

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

"Jesus became human, so that we could be more and more human." The Covid pandemic has brought our life, relationships and endeavours to a standstill. It has made us realize, how fragile life is. Christmas is a time, when a fragile baby teaches us true love. Let us pray to Jesus, to make us more human, in our relationships with Him and people, especially the least and lost of the world. Here are a few highlights of our journey with Jesus in the year 2020.

NEW LEADERSHIP

Once in three years we have the grace of the Provincial Chapter. It was held at Dhyana Sadhana, Mysuru from the 16 -26 of July 2020 with the theme: **Pray and Proclaim.**

Rev. Fr Pius James D'Souza was elected as **Provincial Superior**, along with a team of **Councillors**: Frs George Santhumayor, Melvin D'Cunha, Prakash D'Cunha and Deep Fernandes.



Fr Jerald D'Souza has been appointed as **Delegate Provincial** in Canada, with Frs Rudolf D'Souza and Jerome Mascarenhas as his **Councillors**.



In the Special Congress held in the Tanzanian Vicariate, Fr Praveen Frank was elected as **Regional Vicar**, along with Frs Aureus Mwinuka and Raymond Santhanaz as his **Councillors**.

ENTERING CARMEL

In September 2020, 23 young boys from Goa, Karnataka and Maharashtra entered our minor Seminary at Mapusa, Goa. Also 6 smart youth have begun the Postulancy programme at Carmelite Monastery, Margao.



FRAGRANT SELF OFFERING

7 novices from India and 4 novices from our mission in Tanzania, took an important step in their life by making their first religious profession.



FRUITS FOR THE CHURCH

Brs Abel, Siprian and Urban from Tanzania made their solemn profession on November 20. Br Jignesh Solanki will make his solemn profession in December 14 2020 in Rome.



We received 9 new priests and 6 deacons this year, in the persons of Frs Joseph D'Souza, Wilson Tauro, Sunil D'Souza, Ivan Sequeira, Anoop Fernandes, Roshan Monteiro, Ashwin D Souza, Peter Chami(Tanzania), Simon Rupoli (Tanz.); Deacons Ashwath, Adarsh, Vishan, Abel(Tanz.), Siprian(Tanz.) and Urban (Tanz.).

FRUITS FOR THE CHURCH

The Carmelgiri community now have a new chapel, which was blessed by Most Rev. Robert Miranda of Gulbarga diocese on February 9.



The Carmelites inaugurated a new retreat centre in Benoni, South Africa on February 21. The building was blessed by the Archbishop of Johannesburg, Most Rev. Buti Tlhagale.



We rejoiced at the inauguration and blessing of Lar De Terezinha Destitute Home at Pajifond, Margao.

RESPONSE TO COVID

The Covid pandemic has brought a new understanding to life. It put out not only our medical defenses, but also put out our social inequalities and exploitation. The Carmelites responded by providing food ration packets, sanitizers, masks, etc to those affected by loss of employment and the lockdown.



The Carmelites also fed the spiritually famished by providing online liturgy and spiritual food. Our

communities in Mangalore and Margao provided daily online Mass. Our fathers and brothers through creative ministry broadcasted programmes and contests to renew the faith. Through our Youtube channels, Android App Carmel Preran, we reached a multitude of people.

MATURED FRUITS



Carmel is a fertile vineyard. Some of our friars have borne choicest fruits: Frs Felix Moras, Lawrence D'Mello and Peter D'Sa completed their **Golden Jubilee**; and Frs Teodosio Fernandes, Bartholomew D'Souza, Steny Mascarenhas, Victor Pais, Vijay Martin, Lawrence D'Cunha, Lancy Lovis, Melwyn Rosario and Ronald D'Souza their **Silver Jubilee of religious profession in 2020**.

We recalled the abundant fruits of priestly ministry as Frs Gregory D Souza and Michael Morris Shenoy celebrated their **Golden Jubilee**; and Frs Jerome Moras, Shabas Crasta, Alfred Menezes and Clifford D Souza commemorated the **Silver Jubilee** of their Ordination to the Priesthood.

EMPOWERED WITH WISDOM



Fr Richard Francis D'Souza became the first member of our Province to obtain a doctorate in Sacred Scripture, from Biblicum, Rome. He is now appointed as Professor of Sacred Scripture at Pontifical Institute - Teresianum, Rome

Fr Renuus Payovela from our Vicariate of Tanzania has been appointed by the Tanzania Episcopal Conference (TEC) as Spiritual Director of the Major Seminary and Lecturer at Nazareth Major Seminary, Mwendakulima.



Fr Marie Joseph was appointed as Episcopal Vicar for the Religious in the Archdiocese of Cape Town (South Africa) and a member of the College of Consultants.

LOVE OFFERING TO GOD

Sr Rachel of the Good Shepherd from Cloistered Carmel, Chicalim, Goa, made her Solemn profession on 7 October, the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary.



Sr Hemangini Maria of the Child Jesus, the first indigenous vocation from Gujarat, made her first profession on 1 October, the feast of St Therese of the Child Jesus.

FRUITS OF COMMITMENT

Some of our Cloistered Carmel Sisters celebrated the Jubilee of their commitment to Christ in Carmel this year. Sr Mary Frances of the Blessed Sacrament (Mangalore) completed **70 years**; Late Sr Mary of St Joseph (Pune) and Sr Filomina of Jesus & Mary (Chicalim) completed **60 years**; and Srs Mercy of the Sacred Heart (Hassan), Theresita of Jesus Crucified (Chicalim) and Marie Elizabeth of the Trinity (Mumbai) celebrated **25 years** of religious profession.

ETERNAL JOURNEY

Sr Mary of St Joseph hailing from Kadri, Mangalore left to her heavenly abode on April 1, after living to a ripe age of 83, and serving at the Cloistered Carmels of Trichy and Pune for 60 years of religious life.



Sr Teresa of Jesus who hailed from Ernakulam, went to receive her heavenly reward on May 13 at age of 84. This 'bride of Christ' lived a graceful 55 years in Carmel, at Bengaluru, and Kurnool (Andhra).

Sr Mary Matilda of Jesus hailing from Poovarany, Kerala slept in the Lord on June 14. She often gave company to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. She served for 67 years at the Mangalore Cloistered Carmel.



Sr Mary of Mount Carmel hailing from Majorda, Goa commended her soul to God rest on September 19 at the age of 84. She embroidered her love for Christ on many holy vestments and altar cloths for the 58 years in the Cloistered Carmel of Chicalim, Goa.

Rev. Dr. Pius J. D'Souza, OCD
Provincial Superior



May this great season of Christmas bring the glow of prosperity, joy, happiness, health and success. May Jesus illuminate your life to grow in his love, to share and give HIM to others.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas and faith filled New Year 2021

**DISCALCED CARMELITE FRIARS (OCD)
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