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A. PROVINCE NEWS

Zelo Zelatus Vocation Camp: From April 7-9, 2025, 95 youngsters joined the 'Zelo Zelatus' Vocation Camp at Carmel Hill, Mangaluru. Inspiring sessions included a magic-based talk by Paul Sebastian D'Souza on vocation, and live interactions with Carmelite missionaries worldwide. A vibrant campfire, family panel discussions, group activities, and personal interviews enriched the experience. The camp deepened participants' faith and vocational awareness. Appreciation is due to Rev. Fr Wilson Tauro, the Local Vocation promoter and Rev. Fr Rayan Pinto his collaborator. The province is grateful to the community at St. Joseph Monastery, Bikkarnakatte, for their support in making this event a resounding success.



Grace Villa: New Carmelite House Blessed in Pune: On April 23, 2023, a new Carmelite house, "Grace Villa," was blessed in Pune by Fr Silvestre D'Souza, OCD, Provincial Superior, in the presence of the Councillors, friars from the region, and well-wishers. Formerly home to the Thankachan family, the residence now serves the Carmelite mission in Maharashtra and becomes a residence especially for the friars specializing at Jnana Deepa, the Jesuit Faculty

in the vicinity. The Thankachan family was honoured for their generosity. Key contributors, including Fr Daniel Christian, Fr Regan D'Souza, and the legal team, were thanked for their roles.

Ordained to Love and Serve at Mangalore: On May 2, 2025, four Carmelite deacons — Prithesh Crasta, Pranay Pereira, Avith Pais, and Stany Pinto — were ordained priests at Infant Jesus Shrine, Mangaluru, by Most Rev. Francis Serrao SJ, Bishop of Shimoga. The solemn celebration was graced by 79 priests, religious, and the faithful. The Bishop urged the new priests to be humble, zealous shepherds as they stepped into the ministry of sharing in the Lord's Three-fold Mission!



Ordination of Fr Jesvin Tom Benoy, OCD at Pushpashrama: On May 19, 2025, at the Infant Jesus Shrine, Pushpashrama, Mysuru, Deacon Jesvin Tom Benoy was ordained a priest by Most



Rev. Johannes Gorantla OCD, Bishop of Kurnool. A Delhi-raised Keralite, Fr Jesvin's vocation was shaped across Carmelite formation houses since 2014. Inspired by the theme "Filled to the Brim with Grace," his ordination liturgy was beautifully conducted under Rev. Fr Wilfred Rodrigues.

Priestly Ordination of Fr Movin Desmond Pereira, OCD:

On May 21, 2025, Dn Movin Desmond Pereira was ordained a priest at St Vincent De Paul Church, Katpady, by his grand uncle, Most Rev. Louis Mascarenhas, the Bishop of Allahabad. The solemn Eucharist was enriched by a vibrant choir and a moving homily by the Provincial, Fr Silvestre D'Souza, OCD, focusing on unity in the Church. Fr Movin, the 24th vocation to priestly and religious life in his family, thanked all who supported his journey.



Dhyana Jyothi Trust Awards Scholarships to Children of Visually Impaired Parents: On May 25, 2025, Dhyana Jyothi Trust, a Carmelite NGO, awarded scholarships worth ₹6 lakhs to 30 children of visually impaired parents at Maria Niketan High School, Bengaluru. The event, themed Carmel Vision for the Future, was graced by Fr Silvestre D'Souza OCD, the Provincial Superior, and Fr Ivan D'Souza, Director of the Trust. Fr Silvestre highlighted the Trust's 11 years of dedicated service in supporting children from underprivileged families. Coordinator Mrs Nelly Prichardo stressed the importance of education in transforming lives. Gratitude was expressed to the past and present directors, benefactors, and sponsors. The event celebrated the spirit of hope, generosity, and educational empowerment.

Superiors' & Formators' Meet: From 17-18 June 2025, Sadbhavana, Bangalore, hosted the Superiors' and Formators' Meet. The meeting comprised of Fr Silvestre D'Souza, the Provincial, Fr Archibald Gonsalves, the Councillor in-charge of formation and Formators and Superiors of all houses of Formation! The resource person, Rev. Dr Shyam Prasad FDCC, let the group creatively



into understanding the emphasis of self-awareness on the part of the formator, and the significance of guiding the formees with empathy and insight! The meeting included sharing of the participants' personal experiences & views on formation! The active participation of everyone enriched the meeting!



Principal's and Manager's Meet: The Annual Meeting of the School Apostolate was held on 21-22 June 2025 at Sadbhavana, bringing together Managers, Principals, and other friars engaged in the apostolate. It began with

a keynote by Rev. Dr Assisi Rebello (KRCE Secretary), followed by reports from schools highlighting developments and future plans. Fr Silvestre D'Souza, Provincial Superior, presided over the Eucharist and offered closing guidance. Administrative updates were shared by Frs. Joachim Rodrigues and Clifford Rodrigues. Fr Melvin Lasrado was honoured for his service, and Fr Nelson Pinto presented his plans for Carmel Garments. The meeting fostered fraternity, vision, and renewed commitment.

Release of Books: The following books, which bring out the spiritual and intellectual depth of the Friars of the Province, were released at various occasions. The necessary support was rendered by Dhyanaavana Publications, the Province's Publishing house, in its collaboration with the authors to bring out the best for the readers.

- *Mystical Way of Life* by Dr Gregory D'Souza
- *Pray without Ceasing* by Dr Rudolph D'Souza
- *Cast Your Net Into the Deep* by Dr Rudolph D'Souza (Konkani)
- *The Spiritual Elevator – Biblical Foundation of the Little Way of St. Thérèse of Lisieux* by Dr Richard D'Souza
- *Selah* by Fr Prithesh Steeve Crasta, and
- *Hope – Helmet of Salvation for the Spiritual Battle* by Dr Richard D'Souza, published by St. Paul's India



B. COMMUNITIES

St Joseph's Monastery, Carmel Hill

Called and Chosen: New Vocations Welcomed at Infant Jesus Shrine

On April 24, 2025, the Infant Jesus Shrine, Bikarnakatte, joyfully welcomed a new group of boys aspiring to join the Carmelite Order. During the 10:30 a.m. Mass, they were introduced and felicitated in the presence of their families, in a heartfelt gesture celebrating religious life and encouraging vocations. The event marked the beginning of their vocational journey, as they later proceeded to Asha Deepa, Madanthyar, for the "Come and See cum PUC Studies" program. The tireless efforts of Fr Wilson Tauro, the Vocation Promoter, were deeply appreciated for inspiring young hearts to listen to God's call and embrace the Carmelite way of life.



With Gratitude and Grief: The Shrine Honours Pope Francis:

The Shrine joined the universal Church on April 24, 2025 in mourning the passing of Pope Francis. The Shrine offered all the nine Thursday Novena Masses for his soul, with a special commemorative Eucharist at 10:30 a.m. presided over by Rev. Fr Deep Fernandes, OCD. In a touching obituary, Shrine Director Fr Stifan Perera reflected on the Pope's pastoral simplicity, spiritual depth, and love for India.

CALLED, CONSECRATED, CELEBRATED!







Grace Unfolded: New Priests' First Blessing at Infant Jesus Shrine: On May 22, 2025, a Thursday, the newly ordained priests celebrated their Thanksgiving Mass at the Infant Jesus Shrine, Mangaluru, during the well-attended Novena celebration. Fr Movin D. Pereira, ordained just the previous day, presided over the solemn Eucharistic celebration. Fr Avith Pais preached a meaningful and inspiring homily that touched the hearts of the gathered faithful. After the Mass, the new

priests were warmly introduced to the congregation by Fr Stifan Pereira, Director of the Shrine. Fr Melwin D'Cunha, the Superior, felicitated each of them with a bouquet of flowers as a gesture of appreciation, joy, and encouragement for their new mission in the Lord's vineyard.

Sadaa Ananda: Carmel Hill Bids Farewell to Fr Rayan Pinto:

On June 06, the Carmel Hill community gathered with love and gratitude to bid farewell to Fr Rayan Pinto as he prepares to pursue higher studies in Bengaluru. Known for his joyful spirit and compassion for the poor – especially in education – Fr Rayan was fondly called Sadaa Ananda. Fr Ivan D'Souza, offered a heartfelt tribute, praising his humility and selfless service. Fr Rayan expressed deep gratitude, saying, "I have been loved by the Carmelites more than I deserve."



Pentecost Fire: A Day of Spirit-Filled Renewal at Infant Jesus Shrine: On June 08, 2025, Infant Jesus Shrine, celebrated the Solemnity of Pentecost with a day-long spiritual retreat that drew hundreds of faithful. The retreat featured Holy Mass, praise and worship, inspiring talks, deliverance prayers, and Eucharistic adoration. The highlight was a powerful preaching session by Rev. Fr Augustine Vallooran, Director of Divine Retreat Centre, Potta, who spoke on the transformative gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Glen and Trese from Potta led the praise and worship, lifting hearts in joyful surrender. The event ignited a fresh outpouring of faith, unity, and renewal among the gathered faithful.

Pilgrims' Way Renewed: Infant Jesus Shrine Road Inaugurated:

The newly concretized approach road to the Infant Jesus Shrine, was officially inaugurated on June 23, 2025. The inauguration ceremony was led by Mr Manjunath Bhandary, Congress Local President, in the presence of MLC Mr Ivan D'Souza, Congress MP candidate Mr Padmaraj Poojary, and Fr Stifan Perera, OCD, Shrine Director. A short felicitation program followed at the Shrine entrance. Mr Bhandary expressed gratitude for the Shrine's spiritual impact, stating, "The Infant Jesus Shrine is a beacon of hope and peace for all. Supporting its infrastructure is an honour and a service to the people it uplifts."



Carmel Ignite 2025: Scholarships Uplift 160 Young Minds: On July 06, 2025, Infant Jesus Shrine, Mangaluru, hosted Carmel Ignite 2025, distributing scholarships to over 160



underprivileged students. The event was graced by chief guests Mr Michael D'Souza, NRI philanthropist, and Mrs Geetha Judith Saldanha, renowned educator. Fr Stifan Perera, OCD, highlighted the Shrine's commitment to education and social welfare. Mr D'Souza and Mrs Saldanha inspired students with personal testimonies and calls to pursue education despite hardships. The Shrine also adopted Bolar Senior Primary West School, providing educational resources. Fr Melwin D'Cunha, OCD, Superior, expressed gratitude to benefactors. The event concluded with blessings and encouragement for students to strive for excellence and success.

Set Free to Serve: PMI Mangalore Recollection Inspires Renewed Zeal:

On July 13, 2025, Prison Ministry India, Mangalore Unit, held a half-day spiritual recollection at Infant Jesus Shrine, Bikarnakatte. Fr Jocy Siddakatte, OCD, led the session, urging members to be "born again" by letting go of ego and selfishness. He emphasized that prison ministry is a sacred vocation requiring sacrificial love and deep compassion. Eucharistic Adoration followed the talk. The Holy Mass, presided over by Rev. Fr Stifan Perera, OCD, the newly appointed Spiritual Director of PMI, reflected on Saints Peter and Paul—men of heart and mind, united in Spirit. Members were encouraged to mirror their unity and commitment in their ministry.



Echoes of Gratitude: A Day for Carmel's Benefactors:

On July 18, 2025, St Joseph's Monastery joyfully celebrated 'Benefactors Day' to honour and pray for its generous donors. The Thanksgiving Mass was presided over by Rev. Fr Deep Fernandes who, in his homily, reflected on the parents of St. Thérèse of Lisieux. He beautifully illustrated how their family life and balance between religious and professional

responsibilities serve as an inspiring model for modern families. A fellowship gathering followed in the hall, where OCDS members and brothers entertained the benefactors with songs, skits, and dances.

Families of Our Friars Unite: For the first time ever, the families of all formees of the Province, families of priests serving in the Mangalore region, and families of junior priests (ordained within the last five years) were invited to the Infant Jesus Shrine, Mangaluru, on July 20, 2025, as part of the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Rev. Fr Stifan Perera, OCD, Director of the Shrine, presided over the Eucharist, and Rev. Fr Pritesh Crasta, OCD, preached a touching homily on Mary's desire to clothe us in her divine beauty. A joyful gathering followed, focused on strengthening bonds and encouraging vocations, concluding with a festive meal.



Beauty of Carmel Unfolds at Infant Jesus Shrine: On July 20, 2025, Infant Jesus Shrine, Mangaluru, celebrated the Solemnity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel with deep devotion. There were three Solemn Masses celebrated. Fr Walter D'Souza presided over the morning

Mass, followed by a solemn liturgy led by Fr Stifan Perera, with Fr Prithesh Crasta preaching a touching Marian homily. The evening festal Mass was presided over by Fr Rajesh Melwyn Rosario, Rector of St Joseph's Seminary, with a reflection on the spiritual significance of the Brown Scapular. Fr Melvin D'Cunha felicitated Fr Rosario. Brown Scapulars were blessed and distributed, signifying Marian devotion and protection.



From Carmel Hill to Episcopal Heights: The Infant Jesus Shrine and the Carmelite Community at Carmel Hill joyfully felicitated Rev. Fr Joe Tauro, OCD, on his appointment as the Episcopal Vicar for the Diocese of Udupi by Most Rev. Gerald Isaac Lobo. The honour was conferred on July 20, 2025, during the Solemnity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, in the presence of numerous priests and religious. Formerly the Superior of the community, Fr Tauro was recognised for his dedicated service to the Province and Church, including his key role in redrafting the Constitutions of various religious congregations.

Clothed in Her Love: Carmelites Celebrate Their Queen:

The Carmelite Family of Mangalore joyfully celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on July 27, 2025, at the Infant Jesus Shrine, Mangaluru. The Eucharist, presided over by Rev. Fr Stifan Perera, OCD, was marked by an inspiring homily from Rev. Fr Pritesh Crasta, OCD, who highlighted Mary's maternal protection through the scapular. Friars from Carmel Hill, Ryshivana, Ashadeepa, Bajjodi, Religious Sisters belonging to Apostolic Carmel, and Carmelite Sisters of St Teresa (CSST) were present. Rev. Fr Dominic Vas, OCD, welcomed all. The day concluded with fellowship, games, and prize distribution by Sr Maria Naveena, AC, Provincial Superior.



Cherished Roots: Carmel Hill Celebrates Grandparents and the Elderly:

On July 28, 2025, the Carmelite community at Carmel Hill joyfully marked the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, celebrated each year on the last Sunday of July, close to the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne. The brothers expressed their love and

gratitude through a heartfelt wishing song dedicated to the senior fathers in the community. Each of them was personally greeted and honoured. It was a touching gesture of recognition, appreciation, and affection.

A Warm Embrace: Fr Joseph D'Souza Welcomed to Carmel Hill:

On July 29, 2025, the community at Carmel Hill extended a warm and fraternal welcome to Rev. Fr Joseph D'Souza. During the evening supper, Fr Melwin D'Cunha, Superior of the community, read the Patent granting him conventuality and



officially welcomed him as a member of the fraternity. The atmosphere was filled with joy and brotherhood as the community embraced Fr Joseph with open hearts.

Carmel Hill Goes Green: Rainwater Harvesting Leads the Way: St Joseph's Monastery and the Infant Jesus Shrine have successfully implemented a comprehensive rainwater harvesting system, ensuring that no water flows out of the campus. As a major step toward ecological sustainability, rainwater from the entire campus is now redirected into the earth. It flows into the dry well in the coconut grove, a newly-dug well behind the Shrine, the existing well near the Mount Carmel Grotto, and the nearby well beside Yatri Nivas. With this eco-conscious initiative, Carmel Hill proudly becomes the first community in the Province to fully harvest and replenish rainwater—restoring nature's gift to Mother Earth.



Udupi House



Diamond Jubilee of Fr Jossey Rodrigues: The Carmelites of Udupi Farm House joyfully celebrated the Diamond Birthday of Rev. Fr Jossey Rodrigues, OCD, on June 28, 2025. The celebration began with a Thanksgiving Eucharist presided over by Fr Jossey, joined by Provincial Superior Fr Silvestre D'Souza and Pontifical Commissary Fr Charles Serrao, with 30 priests concelebrating. Fr Silvestre preached an inspiring homily, followed by a cultural program anchored by the Vicar Provincial, Fr Archibald Gonsalves. Tributes

highlighted Fr Jossey's dedication to religious life, confession ministry, and humility. Fr Jossey expressed heartfelt gratitude, marking the day as a memorable celebration of faith, fraternity, and service.

Ashadeepa, Madanthyar



Ashadeepa joyfully celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of Mt Carmel: The Ashadeepa community celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on July 16, 2025 with deep devotion. The solemn Eucharist was presided over by Rev. Fr Melvin D'Cunha, Superior of St. Joseph's Monastery, Mangalore, and featured a spiritually uplifting homily by Fr Roshan Monteiro, who reflected on the meaning of Carmel and the spiritual significance of the Scapular. The celebration drew numerous

priests, Carmelite Fathers, religious sisters, and devotees. The faithful expressed gratitude to Our Lady for her maternal protection. The celebration concluded with the distribution of Scapulars, leaving the congregation spiritually renewed and strengthened in their devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

New Vocations Welcomed at Ashadeepa: Carmel's nest at Ashadeepa celebrates the arrival of twelve new vocations this year. The community extends its gratitude to the vocation promoters for their dedicated efforts.



Carmel Ashram, Koteswar

Holy Week: The Holy Week and Easter Triduum made the community stretch its human resources to the maximum, as many parishes in the deanery had requested assistance either to preside over the liturgy or for preaching. The community had also organized a two-day Lenten retreat for the parishioners at Koteswar, which was preached by Fr Nelson Pinto OCD. Easter was celebrated at the Udupi House.

Fr Joe Tauro appointed as the Episcopal Vicar for Religious in Udupi Diocese: Most Rev. Dr Gerald Lobo, the Bishop of the Diocese of Udupi has appointed Rev. Fr Joe Tauro OCD as the Episcopal vicar for Religious in the Diocese. The Province takes pride and offers its prayerful support to him as he takes up this new responsibility in the service of the Church.



3 days' Retreat and Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Carmel: Carmel Ashram, Katkere, celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on July 19, 2025, with deep devotion and spiritual solemnity. A three-day retreat and triduum, preached by Rev. Dr Wilfred Rodrigues, OCD, prepared the faithful for the celebration. The festal Eucharist, presided over by Rev. Fr

Stephen D'Souza, Chancellor of the Diocese of Udupi, emphasized the enduring grace of Marian devotion and the Brown Scapular. Priests from the Kundapur deanery and Carmelites concelebrated, enhancing the spirit of unity. Fr Praveen Pinto, OCD, Superior, expressed gratitude to all participants. Fr Joe Tauro, OCD, the newly appointed Episcopal Vicar for Religious, was felicitated during the celebration.

Couples Jubilee: The parish celebrated Couples Jubilee on July 13, 2025 with the participation of around 45 couples. The event was graced by a meaningful talk delivered by Mr Lasli Aroza, the Director of the Family Commission. He shared insights on the vital role of couples and the beauty of family life. During the Holy Mass, the couples took an oath to honour, love, and support each other, strengthening their commitment as parents and spouses. After Mass, the parish community gathered for a moment of fellowship, sharing cake and sweets.



Day of Grandparents: Koteswar parish celebrated Grandparents' Day on July 27, as part of Jubilee year celebrations. During the Eucharistic celebration, Fr Joe Tauro spoke on the pivotal role grandparents play in the faith formation, emotional and human maturity of the family. After the Mass, Senior Citizens Club was inaugurated and the parish children crowned their grandparents with handmade crowns.



Spiritual Fruitfulness: Fr Joe Tauro guided the two-week long General Chapter of Presentation sisters (PDMT), an Italian congregation; he also preached a retreat to senior priests in the diocese of Udupi.

Pushpashrama, Mysuru



Holy Week: The Holy Week began on Palm Sunday with a solemn procession from the grotto of Our Lady. Fr Oswald Crasta urged the faithful during the homily to embrace Christ's sacrifice. On Maundy Thursday, Fr Antony Stephen beautifully highlighted the relation between the Eucharist, Priesthood, and Christ's commandment of love and its importance in the life of every Christian. On Good Friday, Fr Wilfred Rodrigues, reflected on Christ's redemptive cry,

Tetelestai (It is finished). The Easter Vigil was solemnised by Fr Don Tony while Fr Oswald proclaimed the Risen Christ's victory, uniting the faithful in joyful Alleluias.

40 Hours of Perpetual Adoration at Infant Jesus Shrine: On April 15, Infant Jesus Shrine began its 40 Hours Eucharistic Adoration during Holy Week, preparing devotees for Easter Triduum. The event commenced with the 6:00 a.m. Mass, followed by adoration of the Lord, with the faithful and devotional groups taking turns. The profound experience culminated in a powerful Healing Service and concluding Holy Mass at 9:00 p.m. on April 16. The overwhelming response reflected the enduring grace of the Eucharist, stirring hearts and deepening faith as the faithful from near and far united in worship and adoration.



Brothers Bring Stations of the Cross to Life:

On the morning of April 18, Good Friday, the faithful gathered in the grounds of Infant Jesus Shrine for a dramatized Way of the Cross. The Pushpashrama brothers brought the Passion narrative to life with prayerful reverence, transforming the shrine campus into a living tableau of Christ's final journey. With each

station, the actors' powerful portrayal and the congregation's devout participation made the events of Calvary vividly present. This dramatic re-enactment of Christ's suffering allowed all present, to walk with Jesus spiritually, on His road to humanity's redemption.

Inauguration of Academic Year 2025-26: Pushpashrama Institute of Philosophy and Religion inaugurated its Academic Year 2025-2026 with *Lectio Brevis* on May 31, 2025. The Eucharistic celebration was presided over by Fr Silvestre D'Souza OCD, Provincial Superior; he invited the students to integrate faith and reason as they pursue their studies. Fr Oswald Crasta, the Rector, welcomed the dignitaries, while Fr Wilfred Rodrigues, the Dean, presented the academic report and introduced the new academic program. Thirty students were enrolled in formation this year. Fr Noel D'Cunha delivered a scholarly address on "Josef Pieper and the Philosophy of Hope," reflecting the Jubilee Year's theme. The event concluded with the Pushpashrama Anthem, marking a spirit-filled start to the academic journey.





Faith and Life Bible Camp: From April 24 - 26, Pushpashrama hosted a three-day "Faith & Life Bible Camp" for children aged 6 to 16, organized by the ICPE Mission & Friends and the Carmelite Friars. Held daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., each day had a unique focus: Day 1 taught children how to pray;

Day 2 centred on the Rosary, with kids crafting their own rosaries; and Day 3 introduced the Bible as "God's love letter to humanity." The sessions were enriched with action songs, skits, and games, making it fun and interactive. The camp concluded with the Holy Mass and lunch.

Feast of the Divine Mercy: The Divine Mercy Feast was celebrated on April 27 with a solemn evening Mass for the first time, preceded by two hours of Eucharistic Adoration. The prayerful preparation included the Divine Mercy Chaplet in English and Kannada, culminating with the Mass at 5:00 p.m. Rev. Fr Jeevan Tauro OCD, delivered an inspiring homily on God's boundless mercy flowing from Christ's heart when we pray, "Jesus, I trust in You." At the end of the celebration each family present, received a blessed image of the Divine Mercy, to keep in their homes as a reminder of God's merciful love.



Feast of Our Lady of Mt Carmel: The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was celebrated at the Infant Jesus Shrine, Pushpashrama, Mysore, on July 16 & 20, 2025. July 16 marked a quiet community celebration with daily Mass attendees, presided over by Fr Lancy Rajesh Lovis OCD, who reflected on Mary's role in our lives. The solemn celebration on July 20, Sunday, included Masses celebrated by Fr Ajith Rodrigues OCD and Fr Antony Stephen OCD. In their homilies, they emphasized the feast's historical roots and its contemporary significance. Scapulars were blessed and distributed.

Dhyanasadhana, Mysuru

Dhyana Sadhana Summer Programmes 2025: From April 07 to June 14, 2025 series of summer programmes like AI workshop, Psycho-spiritual Integration and Legal Seminars were held at the Institute. Of these, the three Legal Seminars held under the proficient leadership of Fr Clifford D'Souza



were a grand success. A total of 120 participants took part in the seminar, benefitting from it!



DS Spirituality Course - 2025-26: With 16 sisters enrolling themselves for full 8 months course, a simple liturgical service during the vespers marked the inauguration of the spirituality course on July 04, 2025.

Mysuru Region Carmelite Family get-together & Titular Feast: The Institute hosted the get-together of Carmelite Family of Mysore region and grand celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The event was held on Sunday, July 20, 2025. Fr Lancy Lovis was the main celebrant and Fr Wilfred Frank preached a moving homily intertwining scripture, tradition, wit and wisdom. With all the branches of Carmel present, Dhyana Sadhana resonated with games, dance and laughter! Hats off to the regional convener, Fr Rathan Almeida.

Tapovana, Kushalnagar

Three Postulants Clothed as Novices: On April 30, 2025, three postulants—Brs. Brayan Jackson Sequeira, Ethan Benedict Lobo, and Flen Johans Pinto—were vested with the Carmelite habit at Tapovana, Kushalnagar. Rev. Fr Silvestre D'Souza OCD, Provincial Superior, presided over the solemn Vestition Ceremony. In his message, he encouraged the novices to embrace the Carmelite life with openness and faith. The rite included the blessing of the Scapular and the Carmelite Emblem, followed by the solemn singing of the Salve Regina and the Kiss of Peace. With the simple, prayerful celebration, the brothers crossed the thresholds into a year of deep spiritual formation in the Novitiate.



Twelve Novices profess their First Vows: On May 01, 2025, twelve novices professed their First Religious Vows at Tapovana, Kushalnagar. The solemn Eucharist was presided over by Rev. Fr Silvestre D'Souza OCD, Provincial Superior, with 38 priests, religious, and faithful in attendance. In his homily, Fr Provincial urged the brothers to follow Christ

wholeheartedly, drawing inspiration from St Thérèse of Lisieux. Gratitude was expressed by Brs. Aren and Ashwin on behalf of the newly professed.

First Profession of Bro. Ronal Cloyten D'Cunha, OCD: On May 20, 2025, Br. Ronal Cloyten D'Cunha made his First Profession at Tapovana, responding to the Lord's call. The Eucharist was presided over by Rev. Fr Silvestre D'Souza, Provincial Superior; he was joined by Councillors, friars, family, and friends. In his homily, Fr Provincial reflected on Jesus' question, "Do you love me?", highlighting love as the foundation of vocation. The celebration included a felicitation programme, choral praise by novices, and a festive meal. Br. Ronal expressed gratitude to all who supported him, marking a joyful moment of commitment to the Carmelite life.



Carmel Home, St. Michael's Church, Belur



Scapular: A Celebration of Our Lady of Mount Carmel:

The Solemnity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was joyfully celebrated on July 20 at St. Michael's Church, Belur. A preparatory three-day novena, held for the first time at the parish, saw enthusiastic participation. The festive Eucharist was presided over by Fr Prasanna Kumar, the Parish Priest, along with Fr Joseph Pinto and Fr

Prakash Tauro. Scapulars were distributed among the faithful, marking their devotion to the Blessed Virgin. Over 200 attended the celebration, which concluded with the cutting of the festive cake. Even at the Tholalu substation, Mass was celebrated and scapulars and cake were likewise distributed

Divine Springs, Xellim

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima Celebrated in Xellim: On May 13, 2025, the Parishioners of Our Lady of Fatima Chapel, Xellim-Loliem, celebrated the feast of their Patroness with great devotion. The Solemn Mass was led by Rev. Fr Silvestre D'Souza, OCD, Provincial Superior, joined by Carmelite priests. Preaching on the theme "Mother Mary inspires us to renew our lives by deepening prayer," Fr Silvestre urged for personal spiritual renewal. A nine-day novena preceded the feast. The choir enhanced the celebration, and Fr Teodosio Fernandes expressed gratitude to all.



Spiritually Enriching Activities: June 2025 witnessed a vibrant series of retreats at Divine Springs Retreat Centre, Xellim, Loliem, Goa. This included a contemplative retreat for Daughters of St. Paul, a two-day retreat for nine lay faithful from Margao, and an orientation camp for twenty-eight candidates of the Teresian Association, Pune. Two deacons from Belgaum Diocese also made a pre-ordination retreat. Additionally, nineteen lay faithful attended a contemplative retreat. A half-day charismatic retreat, led by Fr Joseph D'Souza, Fr Sunil Monis, and Br. Alex, drew many participants.

Feast of Our Lady of Mt Carmel: A one-day retreat was held at Divine Springs Retreat Centre wherein the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel also was celebrated. The retreat featured praise and worship led by Dominic, Clinton, and their team, followed by enriching sessions by Fr Joseph D'Souza, OCD, and Br. Alex, including an Inner Healing Adoration. The Festal Mass was celebrated by Fr Sunil Monis, OCD, who preached on Mary's role and the spiritual significance of the Scapular. Fr Joseph D'Souza expressed gratitude to all who contributed to the day's success. Scapulars were distributed to the faithful, and refreshments were shared, marking the occasion with joy and devotion.



Carmelite Monastery, Margao



A Joyful Retreat for Catechists: On June 01, 2025, 15 catechists from the Carmelite Monastery, Margao, attended a one-day retreat at Avila Jyothi Monastery, Mapusa. The day featured enriching sessions by Fr Ronald D'Souza and Br. Malvino Alphonso, OCD, on God's vision, catechist's identity, and the 2025 Pastoral Letter, "Hope Does Not Disappoint Us." The retreat included Holy Mass, lively fellowship, and inspiring models of hope like Mary and Blessed Carlo Acutis. Grateful to Fr Marlon Rodrigues for his guidance, the catechists returned renewed in spirit, ready for the mission ahead.

Inauguration of Postulancy: On June 08, 2025, the Carmelite Monastery, Margao, joyfully marked the inauguration of the new postulancy year. The celebration commenced with the Holy Eucharist, invoking the Holy Spirit's guidance upon the postulants as they embarked on their vocational journey. Rev. Fr Silvestre D'Souza OCD, Provincial Superior, warmly welcomed the candidates, Brs. Sohan Bennis and Dilshan Miranda, encouraging them to embrace this time of formation with faith, openness, and dedication.



Celebrating the Gift of Fatherhood: On June 15, 2025, at the Carmelite Monastery, Margao, catechism children joyfully celebrated Father's Day, honouring both God the heavenly Father and their earthly fathers. The event coincided with the Feast of the Holy Trinity, deepening the celebration's spiritual meaning. Fr Marlon Rodrigues OCD, preached on the Trinity as a communion of love, reminding families to live in unity and love. The children expressed their gratitude towards their fathers, seen as reflections of God's love, strength, and care.

Rooted in the Word, Radiating Hope: On June 29, 2025, the Carmelite Monastery, Margao, inaugurated its Catechetical Year with a meaningful Eucharistic celebration led by Fr Marlon Rodrigues and Fr Don Tony, OCD. Rooted in the Jubilee theme Pilgrims of Hope, the event highlighted the mission of journeying with the marginalized and reflecting Christ's light. Fr Marlon's homily, linking Saints Peter and Paul to the catechetical call, reminded all that God works through our weaknesses. A PTA meeting outlined academic expectations, emphasizing faith, discipline, and family support.



Bible Course 2025 – 2026: The Carmelite Monastery, Margao, in collaboration with the Diocesan Centre for Biblical Apostolate (Goa and Daman), began its annual Bible Course for 2025–2026 under the guidance of Fr Mariano D'Costa. The course was inaugurated with a solemn Mass on July 09, 2025, setting a prayerful tone for the months ahead. Held every second and fourth Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., the twelve-session program runs from July 2025 to February 2026, helping individuals to grow in faith and in their study of the Word of God!

Inauguration of Carmel Youth 2025–2026: 'Carmel Youth' witnessed its joyful inauguration for the year 2025–26 on July 13, 2025, with the theme: 'Calling Young Hearts to Unity, Service, and Holiness.' Rooted in Carmelite spirituality, the youth pledged to journey together in prayer, formation, and mission. With vibrant energy and deep faith, they committed to witnessing Christ's love in the Church and society.



Feast of Our Lady of Mt Carmel: The Carmelite Monastery, Margao, celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on July 16, 2025. The solemn Eucharist was presided over by Rev. Fr Joaquim Rebelo sfx, Provincial Superior of the Society of Pilar. In his sermon on



the theme, "Blessed Virgin Mary: Mother of Hope," he invited the faithful to grow in faith and become witnesses of hope. Several priests concelebrated, and the Carmel Choir led the liturgical singing. Members of the Secular Carmel renewed their promises. The novena preceding the feast dwelt on reflections based on the Pastoral Letter of the Archbishop-Patriarch, His Eminence Filipe Neri Cardinal Ferrão.

Fraternal Flame: Carmelite Priests Unite in Faith and Fellowship:

On the joyous occasion of the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the Carmelite Monastery, Margao, hosted a regional gathering of Carmelite priests on July 16, 2025. Priests from various Carmelite communities across the region came together in a spirit of fraternity, thanksgiving, and renewal. It served as a meaningful opportunity for priests to share experiences, strengthen bonds, and renew their commitment to the Carmelite charism.

Prerana, Jagalur

Blessing of Renovated Facilities: On June 03, 2025, Rev. Fr Silvestre D'Souza OCD, Provincial Superior of the Karnataka-Goa Province, blessed the newly renovated facilities at Prerana Mission Station, Jagalur. The renovations include a beautified chapel sanctuary, upgraded rooms for friars, new guest rooms, improved kitchen and staff quarters, and a dedicated staircase for the rented section and other social outreach programmes. Fr Silvestre presided over the Eucharistic celebration and delivered an inspiring homily on missionary zeal. Felicitations were extended to key contributors, including Fr Prakash D'Cunha and Mr Wilfred Lasrado. Fr Vishan Monis was also honoured for his dedicated service.



Comprehensive Health Camp at Prerana: On July 12, 2025, Prerana Social Welfare Centre, Jagalur, organized a comprehensive health camp, providing essential medical screenings and consultations to the surrounding villages. The event focused on preventive healthcare,

offering various tests and expert advice. The service included heart and cancer screening and general health check-up.

Distribution of Tailoring Machines: On July 25, the Davangere District Panchayat – Industrial and Commercial Rural Development Department, in collaboration with Al-Fathima NGO and Prerana Social Welfare Centre, organized a program to distribute tailoring machines and training certificates to the beneficiaries. This initiative aims to empower women by promoting skill development and self-employment opportunities.



Carmel Sannidhi, Kadaganchi

Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel: Carmel Sannidhi, Kadaganchi, Kalaburagi, celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on July 16, 2025. The celebration, themed “To Be Blessings to Our Neighbours – Like Mother Mary, Our Model,” drew a large gathering of priests, religious, students, and faithful. The Solemn Eucharist was presided over by Rev. Fr Vinod Lobo OCD, Provincial Secretary, who highlighted the spiritual richness of Carmel and the Scapular. Faithful from across the Deanery, including Mount Carmel School and the Central University of Karnataka, participated prayerfully. Scapulars were distributed after Mass and a solemn agape followed.



Computer Training Programme for Prisoners in Central Jail, Kalaburagi:

On July 17, 2025, the Carmel Jyothi Public Charitable Trust and Prison Ministry India (Gulbarga Diocese) launched a three-month computer training programme for 30 inmates at Central Jail, Kalaburagi. Sponsored with ₹30,000 by Carmel Jyothi Public Trust, the initiative aims to equip prisoners with employable skills for reintegration into society. The inauguration was led by Dr Anitha, Chief Superintendent of the Jail, along with Fr Deepak Thomas OCD, Fr William Miranda OCD, and Fr Maxim SJ. Participants received T-shirts, notebooks, and pens. Dr Anitha highlighted the potential of such programmes to reduce recidivism and promote stable family life post-release.



Carmel Nivas, Londa



Golden Jubilee of St Anthony's Chapel: The faithful of Watre joyfully celebrated the Golden Jubilee of St. Anthony's Chapel on May 16, 2025, marking 50 years of blessings. Celebrations commenced in January with a solemn procession and continued with home visits, a spiritual retreat, a cricket tournament, and a community fun fest. The Jubilee Eve featured the inauguration of a Grotto and recognition of

benefactors. The celebrations culminated with a Thanksgiving Mass presided over by Most Rev. Derek Fernandes, Bishop of Belgaum, followed by a felicitation programme honouring key contributors.

Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel at Ramnagar:

Mount Carmel Hostel, Ramnagar, joyfully celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel for the first time on July 15, 2025, marking a historic milestone in its 18-year history. The Solemn Eucharist was presided over by Rev. Fr Prakash D'Cunha, Provincial Councillor, with five other priests concelebrating. The celebration included the blessing and distribution of scapulars, a cultural program by hostel students, and the blessing of a new school bus donated by Carmel Jnana Education Trust. Faithful from Londa, Ramnagar, and Watre, along with OCDS members, enriched the celebration with their participation.



Bishop of Belgaum visits Holy Family Church: On Sunday, July 20, 2025, the Carmel Nivas Community and Holy Family Church, Londa, joyfully welcomed Most Rev. Derek Fernandes, Bishop of Belgaum, during his fraternal visit. He presided over the Sunday Eucharist and delivered a moving homily that inspired the faithful. The parishioners honoured him and he responded with gratitude, commending the choir, children's participation, and the prayerful atmosphere. The visit concluded with a shared breakfast and warm fellowship with the clergy and community members.



Infant Mary Church, Bajjodi



On April 20, 2025, the faithful of Bajjodi parish celebrated the joyous occasion of Easter, marking the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Fr Ivan D'Souza OCD, Director, Carmel Media, Mangalore, was the main celebrant during the solemn liturgical celebration.

On June 01, the parish marked the inauguration of the Catechism Year 2025. On the same day, a Freshers' Day programme was held for the Altar Servers. During the event, the newly joined altar servers were warmly welcomed into the fold, while the outgoing members were bid a heartfelt farewell recognizing their dedicated service.

On June 15, a special honouring ceremony was organised for the students who had successfully passed their SSLC and II PUC examinations. Those who had excelled in their academic performance were felicitated by the parish community.

June 29, 2025 saw the celebration of Environment Day at the Parish in collaboration with the YCS and ICYM, aiming to create awareness and responsibility towards nature. Later in the evening, the parish celebrated Father's Day, an occasion dedicated to remembering, honouring, and appreciating all the fathers of the parish for their role and contribution in family and community life.

On July 27, the parish hosted "Aatinth Ek Dees," a traditional food festival celebrating the rich culinary heritage of the Aati month. A wide range of traditional delicacies specific to the season were prepared and served, offering a taste of Mangalorean culture.

St Mary's Nivas, Hedge Nagar

Reception of the Jubilee Cross: As part of the Archdiocesan Jubilee Year of Hope 2025, the parish joyfully received the Jubilee Cross on June 29, 2025. In the presence of its shepherd, Fr Boniface D'Souza OCD, the parish-community welcomed the Cross with incense, hymns, and devotion. The reception of the Cross became a moment of deep spiritual renewal for the faithful. Parishioners, youth, sisters, and members of the Legion of Mary spent time in prayer before it experiencing profound peace and joy.



Outreach to Hindi-Speaking Migrant Community: The parish organized an outreach programme for the Hindi-speaking migrant community. The initiative aimed to build trust, offer spiritual support, and promote health awareness among this vulnerable group. Parish youth engaged the community with songs, dances, and games. Social worker Mrs Shaline Serrao assisted with obtaining social IDs and Aadhar cards. Nearly 100 people attended the event; food packets were distributed. The effort reflects the parish's mission to serve the marginalized, strengthening both community bonds and the spirit of charity.

Grandparents Day Celebration: On July 26, 2025, St. Mary's Church, Hegde Nagar, celebrated Grandparents Day, honouring the elderly for their enduring faith and life witness. The celebration began with a special Eucharist offered by Fr Boniface D'Souza OCD, who acknowledged their sacrifices and legacy. A felicitation program followed in the parish hall, where children and youth performed songs and dances, and parishioner Mrs Shaline Serrao spoke on the occasion. Fr Boniface offered practical tips for joyful living and thanked the elderly.

CANADA

St Stephen's Church, Cayuga



St Stephen's Church, Canada, Launches New Website: On the Solemnity of the Pentecost, the New Website of St Stephen's Catholic Church was declared open by Mr Walter and Mrs Magdalena, the guest parishioners from a nearby Parish. The brand-new website of the Parish is beautifully designed by Fr Stephen Lobo OCD

On May 05, the First Holy Communion of 18 children, was held at St Stephen's Church. The celebration was held in the parish with people packing the Church and the campus.

On May 18, the celebration of confirmation in St Stephen's Catholic Church was held during 2 p.m. mass. Most Rev. Gerard Bergie, the Bishop of St Catharines, conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation to 17 candidates.

June 23 witnessed St Stephen's School celebrating the closing of the Academic Year 2024-2025 with a Solemn Mass in the Church.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN THE SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY



Birthday Celebration of Frs. Archibald, Joachim and Joseph Pinto at Dhyana Sadhana



Birthday Celebration of Fr Alphonse Britto at Divya Sadan



Birthday Celebration of Fr Arun Lobo



Birthday Celebration of Fr Deep Fernandes



Birthday Celebration of Fr Victor Fernandes (Jr)



Birthday Celebration of Fr Provincial at Saddbhavana



Birthday Gift to Fr Provincial from Divya Sadana



Birthday Celebration of Fr Prasanna Kumar



Birthday of Fr Francis Bartholomew at Carmel Hill



Birthday of Fr Adarsh Rodrigues at Honnavar



Birthday of Fr Anthony Stephen at Pushpashrama



Birthday Celebration of Fr Juze D'Souza and
Welcome to Fr Sunil Monis



Birthday Celebration of
Fr Denis Misquith at Kushalnagar



Birthday Celebration of Frs. Alphonse
and Sandeep at Sadbhavana



Birthday Celebration of
Fr Jesvin Benoy



Birthday Celebration of
Fr Vijay D'Costa

On June 24, the Graduation Day celebration was held with a solemn Mass in the Church and the felicitation program for the Children was held in the School.

Two Definitor Generals of the Discalced Carmelites, Rev. Fr Christophe M. Baudoin OCD and Rev. Fr Pius James D'Souza OCD visited St. Stephen Church on July 10.

On July 16, a new book by Fr Rudolf V. D'Souza OCD, was released by Rev. Fr Miguel Marques Calle, the Superior General of the Discalced Carmelites, in the presence of Rev. Fr Christophe and Fr Pius James D'Souza OCD, the Definitors after the Solemn Mass of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Feast at 6 pm at Mount Carmel Spirituality Centre at Park Land County. The book is the Konkani Translation of his work *Cast Your Net Into The Deep*.



On July 16, a new series on the Interior Castle of St. Teresa of Avila was launched in Carmel Radiance YouTube Channel by Fr Rudolf V. D'Souza OCD.



Chrism Mass 2025 at St. Catherine's Cathedral: On April 15, 2025, Most Rev. Gerard Bergie, the Bishop of St Catharines, presided over the solemn Chrism Mass at St. Catherine's Cathedral, gathering 67 priests, religious, deacons, and seminarians in unity. A fellowship dinner honoured jubilarians and new seminarians. The Bishop also bid farewell to Fr Roshan D'Souza, OCD, as he leaves for doctoral studies in India. Fr Rudolf V. D'Souza gifted the Bishop with his books *When I Cannot Pray* and *Words That Matter*.

Mount Carmel Spirituality Center, Edmonton

Feast of Infant Jesus Celebrated: On May 24, 2025, Mount Carmel Spirituality Centre, Edmonton, celebrated the Feast of the Infant Jesus of Prague with great devotion. Over 600 faithful attended the event, marked by the installation of a sacred statue donated by Mrs Susan Papas Hauck. The triduum was preached by Frs Rudolf D'Souza, Israel Gonsalves, and Mario Fernandes. The solemn Mass was presided over by Most Rev. Gary Franken, the Bishop of St Paul in Alberta, followed by a grand procession and enthronement of the statue. It included hymns and dances by the Filipino community. Special thanks were extended to Fr Frank Sharma, OCD, for organizing this memorable celebration.



Good Friday Service: On April 18, 2025, over 3,500 faithful gathered at Mount Carmel Spirituality Centre, Edmonton, for a deeply spiritual Good Friday celebration. Confessions began at 8:30 a.m., with hundreds receiving the sacrament. Around 700 participated in the Stations of the Cross and 850 attended the Passion Liturgy. Fr Jerome Moras, Fr Frank Sharma, and Fr Kevin Fernandes led the services with great dedication.



St Joseph's Community, Vancouver, Canada



New Adoration Chapel: On April 02, the new Adoration Chapel was inaugurated by Fr Ronald Sequira OCD. Fr John Thrister, retired ex-pastor of Guardian Angels' parish was invited to concelebrate the Holy Mass which followed the inauguration ceremony. Fr Victor Fernandes, the Superior of the community was also present at the blessing

ceremony of the new chapel. The chapel was built accessible for the community and for the faithful who wish to spend time in silent adoration. This Chapel is a realized dream project of the current Parish Pastor, Fr John Pinto.

Priestly Ordination Anniversary: On the April 29, Fr John Pinto Celebrated his 39th Priestly Ordination Anniversary. The community celebrated with joy, the day's Eucharist.



A Grateful Visit: The Bishop of Kurnool, India, Most Rev. Johannes Gorantla OCD, made a fraternal visit to Guardian Angels' Parish and met the community members. He presided over the evening mass along with the parishioners. After mass the Bishop had an opportunity to fraternally dialogue with the parishioners. Many came up with interesting questions which Bishop Johannes attentively listened and responded to, with warmth.

16 Years of Priesthood: Fr Ronald Sequiera celebrated his 16th Priestly Ordination Anniversary on May 19. The Community joined together for the Eucharistic celebration. To mark the occasion the community had breakfast at Dosa Restaurant.



Jubilee Celebration: Guardian Angels' Parish in Vancouver joyfully celebrated its 75th Jubilee on June 01 with a solemn Mass presided over by Most Rev. Richard W. Smith, Archbishop of Vancouver. The



liturgy was followed by reflections highlighting the parish's contribution to the local faith community. A stirring performance of Oh Happy Day by Dutch Robinson and the parish choir uplifted spirits, while a sold-out luncheon in the parish hall fostered fellowship and warm memories. The Jubilee was a heartfelt testament to Guardian Angel Parish's unity, resilience, and unwavering commitment to its spiritual mission.

General Pastoral Journey Across The Canadian Delegation



EUROPE

Easter Gathering of KG Province Friars in Italy:

On April 23-24, 2025, KG Province friars serving/studying in Italy gathered at Santa Maria della Scala, Rome, for their Easter celebration. The highlight was the solemn Eucharist at the chapel housing St Teresa's relic, celebrating the 25th religious anniversary of Frs Manoj Braganza and Arvin Tauro. Prayers were also offered for Pope Francis and Mr Maurice D'Souza, the late dad of Fr Richard D'Souza.



The friars later paid homage to Pope Francis at St. Peter's Basilica. The gathering concluded with fraternal bonding, Mass, and a thanksgiving meal.

SOUTH AFRICA

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Shrine, Benoni

Joyous Carmel Festival: On Sunday, July 13, 2025, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Shrine, Benoni, celebrated the Carmel Festival with great joy. The day began with a festive Holy Eucharist, presided over by Fr Rayan Pais, Superior and Rector, with Fr Kaushik Parmar and two deacons assisting. Scapulars were blessed and distributed. The vibrant celebration continued with



food stalls, games, and cultural performances, drawing large participation from families and parishioners. Thanks to the leadership of Fr Rayan and Annabelle, and the support of benefactors and volunteers, the festival was a memorable success.



Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel: The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was solemnly celebrated on July 12, 2025, at the shrine in Benoni, Johannesburg. His Eminence Stephen Cardinal Breslin, the new Archbishop of Johannesburg, presided over the Eucharist, marking his first visit to the shrine. The faithful, gathered under the theme "Pilgrims of Hope", listened to a profound homily on Mary's interior life. Scapulars were blessed and distributed. Fr Rayan Pais,

Rector, thanked the Cardinal and clergy for their presence. The unveiling and blessing of the relic of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus added spiritual depth to the celebration.

Our Lady of Loreto Parish, Kempton Park

- The entirety of the Good Friday liturgy was telecasted live on Radio Veritas, the local Catholic radio station. Fr Boniface D'Souza offered an interview explaining the importance of Holy Saturday.
- A memorial Mass was celebrated to honour Late Pope Francis, and to pray for him. Following the Mass, an exhibition projected his important encyclicals and explaining their significance.
- The Parish celebrated the 31st Freedom Day of South Africa – carrying the national flag in procession at the beginning of the Mass. A veteran who was part of the freedom



struggle shared his testimony, and the national flag was hoisted after the Mass! As it was also Divine Mercy Sunday, a special Mass was celebrated at 3 p.m., after which the faithful honoured the Blessed Sacrament and the portrait of the Divine Mercy.

- The domestic staff was honoured on the day the Parish celebrated the Workers' Day! After the special Mass, the entire team of the staff came together to cut a cake manifesting their joy. A special lunch was arranged to celebrate their selfless service and gifts were shared.
- The parish celebrated the Jubilee of Deacons; all the Deacons who serve in the parish, and those who had served earlier were invited and special prayers were said for them! Along with their families, the Deacons partook of the lunch organised for them!
- All mothers were honoured as the parish celebrated Mothers' Day. After the special prayer for them, they were each given gifts with the Jubilee Logo. All mothers present shared the delicious soup prepared for them!

- With a special Mass, Our Lady of Fatima was honoured in the Parish. After the evening Mass, a candle-light procession which took place was the testament to the devotion towards Our Lady of Fatima!
- Centenary of the Canonization of St Therese of Lisieux was observed. The portrait of the saint was unveiled and bookmarks with prayers to the saint were distributed.
- Africa Day was celebrated exhibiting the unity of all Africans. At the beginning of the Mass, leaders from different countries carried their respective national flags during the entrance procession. After the mass people from different countries cooked their traditional food and shared the same with all. All countries also performed their traditional dance, alleviating the mood into a joyful one!
- Youth Jubilee and Father's day was celebrated together at the parish, with special prayer service and giving of gifts, with the Jubilee Logo.
- The Parish celebrated the Feast of Corpus Christi. Communion ministers renewed their promises, and the Mass ended with a Eucharistic procession concluding with healing service.
- In the morning a Clean, Play and Eat Event was organized for children. After the 09:00 a.m. Mass, children cleaned in and around the Church Campus, and later had games; they had food together. Children had fun in the sun during this winter. The first ever Youth Mass was celebrated at 05:00 p.m. After the mass all the youth participated in the quiz competition.
- Jubilee of the sodalities was celebrated in the Parish with presence from all 8 sodalities in the Parish.
- Along with the picture of Infant Jesus, the portraits of main Carmelite saints were unveiled in the church in order to nurture a memory of the Carmelites.



TANZANIA



Anglophone Africa Second Novitiate 2025: The Anglophone Africa Second Novitiate Programme 2025 is underway at Carmel Prayer House, Dodoma, from July 20 to September 20. Fifteen Carmelite brothers from across Tanzania, Congo, Burundi-Rwanda, Kenya, and Nigeria are participating in this formative journey, guided by Fr Raymond Sangu, OCD. The Inaugural Eucharist on July 25 was presided over by Fr Philbert Namphande, OCD, Definitor General, who

urged the brothers to embrace this time with prayerful silence and renewed commitment. The programme features spiritual sessions led by friars from various provinces, fostering deeper Carmelite identity and readiness for solemn profession.

From Solitude to Solidarity: A Spiritual Journey with Others



OCD NUNS

Chicalim

Golden Jubilee of Sr Candida: On July 07, 2025, the Cloistered Carmel of Chicalim, Goa, celebrated the Golden Jubilee of Sr Candida of Jesus, marking fifty years of her religious profession. Born in Bogmalo, Sr. Candida joined the Hand Maids of Christ in 1972 and later embraced the contemplative life at the Cloistered Carmel in 1982. The solemn Eucharistic celebration was presided over by Rev. Fr Ronald D'Souza, OCD, joined by Carmelite and Pallottine Fathers. Surrounded by family and fellow sisters, Sr Candida joyfully renewed her commitment, thanking God for His love and fidelity throughout her life.



Kurnool



Common Novitiate year at Kurnool Carmel: On May 31, 2025, the Carmel of St Joseph, Kurnool, joyfully inaugurated the Common Novitiate Year, coinciding with the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The novices entrusted their year of formation to the maternal care of Our Lady, recognising her as the perfect model of prayer, faith, and charity. The community offered prayers of gratitude for the formators and invoked God's blessings for a fruitful year of spiritual growth. From June 01, 2025 to May 31, 2026, nine novices will be formed in the Carmelite way of life, deepening their relationship with Christ through prayer, silence, and the imitation of Mary's virtues.

Mangalore

Sr Miriam's First Profession: On May 2, 2025, Sr Miriam of the Immaculate Heart made her First Profession in the Cloistered Carmel of Mangalore. The Eucharistic celebration was presided over by Rev. Fr Silvestre D'Souza OCD, Provincial Superior, in the presence of AC sisters and Carmelite priests. Born in 1997 to Yohan Raj Ambadipudi and Pramila Kumari, Sr. Miriam discerned her



vocation during the COVID-19 lockdown, drawn by a profound spiritual calling. After initial formation with the AC sisters, she was inspired to join the cloister. She entered Carmel in 2022, received the habit in 2023, and now embraces a life of prayer and silence.

In Her embrace: One Grand Feast: The Sacred Heart Monastery, Cloister Carmel, Mangalore, celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel with a solemn nine-day novena led by Carmelite friars from Asha Deepa, Madanthyar. On July 16, 2025, after morning Mass and adoration, the Solemn Feast Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr Joe Tauro OCD, Episcopal Vicar for Religious, Udupi Diocese. Scapulars and holy pictures were distributed after the Mass.

Called to Rest in the Lord: Sr Teresa of Jesus was called to eternal rest on April 17, 2025. On April 21, Easter Monday, her mortal remains were brought to the monastery for public viewing. Many including her family, relatives and friends paid their last



respects to Sr Teresa of Jesus. The funeral Mass, held at 03:30 p.m. was celebrated by Most Rev. Aloysius Paul D'Souza, Bishop-Emeritus of Mangalore, along with many other priests. Episcopal Vicar for Religious, Fr Daniel Veigas OP, led the commendation rites in the Choir.

Sr Juliana D'Cunha UFS, an Ursuline from Moodbidri joined the Carmel on April 27, 2025. In the evening, her relatives and friends reached her to the monastery and Fr Alwyn Sequeira OCD, the cousin of Sr Juliana, made a short prayer; after the blessings, she crossed the thresholds of Carmel. On May 18, she took the habit of the Order and was given the name Sr Mary Juliana of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



Two aspirants Ms Renita Fernandes and Ms Azelia Carvalho have stepped into Carmel discerning their vocation.

Mysore



The Bishop's Mass – Most Rev. Johannes Gorantla: It was a great day of rejoicing as Most Rev. Johannes Gorantla OCD, Bishop of Kurnool, and the former Definitor General celebrated the Holy Eucharist with Rev. Fr Silvestre D' Souza, Provincial Superior, Rev. Fr Charles Serrao, and 5 other priests at the Cloister chapel. Rev Fr Archibald Gonsalves gave a beautiful introduction welcoming the Bishop and the concelebrants. Bishop also expressed his great joy in celebrating the Mass

with the Cloistered Nuns for the first time after his Episcopal Consecration. After the Mass a small felicitation was held in the parlour.

First Thanksgiving Mass of Fr Jesvin Tom Benoy, OCD: On May 20, 2025, Rev. Fr Jesvin Tom Benoy OCD celebrated his First thanksgiving Mass at the cloister chapel along with 8 other priests, his family and friends. He expressed his deep joy and gratitude at the end of the Mass and the sisters kissed the anointed hands of the newly ordained priest. The sisters congratulated him and felicitated him in the parlour.



Sr Eliza – The Mighty Celebrates her 80: Sr Eliza of Jesus Ocd, the extern sister, completed 80 years of her life. Her Birthday was celebrated solemnly with a thanksgiving Mass. Some of her family members were present. Rev. Fr Jeevan Tauro was the main celebrant. Sr Eliza expressed her deep gratitude to God for her call to Carmel and for all God's blessings in her life. After the Mass she cut the cake in the parlour and everyone wished her!

Feast of Our Heavenly Mother: The yearly feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was celebrated on July 15. Rev. Fr Archibald Gonsalves was the main celebrant along with 20 other priests (OCD, Capuchins, and other religious and diocesan priests). Fr Archibald delivered an inspiring homily on our Lady of Mount Carmel. At the end of the Mass, the Prioress, Mother Maria, proposed the vote of thanks. Scapulars were blessed and distributed to the people.

Bangalore

Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel: On July 16, 2025, the Cloistered Carmelite Nuns of Bangalore solemnly celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Most Rev. Joseph Susainathan, Auxiliary Bishop of Bangalore, presided over the Holy Mass, joined by Carmelite Fathers from Divya Sadan. Sr Christine introduced the celebration, and the Bishop's homily reflected deeply on Carmelite spirituality. The celebration saw the presence of benefactors, friends, and pilgrims, with the choir led by the Sisters of St Ann's adding solemnity to the occasion. Scapulars were blessed and distributed, and the Mother Prioress proposed the vote of thanks. Special gratitude was extended to Fr Alphonse Britto OCD and Carmelite Fathers for coordinating the arrangements.



Pune

The results of the election that was held on May 11, 2025 are as follows:

- Prioress: Sr Maria of the Blessed Sacrament
- First Councillor: Sr Benedicta of the Holy Face
- Second Councillor: Sr Pooja of the Holy Trinity

OCDS

Margao



Definitive Promises of OCDS at Margao: A joyful milestone was celebrated on July 04, 2025 at the Carmelite Monastery, Margao, as five members from the OCDS communities of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus made their Definitive Promise. The Eucharistic celebration was presided over by Rev. Fr Silvestre D'Souza, OCD Provincial, with other Carmelite priests concelebrating. The ceremony included hymns, a message from Fr Silvestre, and tokens of appreciation. Before their families and fellow members, the candidates committed to a life of prayer, community, and mission.

OCDS Community - Recollection and Induction Ceremony:

On June 28, Our Lady of Mount Carmel OCDS Community gathered for a spiritual recollection led by Rev. Fr Diego Proença, OCD. The day included prayer, reflection, and a special induction ceremony. Nine members—Cynthia Pereira, Sharlon Fernandes, Rita D'Costa, Digna Lobo, Sarita Alvares, Milagrina Colaco, Natalie Barbosa, Louise Fernandes, and Victor Carvalho—were admitted into Aspirancy, receiving the emblem of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. One member, Leoniz Gomes, entered the Novitiate, receiving the Holy Bible, Carmelite Constitutions, and Brown Scapular. The event fostered deep spiritual renewal and a strong commitment to Carmelite life, entrusting all to the care of Our Lady of Mount Carmel as they journey forward in prayer and community life.





Community Picnic at Chrisander, Paroda: On Sunday, May 25, 2025, the members of Our Lady of Mount Carmel OCDS Community, Margao, together with their Spiritual Assistant, Rev. Fr Lancy Mendonca, enjoyed their annual community picnic at the picturesque Chrisander Resort, Paroda. Surrounded by lush greenery

and the soothing sounds of the nearby river, the resort provided an ideal backdrop for a day of relaxation, fellowship, and renewal. The day was filled with moments of joy—relaxing by the pool, engaging in lively games, and sharing a delicious lunch in an atmosphere of camaraderie.

Farewell to Rev. Fr Lancy Mendonca: On May 31, 2025, the OCDS Community of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Margao, bid a heartfelt farewell to their beloved Spiritual Assistant, Rev. Fr Lancy Mendonca, following his appointment as Superior in Pune. The evening, marked by gratitude and affection, was graced by Rev. Fr Marlon (Superior), Fr George Santhumayor, Fr Diogo Proença, and Fr Kiran Lobo. The programme featured prayers, hymns, and moving tributes through songs, poems, and personal reflections. In his speech, Fr Lancy, thanked the community and encouraged them to remain rooted in prayer.



Mapusa



Spiritual Landmark for Mapusa OCDS Community:

On July 06, 2025, the OCDS Community of St. Teresa of Avila, Peddem, Mapusa, celebrated a significant milestone in their spiritual journey. At the solemn Eucharist at the Carmelite Seminary, ten members made their Temporary Promises before Rev. Fr Silvestre D'Souza OCD, Provincial Superior, and Fr Stany Listan Pinto, Spiritual Assistant.

Additionally, two members advanced to Initial Formation Stage I, and three new Aspirants were welcomed. In his homily, Fr Silvestre encouraged the faithful to be missionaries through the witness of their lives. The celebration was attended by Carmelite priests, OCDS Provincial Council members, families, and OCDS representatives.

Baroda

Carmelite Secular Order [OCDS] commences at Baroda:

The Diocese of Baroda witnessed a joyful moment with the establishment of the Discalced Carmelite Secular Order (OCDS) at Carmel Ashram, Cloistered Carmel, Baroda. The inaugural Eucharistic celebration took place on July 16, 2025, the Solemnity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, presided over by Rev. Fr Silvestre D'Souza OCD, Provincial Superior, along with other priests. During the celebration, 14 members were officially welcomed into the OCDS, beginning their initial formation, with two more expected to join soon. Fr Silvestre



expressed gratitude for their generous response to this vocation, encouraging them to grow in holiness through prayer and service.

Eastern Canada

OCDS celebrates Our Lady of Mount Carmel: On July 05, the Secular Carmelites of Eastern Canada, celebrated the Solemnity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel at St. Aloysius Church, Kitchener. The Eucharist was presided over by Rev. Fr Christophe M. Baudouin, Definitor General, and Rev. Fr Pius James D'Souza, Definitor General delivered an inspiring homily. Fr Rajesh D'Souza, OCD, the Delegate Provincial for OCDS (Eastern Canada), led the Promise Ceremony. Nearly 90 members from 11 communities participated in this grace-filled day of faith and fellowship. A special highlight was the official launch of the OCDS Canada website by the Definitors, marking a significant milestone in their mission and digital presence.





Appointment of Fr Joe Tauro as Episcopal Vicar of Udupi Diocese



Domestic Staff Felicitated at Sadbhavana



Episcopal Vicar Felicitation



Farewell to Fr Melwin Lasrado



Fr Ivan Sequeira defended Licentiate Thesis on July 01, 2025



Fr. Rector from Jeppu Seminary Visits Sadbhavana



Grace Villa Community



Our Friars in Prague



Our Friars in Spain



With the Diocesan Administrator, Diocese of Poona



Welcome to Fr Clifford Rodrigues



Welcoming the First Year Theology Brothers



With the Parish Priest of Resurrection Church, Kalas, Pune



Welcome to Fr Jesvin Benoy



Retreat preached by Fr Vishan Monis OCD for our three Postulants



With the new Candidates at Asha Deepa

KEY UPDATES FROM THE PROVINCE

1. KEY APPOINTMENTS UNDER DIOCESAN JURISDICTION

- Fr Joe Tauro - Episcopal Vicar for Religious in the Diocese of Udupi, with effect on 1st July, 2025
- Fr Joseph Pinto - reappointed as the Episcopal Vicar for Religious in the diocese of Chickmagalur on June 16, 2025.
- Fr Sunil Rodrigues - to the College of Consultors, Diocese of Shimoga
- Fr Stifan Perera - Spiritual Animator/Chaplain, PMI, Diocese of Mangalore.
- Fr Dominic Vas - CRI President of Mangalore Diocese, June 07, 2025.
- Fr Rathan Almeida - the President of the CRI Unit of the Diocese of Mysore, July 27, 2025.
- Fr Prasanna Kumar - Vice-President of CRI, Chickmagalur
- Fr Adarsh Rodrigues - Treasurer of CRI, Karwar

2. TRANSFERS AND ROLE ASSIGNMENTS IN THE PROVINCE

A). Ordained Ministers of the Latest Cohort

- Fr Avith Pais - Krista Shanti Dham, Mira Road, Mumbai (Asst. Parish Priest and Bursar of MCS, Mira Road)
- Fr Jesvin Tom Benoy - Sadbhavana, Bengaluru (Asst. Provincial Secretary and Editor of Springs of Living Water)
- Fr Movin Pereira - Carmel Nivas, Londa, with residence at Ramnagar (Boarding in-charge, Bursar of MCS, Ramnagar, and Sp. Assistant of OCDS, Londa)
- Fr Pranay Pereira - Carmel Ashram, Shivamogga
- Fr Prithesh Crasta - Asha Deepa, Madanthyar
- Fr Stany Pinto - Avila Jyothi, Mapusa, Goa (Sp. Assistant of OCDS, Mapusa)

B). New community at Grace Villa, Pune

- Fr Lancy Mendonça - Superior
- Fr Roshan D'Souza (Doctorate in Biblical Theology)
- Fr Vishan Monis (Masters in Spiritual Theology)

C). Other Transfers/Appointments

- Fr Selva Kumar - Superior, St Mary's Nivas, Hegde Nagar
- Fr Ajith Rodrigues - Spiritual Assistant, Little Flower, OCDS Community, Pushpashrama, Mysuru
- Fr Clifford Rodrigues - Sadbhavana (Treasurer of Carmel Jnana Education Trust)
- Fr Deep Fernandes - Spiritual Assistant, St John of the Cross OCDS Community, Ranipura
- Fr Diogo Proença - Spiritual Assistant, Our Lady of Mount Carmel OCDS Community, Margao

- Fr Don Tony D'Souza - Carmelite Monastery, Margao: Master of Postulants, First Local Councillor at Carmelite Monastery and Spiritual Assistant, St Therese of the Child Jesus OCDS Community, Lar - Margao.
- Fr Ivan Sequeira - Assistant Master of Students, Pushpashrama, Mysuru
- Fr Joseph S. D'Souza (Kallianpur) - St Joseph's Monastery, Mangalore
- Fr Jovel Oliver - Mount Carmel Church, Talegaon
- Fr Lancy Mendonça - Spiritual Assistant of OCDS Community, Pune and Convener of Carmelite Family, Pune
- Fr Marlon Rodrigues - Convener of Carmelite Family, Goa
- Fr Melwin Lasrado - Carmel Niketan, Geddalahalli
- Fr Prakash Tauro - Assistant Secretary for Education
- Fr Prithesh Crasta - Assistant Vocation Promoter, Diocese of Mangalore
- Fr Rayan Pinto - Divya Sadan, Bengaluru
- Fr Rudolph Raj Pinto - Carmel Niketan, Geddalahalli (Executive Secretary, Commission for Liturgy CCBI)
- Fr Sunil Monis - Divine Springs, Xellim
- Fr Rakesh Parmar - Emmaus Wellness Centre, Mapusa

D). Friars Abroad

- Fr Ajay Nazareth - We have renewed our agreement with the Navarra Province, Spain, and he will be at their service for another four years.
- Fr Augustine Robert - Santa Maria della Scala, Rome
- Fr Noel D'Cunha will be pursuing his Doctorate in Philosophy while residing in the OCD Community at Oxford, UK.
- Fr Prosper Kaiza from Tanzania, will pursue his Licentiate in Spiritual Theology at Teresianum, Rome.
- Br Ruban K. V. - has successfully completed his theological studies at the International College, Rome and has joined our community at Santa Maria A Ripa, Empoli, where he is preparing for his Diaconate.

3. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Fr Ivan Sequeira successfully defended his licentiate thesis on July 1, 2025. His thesis, titled "The Humanity of Christ in the Spiritual Life: A Teresian Perspective in the Interior Castle," earned him the Licentiate in Spiritual Theology.
- Fr Raymond Sangu has successfully defended his thesis, "Repositioning Pharaoh's Daughter in 1 Kings 11:1-8" at the Pontifical University of St Thomas Aquinas, Angelicum, Rome and was awarded a Licentiate degree in Biblical Theology on June 05, 2025.
- Fr Siprian Yothan Kihwele has successfully defended his thesis, "Becoming God through participation: Christian Divinization in St. John of the Cross" at Teresianum, the Pontifical Institute of Theology, Rome and was awarded a Licentiate degree in Spiritual Theology on June 18, 2025.

4. REGULAR HIGHER EDUCATION IN INDIA

- Fr Ivan Sanctis – M.Sc. in Psychology, Global College of Psychology and Counselling, Bengaluru.
- Fr Jason Coutinho – Post-graduate diploma in Guidance and Counselling, Nirmala College, Panjim, Goa.
- Fr Kiran Lobo – Certificate course in Multimedia at Digicom Training Academy, Margao.
- Fr Melwin Lasrado – Bachelor in Education, Bengaluru
- Fr Pranay Pereira – Bachelor in Education, Shivamogga
- Fr Rayan Teeshan Pinto – LLM, Christ University, Bengaluru
- Fr Sandeep Goveas – Masters in Education, Deccan M.Ed. College, Kalaburagi.

5. HIGHER EDUCATION VIA DISTANCE LEARNING

- Fr Ashwin D'Souza – Masters in Education, Mumbai University
- Fr Avith Pais – Masters in English Literature
- Fr Jesvin Tom Benoy – Masters in English Literature
- Fr Movin Pereira – Masters in Philosophy
- Fr Prithesh Steeve Crasta – Masters in Philosophy
- Fr Stany Listan Pinto – Masters in English Literature

6. COMMITTEES

- Committee to study Philosophy and Graduate Studies Options – Frs Oswald Crasta (Convenor), Archibald Gonsalves, John Sequeira and Wilfred Rodrigues
- Revised Formation Team at St Joseph's Monastery, Carmel Hill – Frs Melvin D'Cunha, Deep Fernandes, Walter D'Souza, Francis Bartholomio, Ivan Robert D'Souza, Stifan Perera and John Pinto (Arva).

7. REGENTS PLACEMENTS - 2025-2026

- Br Fleming D'Souza – Carmel Sannidhi, Kadaganchi
- Br Wilton Fernandes – Carmel Nivas, Londa (MCS Ramnagar)
- Br Royston D'Souza – Carmel Ashram, Shivamogga
- Br Likson Figreda – Carmel Bhavan, Huvina Hadagali
- Br Flostan D'Souza – Ryshivana, Ranipura
- Br Sohan Trevis Rego – Avila Jyothi, Mapusa

8. TIME OFF: ARRIVAL FOR HOLIDAYS

- April 24, 2025 – Fr Robert Rayan Pais from Benoni, South Africa
- April 25, 2025 – Fr Ivan Monteiro from Canada
- April 26, 2025 – Fr Elias D'Cunha from Empoli, Italy
- April 30, 2025 – Fr Vivian Menezes from Tanzania
- May 01, 2025 – Fr Roshan D'Souza from Canada
- May 08, 2025 – Fr Praveen Frank from Tanzania
- May 19, 2025 – Fr Clifford D'Souza from Tanzania

- May 22, 2025 – Fr John Cyrus D'Souza from Benoni, South Africa
- May 29, 2025 – Fr Boniface D'Souza (Jr) from Benoni, South Africa
- July 16, 2025 – Fr Wilfred Pais from Tanzania
- July 16, 2025 – Fr Anthony Stephen (Sr.) from Cape Town, South Africa

9. DEPARTURE TO RESUME MINISTRY

- May 14, 2025 – Fr Vivian Menezes to Tanzania
- May 26, 2025 – Fr Ivan Monteiro to Canada
- May 28, 2025 – Fr Robert Rayan Pais to Benoni, South Africa
- May 30, 2025 – Fr Augustine Robert to Rome, Italy
- June 12, 2025 – Fr Boniface D'Souza (Jr) to Benoni, South Africa
- June 13, 2025 – Fr Elias D'Cunha to Empoli, Italy
- July 01, 2025 – Fr John Cyrus D'Souza to Benoni, South Africa
- July 07, 2025 – Fr Clifford D'Souza to Tanzania
- July 08, 2025 – Fr Ivan Sequeira from Spain
- July 09, 2025 – Fr Noel D'Cunha to Oxford, UK
- June 16, 2025 – Fr Praveen Frank to Tanzania
- August 15, 2025 – Fr Antony Stephen (Sr.) to Cape Town, South Africa

10. OFFICIAL INFORMATION

- ▲ Pune – GRACE VILLA, Carmelite Fathers, Ashirwad society, Jadhav Vasti, Kalas, Dighi post (Near Chavara Church), Pune – 411 015.
- ▲ Email ID: gracevillaocd@gmail.com – House Mobile number – +91 90224 07077
- ▲ Hegde Nagar – St Mary's Nivas is a new Community and the contact number is – +91 91085 47275
- ▲ Website – OCDS Provincial Delegation of Canada has a new website. Please visit www.ocds.ca.
- ▲ Fr Anthon Souz – His mobile number, which was previously hacked, has now been restored. You may contact him at +91 89710 81959.
- ▲ Fr Ronald D'Souza – His Rediff mail account has been hacked. To contact him, please use his other email: ronalddsouzaocd@gmail.com
- ▲ Fr Walter D'Souza – New Email ID for communication shall be: waltysocd@gmail.com
- ▲ Identity Card – Those who wish to obtain an identity card from the Province are kindly requested to send a recent high-definition photograph with a Carmelite Full Habit (in document or image format), along with a digital signature, via email or WhatsApp.

11. CONSOLIDATED ITINERARY

August 2025

- 04 – Ministries of Lector and Acolyte, St Joseph's Monastery, Carmel Hill
- 04-09 – IPCI Retreat, Carmelite Provincial House, New Delhi.
- 06-09 – Pastoral Visitation, Bangalore Carmel
- 27-29 – Bible Symposium, Divine Springs, Xellim

September 2025

- 10-12 – Provincial Council, Sadbhavana, Bengaluru
- 15-19 – IPCI Retreat, Divine Springs, Xellim (open to members of Indian provinces)
Preacher – Fr Mathew Kumbukal CST (Former Superior General)
- 21-Oct 08 – Provincial Visit to Rome, Italy

October 2025

- 01 – Silver Jubilee of Malisho Novitiate Community, Mbeya, Tanzania
- 03 – Diaconate, Infant Jesus Shrine, Carmel Hill
- 04-09 – IPCI Retreat, CRC, Manjummel, Kerala (open to members of Indian provinces)
Preacher – Fr Johnson Mudavassery
- 09-22 – Provincial Pastoral Visitation, South Africa
- 11 – National Level Celebration of St Therese Jubilee, Ranchi
- 18-23 – Junior Priests' Meet, Carmel Sannidhi, Kadaganchi
- 25 – St Therese Jubilee national level celebration, Ernakulam

November 2025

- 09 – Centenary Celebration of St Therese of Child Jesus, Mangalore
- 10-14 – IPCI Retreat, Jeeva Jyothi Carmelite Spirituality Centre, Tamil Nadu.
- 11-14 – Raipur Carmel Election
- 17-18 – CarmeLight: Inter School Sports Meet, MCS Ramnagar
- 23-28 – IPCI Retreat, INRI Retreat Centre, Bethsaida, S.K. Province

December 2025

- 08 – Provincial Council, Sadbhavana, Bengaluru
- 09-10 – Superior's Meeting, Sadbhavana
- 11-12 – Provincial Council, Sadbhavana, Bengaluru
- 27-28 – Scholastic Meeting, Pushpashrama, Mysuru

12. PROVINCIAL'S COMMITMENTS**August 2025**

- 04 – Conferring of Ministries, Carmel Hill, Mangalore
- 06-09 – Pastoral Visitation, Bangalore Carmel
- 10-16 – Sadbhavana, Bengaluru
- 17-18 – Pushpashrama, Mysore
- 19 – Birthday celebration of Fr Charles Serrao, Sadbhavana
- 20-21 – Kurnool Carmel
- 22-28 – Sadbhavana, Bengaluru
- 29 – Concluding Biblical Symposium, Xellim
- 30 – Birthday Celebration of Fr Charles Serrao, Mangalore
- 31 – Sadbhavana, Bengaluru

September 2025

- 01-05 – Sadbhavana, Bengaluru
- 06 – IPCI Meeting, Aluva, Kerala
- 07-09 – Sadbhavana, Bengaluru
- 10-12 – Provincial Council, Sadbhavana, Bengaluru

15-19 – Retreat at Divine Springs, Xellim, Goa

21 – Oct 8 – Rome, Italy

October 2025

01-08 – Rome, Italy

09-22 – South Africa – Pastoral Visitation

11 – National Level Celebration St Therese's Jubilee, Ranchi

25 – St Therese's Jubilee National Level Celebration, Ernakulam

November 2025

01 – Sadbhavana

02-06 – Sadbhavana Community Picnic

08 – Definitive Promises, Infant Mary Church, Bajjodi

09 – Centenary Celebration of St Therese of Child Jesus, Mangalore

10-11 – Goa

12-15 – Raipur Carmel Elections

16 – Feast of St Teresa of Avila, Sadbhavana

17-18 – CarmeLight: Inter School Sports Meet, MCS Ramnagar

21-23 – OCDS Regional Gathering, Rajodi, Vasai

23-24 – Pune

26 – Major Superiors Meeting with Bishops of Gujarat

December 2025

08 – Provincial Council, Sadbhavana, Bengaluru

09-10 – Superior's Meeting, Sadbhavana

11-12 – Provincial Council, Sadbhavana, Bengaluru

16-21 – Provincial Chapter – Daughters of the Presentation of Mary in Temple (DPMT)

27-28 – Scholastic Meeting, Pushpashrama

Thanking you

Fraternally Yours in Carmel,

Fr. D. Souza



Fr Silvestre D'Souza OCD

Provincial Superior