial Delegate OCDS |
| 10:45 -
11:30 | The Carmelite Tradition of Prayer
according to St. Teresa of Avila
Rev. Fr. Rudolf D'Souza OCD
Regional Superior, Canada |
| 11:45 | OCDS Powerpoint Presentation
Virtual Choir Presentation |
| 12:15 PM | LUNCH |
| 1:15 | Sing-a-long Intermission |
| 1:45 | Skit – Life of St. Teresa of Avila |
| 3:00 -
3:45 | The Relevance of St. Teresa of Avila Today
Rev. Fr. Archibald Gonsalves OCD |
| 4:00 | Closing Remarks
Rev. Fr. Jerald D'Souza OCD |
| 4:30 | Closing Mass
Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Charles Serrao OCD
Provincial Superior |



**Rev. Fr. Charles Serrao OCD
Provincial Superior**

I am so happy that the Secular Order of the Teresian Carmel in Western Canada (OCDS) is commemorating the V Birth Centenary of our glorious Mother, St. Teresa of Avila with a fitting celebration. St. Teresa was ever thankful to be a daughter of the Church. This great daughter of the Church was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1970. Long before that she saw her charism spread beyond the walls of the enclosed Carmels to many associations and groups actively dedicated to the service of the Church.

One of those groups involved in the active apostolate, is the Carmelite Secular Order, whose members aspire to blend together the desire for contemplation with active involvement in Church activities and also with professional excellence.

During this centenary of St Teresa's birth, let us recall her love for the Church which heightened and deepened as she approached the seventh mansions of mystical union with the Trinity. Following in her footsteps, let us advance in our life of prayer till we succeed in forgetting ourselves more and more, and making Christ's interests our own.

Frequent perusal of the writings of St Teresa, who was a down-to-earth person endowed with a great deal of common sense will keep us in contact with her spirit, a contact that cannot fail to enrich her readers, especially those belonging to the Secular Carmel. Since I was Definitior General for 12 years, I was able to interact with the members of the Secular Carmel in many parts of the world. On my last visit to Canada last year, I had the opportunity to meet you and must admit that you are among the best organized in the entire Order. It is really heartening to see the members imbued so deeply with the spirit of Carmel, through a rich initial and on-going formation programme. We consider you a great treasure and you have much to offer to the society of today.

The amount of work put in by Rev. Fr. Jerald D'Souza (Delegate Provincial of the OCDS) who is ably supported by Mrs. Molly Diaz (President of the OCDS) and

her council deserves recognition and appreciation. There is a phenomenal growth of the OCDS after the friars from our Karnataka-Goa Province landed in Western Canada.

At the same time, the members of the Secular Carmel have been a source of encouragement and support to our friars and their ministry. I remain grateful to all of you for this fruitful collaboration.

The celebrations on October 17, 2015 will be blessed by the presence of Rev. Fr. Archibald Gonsalves OCD, my predecessor, and some other friars of our Province serving in Italy. I myself will be privileged to preside over the concluding Eucharist. I invoke God's blessings on these celebrations that they may make every member of the Secular Carmel aware of their role in the Mystical Body of Christ. Let us not be complacent or satisfied with what has been achieved. The words of our Holy Mother before she died should constantly ring in our ears. It is time to walk!

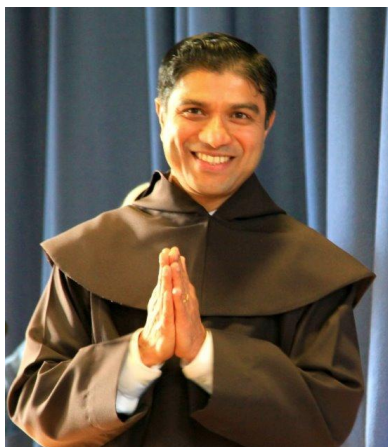
With prayers and fraternal greetings,

FR. *Serrao*

Fr. Charles Serrao OCD
Provincial Superior



Greetings to the OCDS Communities of Western Canada!



This V Centenary Year of the Birth of Saint Teresa of Jesus has served as a revival of the charism of Carmel in each and every one of us, as Christians around the world and as members within the Carmelite Family. It is being celebrated nationally and internationally with special Masses and liturgies, congresses, retreats, academic conferences, virtual choirs, pilgrimages and even a world tour of St. Teresa's walking stick.

Congratulations to our communities for initiating and implementing our own event in Western Canada in honour of our Holy Mother Teresa.

May you be blessed and inspired by her writings and teachings as you journey in Carmel.

Rev. Fr. Jerald D'Souza OCD **Provincial Delegate OCDS**





Greetings!

During this Fifth Centenary Year of the Birth of our Holy Mother, St. Teresa of Jesus, we have been inspired and refreshed by her spirit. It has rekindled in our souls the charism of Carmel. As we continue into the next centenary, let us in some small degree imitate the Most Sacred Virgin in carrying out our own fiat. Through the performance of good works, let us strive to be the light in our communities, our families, our work place and to all those we meet. Our Holy Mother Teresa and St. Therese speak of “good works” from which we grow in humility and obedience.

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

Molly Diaz OCDS
President, Secretariat
Western Canada OCDS



Grace to you and peace in Jesus Christ on the occasion of this happy celebration of the 5th Centenary of the Birth of St Teresa of Jesus! As we walk together in this garden of Carmel, may we discover ever more deeply the treasure, the pearl beyond price, found in contemplation and in community. The Carmel of Teresa of Jesus was a living intimate friendship, existing only for the Church and for humanity. May Jesus be the centre of our lives also, and may the rich Carmelite tradition stimulate us, with faithfulness, to respond to the needs and challenges of today. Let us ask ourselves what we can do, for the dignity of all people and to serve the Gospel.

Leslie Blair, OCDS
Central Director of Formation, Western Canada OCDS

V CENTENARY OF THE BIRTH OF ST. TERESA OF JESUS WESTERN CANADA OCDS

As Carmelites worldwide celebrated the V Centenary of the Birth of St. Teresa of Jesus, the Carmelites of Western Canada OCDS culminated the year long festivities on October 17, 2015 at St. Edmund's Parish, North Vancouver, BC with a lively celebration attended by close to 200 of the faithful who came to give honor to our Holy Mother, Master of Prayer and Doctor of the Church.

The day commenced with Mass officiated by former Provincial, Fr. Archibald Gonsalves and concelebrated by Fr. Rudolf D'Souza, Fr. Manoj Braganza, Fr. Jerald D'Souza, Fr. Mario Fernandes, Fr. Victor Fernandes, Fr. Godwin Pinto and Fr. Jaison Tellis. The Lower Mainland Communities together with the out-of - province Communities of Calgary and Vernon pulled off an excellent display of exhibits, colourful banners and decorative pennants throughout the parish hall. Our guests learned about the life and works of St. Teresa of Avila, Spanish reformer of the Carmelites and Patron Saint of Spain.

In his introduction, Fr. Jerald D'Souza, our Provincial Delegate, remarked, "We have come together to talk about St. Teresa's life, her spirituality and her relevance today in a modern society. Many people confuse her with St. Therese of Lisieux or other similarly named saints. Today we make our best efforts to bring St. Teresa to others." Fr. D'Souza noted the importance of bringing the Carmelite spirituality to the lay people and he hoped the scheduled program would help those present apply the lessons of St. Teresa to their prayer life, meditation and reading of the Scriptures.

The celebration included inspirational presentations by Fr. Rudolf D'Souza, Regional Superior of Canada on the "Carmelite Tradition of Prayer according to St. Teresa of Avila" and by Fr. Archibald Gonsalves on the "Relevance of St. Teresa of Avila Today".

The event featured a play on the life of St. Teresa with a supporting cast of Secular Carmelites and a member from the parish community who portrayed St. Teresa. An enthusiastic crowd applauded and received much in-sight into the life of St. Teresa, a woman who was head-over-heels in love with God. The comments

received were extremely positive and complimentary with requests for a repeat performance. The play was written, produced and directed by Remi Vasquez OCDS.

The event concluded with Mass officiated by Father Provincial Charles Serrao and concelebrated by Fr. Archibald Gonsalves, Fr. Rudolf D'Souza, Fr. Jerald D'Souza, Fr. Mario Fernandes, and Fr. Victor Fernandes. Our friars, Bro. Joseph Giroux and secular members gathered together for a sumptuous dinner at which we celebrated and congratulated Fr. Jerald on the Silver Jubilee of his First Profession.



Above: Bro. Joseph Giroux, Fr. Archibald Gonsalves, Fr. Jerald D'Souza, Fr. Provincial Charles Serrao, Fr. Rudolf D'Souza, Fr. Mario Fernandes, Fr. Victor Fernandes



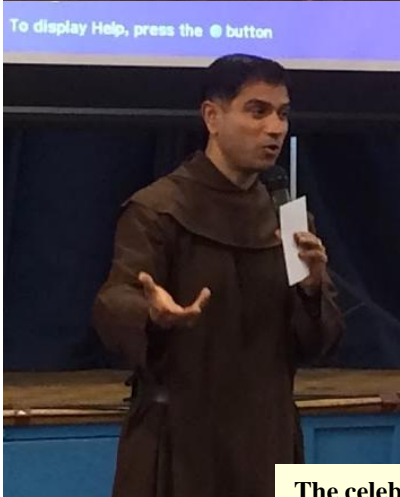


Carmelite Friars Fr. Manoj Braganza, Fr. Victor Fernandes, Fr. Jerald D'Souza, Fr. Archibald Gonsalves, Fr. Mario Fernandes, Fr. Godwin Pinto and Fr. Jaison Tellis





Fr. Archibald Gonsalves & Fr. Mario Fernandes with OCDS Members



The celebration was emceed by Fr. Jerald D'Souza and speakers were Fr. Rudolf D'Souza & Fr. Archibald Gonsalves





The cast & production team of the "Life of St. Teresa"



OCDS members led the "Sing-a-long"



A sumptuous catered buffet dinner!





A well deserved dinner at the end of a beautiful centennial celebration!



**THE ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITES
CANADA**



**THE SOLEMN INAUGURATION OF
LITTLE FLOWER MONASTERY
CARMEL HILL**

**OCTOBER 15, 2015
V CENTENARY OF THE BIRTH OF SAINT TERESA OF JESUS**



INAUGURATION OF LITTLE FLOWER MONASTERY AT CARMEL HILL VANCOUVER - CANADA

Dear Friends,

Today is the day October 15th, 2015, the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. We the Discalced Carmelites of Karnataka Goa Province in India and in Canada are grateful to God and to all of you for coming here to participate in our joy at the inauguration of Little Flower Monastery at Carmel Hill. Our hearts turn to God for his providence, inspiration and guidance. We wholeheartedly thank Helen Chua Tiampo who generously contributed towards this whole project in memory of her loving parents Jaime and Josefina Chua Tiampo. This is the first ever monastery by the Karnataka Goa Province of the Discalced Carmelites established in Canada - Vancouver.

The day was a sunny a beautiful day indeed. The guest arrived at the site by 10 buses and many other guests arrived by their own private vehicles. It was estimated that around 700 people were present for the event and 50 priest and three bishops for the liturgical celebrations. It was a fantastic celebration that highlighted the features of Karnataka Goa Province. Rev. Fr. Charles Serrao Provincial delivered a wonderfully prepared message, followed by a prophetic message from our previous provincial Fr. Archibald Gonsalves OCD. Archbishop Michael encouraged the congregation to pray for this facility that it may cater to future vocations and to spread Carmelites Spirituality. After the Holy Eucharistic celebration the Souvenir of Carmel Hill was released by Bishop Monroe and Helen release Fr. Rudolf's book THE WAY LESS TRAVELLED.

A wonderful meal was prepared by John Carlos and Company. Everyone was happy and enjoyed this unique occasion.

We thank our Archbishop Most Reverend J. Michael Miller CSB for his wholehearted support in granting us permission to begin this project and for his continued encouragement. We are grateful also to Most Reverend F. B. Henry (Bishop Calgary Diocese) and Most Reverend David J. Monroe Bishop of Kamloops for their valuable presence, prayers and blessings on this occasion.

Our Provincial Fr. Charles Serrao OCD present amidst us today to witness this great event along with our previous Provincial Fr. Archibald R. Gonsalves OCD who actually encouraged us to have a house of our own in Canada during his many visits in the last few years. We are grateful to their support and prayers.

We want to acknowledge the co-operation extended to us by the Fraser Valley Rural Development Authority for their support and permissions for developing this property was represented by David Bennet. We appreciate the tireless efforts by the Architect John Clark and his assistant Paul Owens in designing this beautiful edifice of God. The Alfred Horie Construction Company have achieved this feat within a whopping 8 months time is remarkable indeed and deserves our congratulations and applause. Our special thanks go to Steve Paone and his team; in a very concrete way to Dennis Cadrain (Site Superintendent); Allen, Mark, Robert and other wonderful workers. We are grateful to Darrell Wickstrom for his tireless efforts at

granting us timely advise on this project. Steve Creighton helped us to co-ordinate the whole event of this celebration. We thank Francis Wong who was instrumental in coordinating the entire progress of the building work. Stewart Hayashi was also instrumental in getting us the Canadian Carmelite Charitable Society along with Francis Wong. We also acknowledge the presence of Mr. Ben Kernan from Florida; and Pam Prior, Emmet McGrath, Mr. Kent and others who contributed their share towards making this event a memorable one. We thank the guest priest who came from Rome: Fr. Ivan Pinto, Fr. Lawrence D'Mello and Fr. Manoj Braganza. We thank the local news papers and especially BC Catholic for their coverage of this event. We thank Rizalina Geronimo, Jennifer Po and Oscar Geronimo for their support and help. Especially we thank our Carmelites Fr. Jerald D'Souza, Fr. Rajesh Madtha, Bro. Joseph Giroux and Fr. Jason for their help and support. We also thank all the Carmelites who came from different regions of Canada.

We thank you all for your prayers and encouragement. May God be praised through all these works for his glory. We continue to pray for Helen's health and may God grant her long life and happiness.

Fr. Rudolf V. D'Souza OCD
Regional Superior – Canada



St. Teresa of Avila's 500th birthday marks the start of new era for the community

By Agnieszka Krawczynski The B.C. Catholic DEROCHE, B.C.

As Carmelites around the world celebrated the 500th anniversary of St. Teresa of Avila's birth, local members had even more reason to rejoice. Regional superior Father Rudolf D'Souza OCD, inaugurated a brand new Carmelite monastery Oct. 15.

"We've proved that with God, all things are possible," he told 700 people after Mass in a large tent next to Little Flower Monastery, named after another famous Carmelite, St. Therese of Lisieux.

The building sits on a hill in Deroche, a district east of Mission, B.C. Its seminarians, who will move in after construction is completely finished, will study theology and philosophy at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission and be formed as Discalced Carmelites in Deroche.

"This really is a wonderful and blessed occasion, to mark the 500th anniversary of the birth of St. Teresa with the establishment of a monastery," said Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB, who blessed its unfinished walls. "This is to be a house of formation, and it is in fact a third house of formation founded in the archdiocese this year."

He has inaugurated two other formation houses so far in 2015: Redemptoris Mater, in Blessed Sacrament Parish in Vancouver, and one for the Congregation of St. John the Baptist, near the seminary in Mission.

Father Charles Serrao, OCD, the provincial superior of the Karnataka-Goa Carmelite province in India, said it all started when the Discalced Carmelites landed in the Archdiocese of Vancouver in 2003. One of them was Father Jerald D'Souza, who celebrated the 25th anniversary of his profession that day, and is pastor of St. Edmund's Parish. It and Guardian Angels Parish became major hubs for Carmelite activity.

"Our presence in Canada received another boost with the arrival of Father Rudolf D'Souza in 2009, after his long stint in India at St. Joseph's Parish in Mumbai," Father Serrao continued.

"Today the Little Flower formation house is a fruit mainly of his unwavering faith in divine providence," and his "unwavering zeal."

Four busloads of parishioners from Guardian Angels arrived to witness the blessing, along with three buses from St. Edmund's Parish, one bus of lay Carmelites from the Richmond area, and many other individuals.

Helen Chua Tiampo, 89, a quiet, modest Guardian Angels parishioner, received many accolades. In honour of her parents, she donated the funds required to buy the land and pay for construction. "We are greatly indebted to her for financing the property and construction in memory of her parents Jaime and Josefina Chua Tiampo," said Father Serrao.

"With our meagre resources, we never would have been able to embark on a project of such magnitude in Canada."

A commemorative book released that day includes photos of Tiampo visiting the site and sitting on construction equipment.

Father Archibald Gonsalves, OCD, a former provincial superior, said there are currently 17 Carmelite foundations in Canada. "I wish that our Carmelite presence here will be able to rejuvenate, activate, in friendship and relationship, all people. Carmel will flourish in the days to come."

Bishops Frederick Henry of Calgary and David Monroe of Kamloops also participated in the grand opening. There already is a Carmelite community in Calgary, and the priests joked that Bishop Monroe's presence might indicate his diocese is next.

In another gesture to honour the 500th anniversary of St. Teresa of Avila's birth, Father Rudolf released a new book, a commentary about her spirituality, titled *The Way Less Travelled*.

"On several occasions, when she was writing her mystical experiences, she said: it is so difficult to express what I experienced," the priest explained. "That is my situation today. I don't have adequate words to express my deep gratitude."

They hope to complete Little Flower Monastery by the end of this year.



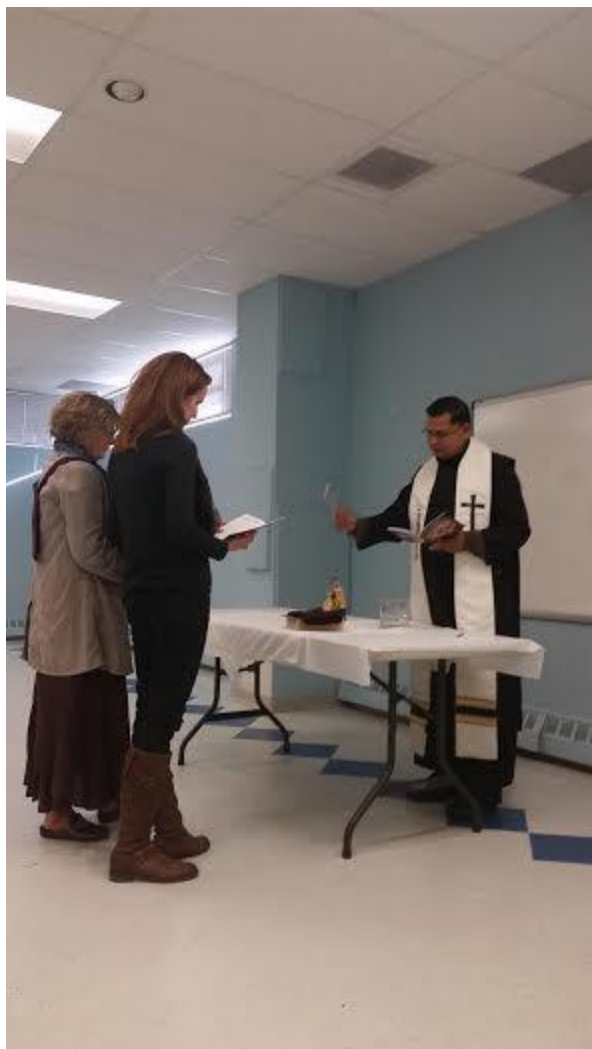






OCDS Investiture and Profession Ceremonies

St. Thomas More Parish, Calgary, AB



OCDS Admission Ceremony

St. Thomas More Parish, Calgary, AB
October 25, 2015

Above: Candidate Bernadette Hart with Fr. John Pinto, OCD and Director of Formation, Leslie Blair, OCDS



OCDS Profession Ceremony

St. Thomas More Parish, Calgary, AB
October 25, 2015

Above: Candidates Carmel and Jane Gatt, Louise Adams and Ann Wilson with Fr. Provincial Charles Serrao, Fr. John Pinto, Fr. Godwin Pinto and Leslie Blair

ANNUAL MEETING WITH PROVINCIAL DELEGATE

Secretariat Officers, Presidents and Directors of Formation gathered on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at St. Edmund's Parish, North Vancouver BC for their annual meeting with Fr. Jerald D'Souza. Everyone convened for Morning Prayer followed by Mass prior to the meeting. Among those present this year there was quite a bit of excitement in anticipation of the next day's Inauguration of Little Flower Monastery and our own October 17th celebration of the Fifth Centennial Birth of St. Teresa of Avila. It was a delight to have Father Provincial Charles Serrao grace us with his presence at the meeting.





Visiting Friars, Fr. Melvin Pinto, Fr. Jerome Mascarenhas, Fr. Steny Mascarehanas join us for lunch.



CEREMONIES – LOWER MAINLAND COMMUNITIES WESTERN CANADA

October 31, 2015, the eve of All Saints Day, was a perfect day for the Ceremonies of our Lower Mainland Communities which took place at St. Edmund's Parish, North Vancouver, BC. In spite of the pouring rain, more than fifty OCDS members together with family and friends witnessed the investiture and profession of the candidates.

The Ceremonies were officiated by Provincial Delegate Fr. Jerald D'Souza OCD. Four candidates were clothed during the Morning Prayer, followed by a solemn Eucharistic Celebration during which two candidates made their First Promise and six candidates made their Definitive Promise.

The Investiture of the Scapular and Profession made by the candidates reminded them that a vocation is a personal call from God. It is an inspired choice involving a specific profession in which a particular way of life is to be followed.

It was a solemn and lovely occasion with tears, many smiles and much love felt by all. After Mass, members and friends proceeded to the parish hall where they enjoyed fellowship over refreshments.



Newly clothed candidates Aline Burgunder, Allyson Low, Carmelita Weichert & Ann Lo with Fr. Jerald D'Souza



First Promise candidates Goretty Tavares and Erin Merth with Fr. Jerald D'Souza



Definitive Promise candidates Don Mason, Celeste Mason, Assunta Tan, Remi Vasquez, Iona Gibson and Olivia Kawaguchi with Fr. Jerald D'Souza



VOCATION FAIR – ARCHDIOCESE OF VANCOUVER

At the invitation of the Archdiocese of Vancouver to our Carmelite friars, our Discalced Carmelite Order was well represented at the Vocation Fair on September 20, 2015. Information and vocational material on the friars, nuns and seculars were distributed to visitors. Remi Vasquez, Luz Quintero and Eva Richter gave generously of their time to tend to the exhibit. Norma Lo and Molly Diaz assisted with the exhibit display.



OCDS ANNUAL RETREAT – WESTMINSTER ABBEY, BC

The 2015 annual retreat of the Lower Mainland Communities took place on August 7, 8 & 9 at Westminster Abbey, Mission. The retreat theme was “Know thyself: From the Spiritual Life of St. Teresa of Avila” and was facilitated by Fr. Steny Mascarenhas OCD.

Fr. Steny’s talks expounded on St. Teresa’s Faith; St. Teresa’s Love for the Word of God; the Teresian Charism; the Call to a Life of Virtue - Humility, Detachment, Obedience; What Are You Looking For? (1 John 3.7-10 John 1.35-42); and why Faith feels like doubt and darkness.

The retreat culminated with Holy Mass and a delicious and wholesome lunch prepared by the Benedictine Monks. We left the Abbey with these words burning in our hearts, “You must not build upon the foundation of prayer and contemplation alone, for unless you strive after the virtues and practice them, you will never grow to be more than dwarfs.” St. Teresa of Avila, Interior Castle.





Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Community, North Vancouver



St. Teresa of Jesus Community, Vancouver



St. John of the Cross Community, Coquitlam



Members of St. Teresa of Jesus of the Andes Community, Vernon

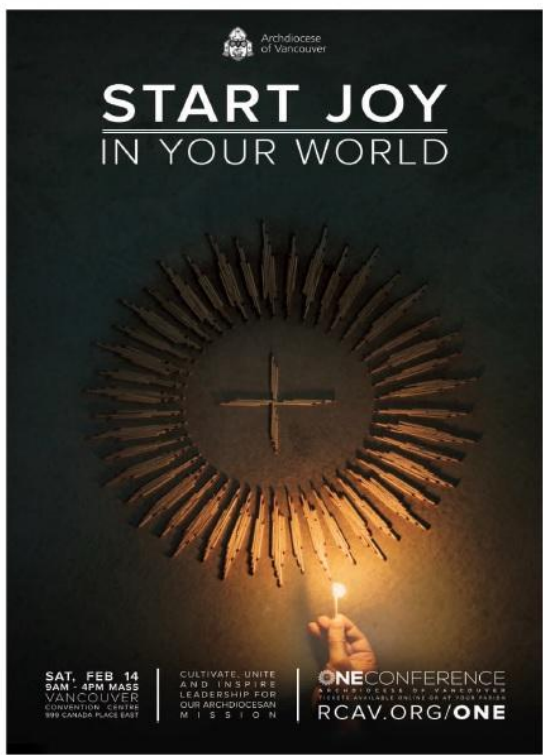
**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL - ST. EDMUND'S PARISH
THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2015**

In preparation for the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, St. Edmund's Church held a Novena with Masses celebrated by Fr. Jerald D'Souza OCD, Provincial Delegate for the OCDS. On July 16 at 7pm, the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Mass was celebrated at St. Edmund's Church by Bishop David Monroe of Kamloops and con-celebrants OCD friars Fr. Rudolf D'Souza, Fr. Jerald D'Souza, Fr. Steny Mascarenhas and Fr. Rajesh Madtha together with Msgr. Gregory Smith, Fr. James Comey and Fr. Paul Goo. Parishioners, devotees of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel along with Religious and OCDS members filled the church. A beautiful flower arrangement surrounded a statue of Our Lady of Mount Carmel which stood prominently in front of the altar. Bishop Monroe was particularly pleased to celebrate Mass at St. Edmund's, his former parish. He had been instrumental in many initiatives in the Parish and nostalgically recalled the challenges he and other religious overcame and accomplished during his tenure.

The solemn celebration concluded with the blessing of scapulars by Bishop Monroe, expressions of thanks and appreciation by Fr. Jerald, and closing remarks by Fr. Rudolf who extended an invitation to the congregation to attend the inauguration of the Little Flower Monastery in Carmel Hill. The first edition of the Carmel Hill bulletin and the blessed scapulars were distributed to those present followed by a reception prepared by the Catholic Women's League, Parishioners and OCDS members.







ONE CONFERENCE Saturday, February 14, 2015
 The ONE Conference is an annual Archdiocesan event to cultivate, unite, and inspire leadership for the Archdiocesan mission. We are pleased to participate and support this event annually. This year it featured world-class speakers Dr. Robert Wicks, Martha Fernandez-Sardina, Keith Strohm, and a closing anticipated Mass with Archbishop J. Michael Miller.



2015 LENTEN RECOLLECTION

The Lower Mainland Communities held a Lenten Recollection on February 28, 2015 at All Saints Church, Coquitlam with Fr. Steny Mascarenhas OCD as Spiritual Director.

The theme was “Jesus and Our Journey to the Cross”.

The day began with Morning Prayer at 8:30 followed by Mass, Lenten Reflection by Fr. Steny, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Meditation and Benediction.



**IN MEMORY OF
OUR DEARLY DEPARTED OCDS MEMBERS
ALWAYS LOVED, ALWAYS REMEMBERED**

**“May the choirs of angels come to greet you.
May they speed you to Paradise.
May the Lord enfold you in His mercy.
May you have eternal life.”**

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD,
AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON
THEM. MAY THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL
DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD,
REST IN PEACE. AMEN.**



CARMEL GATT OCDS

February 17, 2016



Carmel Gatt passed away very peacefully on February 17, 2016. He is survived by his spouse, Jane Gatt OCDS. Together they have held their faith and trust in the Lord as they journeyed through his battle with cancer.

Carmel was clothed in 2010 and made his definitive promise in 2015. Carmel was a member of the St. Joseph Community, Calgary and was spiritually anchored in the charism of Carmel. His religious name was St George Preca. The members of his community rallied by the side of Carmel and Jane through the past years with constant and vigilant prayer and physical outreach.

His parish priest visited him about an hour before he died to anoint him one last time. Carmel went to the Lord in the arms of Jane. Members of his community were privileged to spend the last few hours with him and witnessed his very holy and beautiful death.

May he rest in peace. Amen.

BILL ALLAN OCDS
December 3, 1922 to January 28, 2016



Bill Allan passed away peacefully on January 28, 2016. He is survived by his spouse, Rita Allan OCDS who has remained faithfully by his side throughout his illness.

Bill was clothed in 1987 and made his vow in 1997.

Bill was formerly a member of the St. Teresa of Jesus Community, Richmond. Due to his long term illness he had been a distant member. When St. John of the Cross Community was established in Langley, he was transferred to it. At that time because of the proximity to his home, he attempted to attend meetings and to serve, but that proved too much for him. In spite of his challenges, he remained cheerful and never complained.

May he rest in peace. Amen.



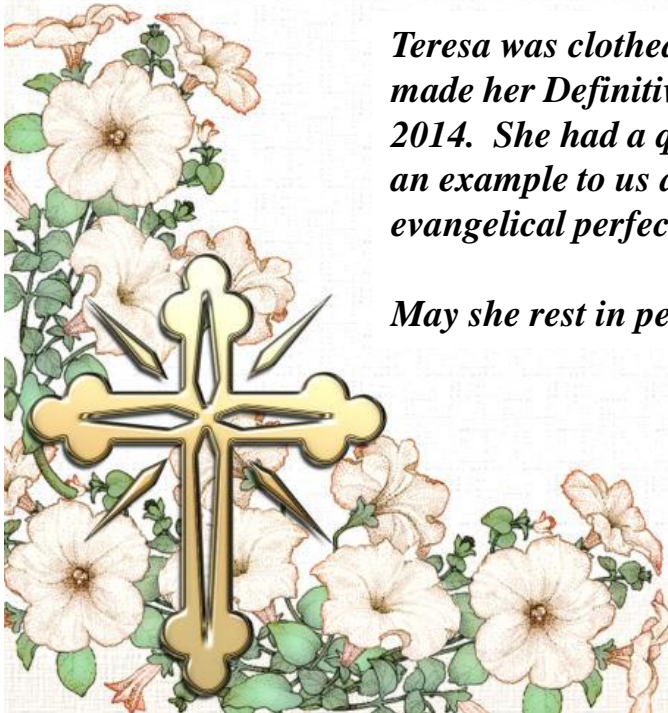


TERESA WEISSER OCDS ✝
December 29, 2015

Teresa passed away peacefully on December 29, 2015 at the age of 80 years. She was a member of the St. Teresa of Jesus Community, Vancouver.

Teresa was clothed in October 2009 and made her Definitive Promise in October 2014. She had a quiet disposition and was an example to us all as she strived toward evangelical perfection during her life.

May she rest in peace. Amen.





LOURDES TORROBA OCDS
February 8, 2015



Lourdes went to the Lord on this 8th day of February, 2015 after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease. She is survived by her spouse, Greg Torroba OCDS, her son Maximo, his spouse Dawn and grandchildren James and Sophia.

Lourdes was very instrumental in the foundation of the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites in the Lower Mainland, BC. In May 1994, through the encouragement of an OC nun who told her that she belonged to the OCDS, she made her first contact with Fr. David Centner OCD and Dr. Maria Orallo OCDS of the California-Arizona Province and the Community of St. Teresa of Jesus was eventually established. Thanks to her initiative, St. Teresa of Jesus Community has developed into three Lower Mainland communities and continues to grow. Lourdes was passionate about the OCDS and strived to live the charism of Camel to the fullest. Her favourite words were "patience and obedience" and that she was.

Her biggest and dearest wish was to have the presence of Discalced Carmelite friars in Vancouver. She worked on this quietly and discreetly, so much so even Greg was unaware of her many correspondence and emails with our OCD Superiors towards this goal. Her wish came to fruition in July 2003 with the arrival of our Karnataka-Goa Province friars, Fr. Jerald D'Souza OCD and Fr. Mario Fernandes OCD to Vancouver.

On May 15, 2008 the General Definitory conceded the Canadian Civil Provinces of British-Columbia and Alberta to the Carmelite Province of Karnataka-Goa (India) and in a decree it was declared that the convents of our Carmelite Nuns and the Secular Carmelite properties be under their jurisdiction. This marked the beginning of our Western Canada OCDS and today we are blessed with twelve OCD friars in Canada.

May she rest in peace. Amen.



DENISE AUBIN OCDS



October 05, 1945 - June 16, 2013

Denise was a member of St. Teresa of Jesus of the Andes Community, Vernon. She was clothed in 1979 and made her vow in 2001.

She offered up the suffering of her illness and was well prepared to meet Our Saviour. She is survived by her husband, Laurent Aubin, who is also a member of the Vernon Community.

May she rest in peace. Amen.

DISCALCED CARMELITE FRIARS
Canadian Community - Karnataka-Goa Province



Rev. Fr. Charles Serrao OCD
Provincial, Karnataka-Goa Province



Rev. Fr. Rudolf D'Souza OCD
Regional Superior
Guardian Angels Parish, Vancouver BC



Rev. Fr. John Alex Pinto OCD
St. Thomas More Parish, Calgary AB



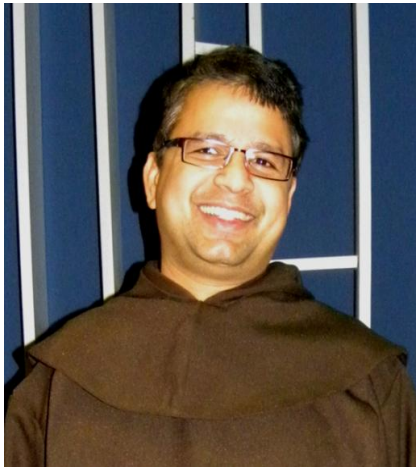
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Provincial Delegate for OCDS
St. Edmund's Parish, North Vancouver BC



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St. Patrick Parish, Caledonia ON



Rev. Fr. Jerome Mascarenhas OCD
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Rev. Fr. Ranjan D'Sa OCD
St. Andrew The Apostle Parish, London ON



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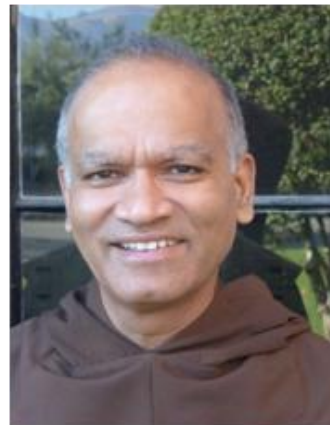
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St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Agassiz, BC



Rev. Fr. Victor Angelo Fernandes OCD
St. Mary's and St. Ann's Parishes, Hagersville, ON



Rev. Fr. Ronald Sequeira OCD
St. Peter's Parish, North Mackenzie, BC



Rev. Fr. Alfredo Pereira OCD
St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica, London, ON



Rev. Fr. Godwin Arun Pinto OCD
St. Thomas More Parish, Calgary AB



Rev. Fr. Rajesh Madtha OCD
Chaplain, St. Paul's hospital, Vancouver BC



Rev. Fr. Jaison Tellis OCD
St. Edmund's Parish, North Vancouver BC



Rev. Fr. Roshan D'Souza OCD
St. Aloysius Parish, Kitchener, ON



Rev. Fr. Alwyn Sequeira OCD
Little Flower Monastery, Deroche BC



Bro. Joseph Giroux OCD
Carmel Hill, Deroche, BC

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WELCOME TO CANADA

Rev. Fr. Alwyn Sequeira OCD



Fr. Alwyn, a Silver Jubilarian, entered Canada in January 2016 after fruitfully completing 25 years in the Garden of Carmel. After his ordination in 1998, he was appointed as the Vocation Promoter for the region. Later he was assigned to the Tanzania and South Africa Mission. Upon returning to India he was made the Assistant Director of Dhyana Sadhana Spirituality Center. Later as Master of Theology Students, he mentored a number of young Carmelite Seminarians who were on the threshold of receiving Sacred Orders. . In 2012 he was sent to the Philippines to pursue his doctorate in Counseling Psychology. As of now he is a pre-doctoral intern and is currently preparing his dissertation. He has been assigned with the additional task of spearheading the new community at Little Flower Monastery at Carmel Hill, the first monastery in Canada of the Discalced Carmelites of Karnataka-Goa, India.

Fr. Alwyn is a music composer, who has brought out more than ten musical albums, one of which was awarded 'Best Global Konkani Album of the Year, 2008'. He is also a poet and has penned a number of poems and one of his anthology received 'Best Konkani Poetry Book of the Year, 2007'. He is a regular columnist of 'Naman Ballok Jezu', a Carmelite Konkani monthly magazine first published in 2010. His articles in this magazine have a wide readership and are well appreciated for their witty characteristics. He is also a gifted speaker, youth animator and professional counselor in the making. He is the proud companion of Fr. Jerald D'Souza OCD, who along with the other four of his batch were professed and ordained together and as recently as October 15, 2015 celebrated the Silver Jubilee of their First Profession together.

Rev. Fr. Jaison Tellis OCD



Fr. Jaison Tellis was born in a little town of Kenha, Shirva; a part of Udupi Diocese in Karnataka, Southern India. He is the second son of Thomas and Celine Tellis and has two brothers.

Responding to God's call, he joined the Discalced Carmelite Order in 1998, after the tenth grade. Following four years of seminarian training he made his religious profession in 2002. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Madras University and Bachelor of Philosophy from Pushpashrama, Institute of Philosophy, affiliated to Dharma ram Vaidya Kshethram. He pursued his theological studies at St. Joseph's inter-Diocesan Seminary, Mangalore where he obtained his Bachelor of Theology. He was solemnly professed on May 28, 2010 and was ordained to the priesthood on April 27, 2011.

After his ordination, he was appointed as the Administrator of Ryshivana, a Centre of Inner Science and Contemplation for a year. He later served for a year at the Provincialate, the Administrative Centre of Karnataka-Goa Province. He also served in Austria for some time, following which he was appointed as the Spiritual Father in the Formative Community at the Carmelite Monastery, Goa. He once again served in Ryshivana, a Centre of Inner Science and Contemplation as the Assistant Director. He came to Vancouver in August 2015 and has been assigned as the Assistant Pastor at St. Edmund's Church, North Vancouver.

WELCOME TO CANADA



Rev. Fr. Roshan D'Souza OCD

Fr. Roshan D'Souza was born on Feb 26, 1980 at Fajir, part of the Diocese of Mangalore in Karnataka, Southern India. His mother, Louiza D'Souza and father, the late Francis Xavier D'Souza, were blessed with seven boys and one girl, among whom he is the youngest. He has two other brother priests belonging to the same Indian Province of Discalced Carmelites.

With an ardent desire to be a Carmelite Priest, soon after grade ten, he joined the Discalced Carmelite Order on June 15, 1995 at Mapusa, Goa. Having received four years of fruitful seminarian training, he made his First Religious Profession on Dec 14, 1999 at the Carmelite Monastery in Margao. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from Karnataka State Open University, and Bachelor of Philosophy from Pushpashrama Institute of Philosophy and Religion, Mysore. He did his theological studies at St. Joseph's Inter-Diocesan Seminary, Mangalore, and received a Bachelor of Theology. His Solemn Profession was on May 27, 2007 and he was ordained to the priesthood on May 6, 2008 at Infant Jesus Shrine, Carmel Hill, Mangalore.

As an ordained Carmelite Priest, he served as Director of Seminary Students from 2008-2011, and thereafter pursued his Licentiate in Biblical Theology at St. Peter's Pontifical Institute, also serving as Associate Pastor at St. John the Baptist Parish, Bangalore, from 2011-2013. He also served as an Associate Pastor at St. Joseph's Parish, Mumbai, from 2013-2015. Having such a profound pastoral experience of serving the Church in India, he accepted his new mission to serve the Church in Canada with his new assignment as the Associate Pastor at St. Aloysius Parish, Kitchener, Ontario.

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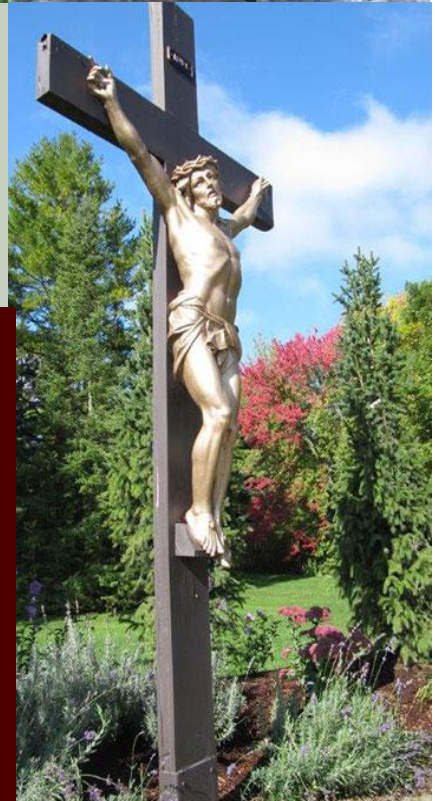


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OCDS COMMUNITIES

St. Teresa of Jesus of the Andes, Vernon BC

Meetings: Fourth Sunday of the Month

Place: Our Lady of the Valley Church
Coldstream, BC

Time: 1:30 p.m.

President: Julia Ziebarth OCDS

Tel: 250-404-4228

Sp. Assistant: Fr. Dale Normandeau

St. Joseph, Calgary AB

Meetings: Fourth Sunday of the Month

Place: St. Thomas More Church,
Calgary

Time: 1:00 p.m.

President: Marge Patipatanakoon OCDS

Tel: 403-288-2296

Sp. Assistant: Fr. John Pinto OCD

St. John of the Cross, Coquitlam BC

Meetings: First Saturday of the Month

Place: All Saints Church
Coquitlam

Time: 8:30 a.m.

President: Marilyn Cunada OCDS

Tel: 604-931-1555

Sp. Assistant: Fr. Jerald D'Souza OCD

St. Teresa of Jesus, Vancouver BC

Meetings: Second Saturday of the Month

Place: Guardian Angels Church
Vancouver

Time: 9:00 a.m.

President: Assunta Tan OCDS

Tel: 604-264-7227

Sp. Assistant: Fr. Rudolf D'Souza OCD

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, N. Vancouver BC

Meetings: Third Saturday of the Month

Place: St. Edmund's Church, N. Vancouver

Time: 8:15 a.m.

President: Grace Aleong OCDS

Tracy Caron OCDS

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Sp. Assistant: Fr. Jerald D'Souza OCD

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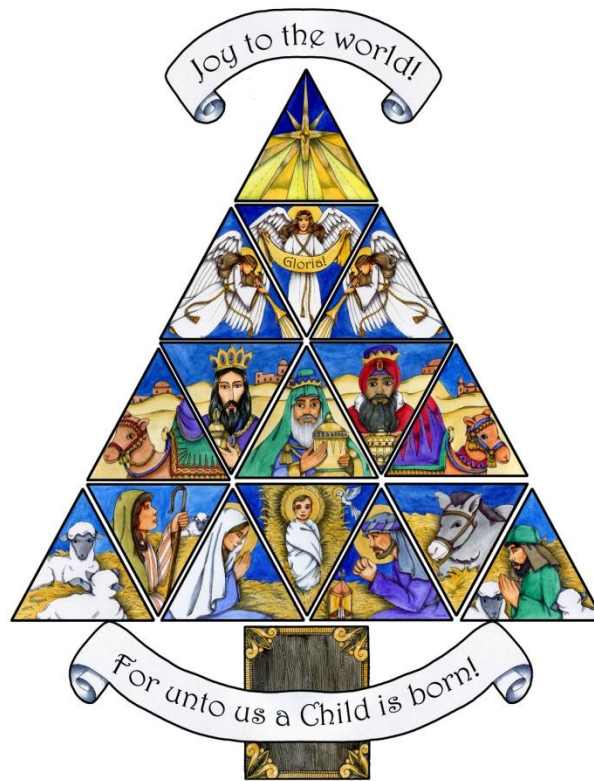
SECRETARY TO THE SECRETARIAT

Virginia Concon - Distribution of emails and correspondence to the membership, administration and special projects under the direction of the President of the Secretariat and the Provincial Delegate.
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MASS REQUESTS

Masses can be requested by emailing westerncanadaocds@yahoo.ca. The Masses are offered by our OCD Friars in Tanzania and donations go a long way towards assisting the charitable works of the Tanzania Mission. Cheques are payable to Western Canada OCDS and mailed to P.O. Box 43011, Richmond Centre P.O., Richmond BC Canada V6Y 3Y3

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Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Group with Fr. Jerald D'Souza



St. Joseph Community with Fr. John Pinto OCD



St. Teresa of Jesus Community with Fr. Jerald D'Souza



St. Teresa of Jesus of the Andes Community



St. John of the Cross Community

UPCOMING OCDS EVENTS 2016

- February 27** **Lenten Day of Recollection, Lower Mainland Communities
Guardian Angels Parish – Fr. Rajesh Madtha OCD**
- March 5** **Lenten Day of Recollection, St. Joseph Community, Calgary
St. Thomas More – Fr. Godwin Pinto OCD**
- May – Date TBN** **Day of Recollection
St. Teresa of Jesus of the Andes Community**
- May 27-29** **St. Joseph Community, Calgary
Mount St Francis, Cochrane – Fr. Steny Mascarenhas OCD**
- August 5 - 7** **Annual Retreat, Lower Mainland Communities
Little Flower Monastery, Deroche – Fr. Alwyn Sequeira OCD**
- September 23, 24 & 25** **Annual Retreat & Ceremonies
St. Teresa of Jesus of the Andes Community
Seton House, Kelowna BC**
- September 25** **Ceremonies
St. Joseph Community, Calgary, AB**
- October 22** **Ceremonies - Lower Mainland Communities
St. Edmund's Parish, North Vancouver BC**
- October 28, 29 & 30** **7th Annual Meeting of the Provincial Delegate, Secretariat &
Community Presidents & Directors of Formation**

DATES & EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO REVISION

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EVENT PICTURES - FLOS CARMELI & WEBSITE

Submit event pictures with a short description to the Secretariat Office through your respective presidents.

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