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ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW CIRCUMSCRIPTIONS

The General Definitory in the session of Step. 2005 has established:

1. The Commissariat of [Andhra Pradesh](#) in India
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1. Commissariat of Andhra Pradesh (India)

In order to favour the expansion of the Order in India, and taking into consideration the request of the Manjummel Province and of the Regional Vicariate of Andhra Pradesh for a greater autonomy for the said Vicariate, the General Definitory has decided, according to the Constitutions, n. 147 and the Norms n. 156, to raise to a Commissariat the Vicariate of Andhra Pradesh, under the title of St. Francis Xavier, (in accordance with our Laws).

The Province of Manjummel from which the new Commissariat is now separated had accepted the mission of Andhra Pradesh in 1972 which has an area of 13,000 km² with more than 292 villages. Begun with one house and three Priests, today the Commissariat has six regular foundations and 18 residences with pastoral and social ministry in 10 dioceses. There are 29 Priests, 7 students studying theology, 11 philosophy, 8 novices, 5 postulants and 26 aspirants. The commissariat moreover direct 7 centres of social services, 6 schools, and 16 residences for students.

We congratulate the new Commissariat for its further development and consolidation.

2. General Delegation in Argentina

The Definitory with a view to the expansion of the Order in Argentina, after careful study of the situation of the circumscription, entrusted until the present to two different Provinces - Andalusia and Warsaw, in Session 76 (Sept. 14, 2005), has decided, according to the Constitutions, n° 147 and the Norms, n° 156, to place under it direct jurisdiction, the houses of the Order in Argentina and to erect a General Delegation with its own statutes and in accordance with our laws.

The new Delegation is comprised of the 8 existing houses in the country. All our religious who are natives of Argentina are members of the new General Delegation. The other religious, that is

those from the Andalusian and Warsaw Provinces, and those mostly recently who have come from the Province of Colombia at the request of the Definitory, are serving the Delegation.

On September 22, with the presence of Fr. General, 2 Definitors (-Frs. Luigi Gaetani and Nicolas Garcia), the Provincials of Andalusia and Colombia, the new Delegation was inaugurated. The Provincial of Warsaw was not able to be present at the assembly.

Nominated and confirmed were:

General Delegate: Fr Daniel Meurzet

Councillors: Frs, Emilio Sanchez, Joseph Wajda, Francis Javier Jaramillo.

The convents of our nuns in Argentina who are or who will be under the jurisdiction of the Order, according to I nn. 201-202 of our Constitutions, will have as their regular Superior the General Delegate of the new General Delegation.

3. General Delegation of the Congo

For the purpose of promoting the well-being of the Circumscription *Ad instar Delegationis Provincialis* of the Congo, constituted by decree of the Definitory on April 6, 1988, and after listening to the desires of this Circumscription for a new decree granting greater autonomy and having examined carefully the present situation of the Circumscription, in session n. 77 of 15-09-2005, the General Definitory has decided in accordance with the Constitutions n. 147 and Norms n. 15 to form the houses of this Circumscription present in the Congo, Congo Brazzaville and Chevreumont (Belgium) into a General Delegation under the title of St. Joseph with their own statutes according to our

La Delegation has 7 houses in Congo-Kinshasa, 1 in Congo-Brazzaville and 1 in Belgium. It has 44 priests, 3 non clerical brothers, 12 students of philosophy and theology, 7 novices and 26 A-prenovices and postulants.

FR. GENERAL IN CANADA

After his trip to the United States in order to participate in the meeting in Pennsylvania of the Nuns=Association of AQueen of Carmel and a visit to the house of our Friars in Washington, DC and also a visit to the United Nations in New York City, Fr Luis Arostegui came to Canada. on June 15 for 12 days accompanied by the Definitory, Fr. Robert Paul.

First in the Province of Quebec, which is essentially french speaking, he visited the five convents of our nuns before participating in Quebec Assembly. A day with the Carmelite family of Notre-Dame du Cap where he met the OCDS, and the members of the Institut Notre-Dame de Vie, the Carmelite Missionary sisters, etc. He was able to visit our friars in their new house in Trois-Rivières. Then the oratory of St-Joseph du Mont-Royal, the biggest sanctuary in the world dedicated to St Joseph.

Then, a visit to the Province of Ontario where he met our friars from London, and in the Toronto area, our sisters from Saint-Agatha and Markam..

A meeting with the OCDS (23 groups throughout English speaking Canada). His presence was greatly appreciated.

India

INAUGURATION OF A NEW RETREAT CENTER

The Karnataka-Goa Province of the Order inaugurated a new Retreat center on 18th September 2005 in the Diocese of Vasai, on the outskirts of Mumbai (Bombay).

His Excellency Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Dabre, Bishop of Vasai, blessed and inaugurated the Center, in the presence of Rev. Fr. Dominic Vas, OCD, Provincial of the Karnataka-Goa Province and around 25 priests and 300 nuns and people. The Retreat Center is dedicated to St. Therese of Child Jesus, popularly known as the Little Flower.

Thirst for personal prayer and God Experience is on the increase in Mumbai region. Hence, this Retreat Center will cater to the growing spiritual needs of the people especially of Bombay and Vasai Diocese.

* Dhyanaashram +, as it is called, meaning AHouse of Prayer@ adds to the already existing four other Institutes and Centres of Spirituality of the Province: *Dhyanaavana* and *Dhyanasadhana* (both Institutes of Spirituality in they city of Mysore); *Sadbhavana* (Retreat center in Bangalore) and *Anubhav* (Retreat center in Mira Road, Mumbai). One more Institute of Spirituality and Dialogue is going to be inaugurated shortly in Mangalore.

NUNS ASSOCIATION : ELECTIVE ASSEMBLY

ACARMELITE COMMUNITIES ASSOCIATED@(CCA), USA ASSOCIATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

20 - 26 May 2005 the Association of the Holy Spirit, USA, elected:

President: Sr. Mary Margaret Yascolt, Carmel Barrington
10Councillor: Sr. Marie Louise Bishop, Carmel Reno
20Councillor: Sr. Colette Ackerman, Carmel Baltimore
30Councillor : Sr. Claudette Blaise, Carmel Concord
Substitute: Sr. Jeanne Gonyon, Carmel Beacon

ASSOCIATIONS OF VIETNAM

27 August 2005, during the General Assembly of the Association of Vietnam the following were elected:

President: Sr. Teresa Consolata of the Holy Spirit, Carmel Binh Trieu
10Councillor: Sr. Mary Gabriel of he Annunciation, Carmel Saigon
20Councillor: Sr. Madeleine of the Holy Spirit, Carmel Saigon
30Councillor: Sr. Mary Rose of the Holy Spirit, Carmel Hue
40Councillor:: Sr. Mary Teresa of the Eucharist, Carmel Nha Trang
Substitute: Sr. Mary Thérèse of Saint Joseph, Carmel Binh Trieu.

FRENCH SPEAKING AFRICA ASSOCIATION OF ST. TERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS

30 August 2005, during the General Assembly of the Francophone Association of Africa, were elected:

President: Sr Domitille Ak-Ubutatu (de la Trinité), Carmelo di Yamousoukro, Costa d'Avorio
10Councillor: Sr Thérèse Marguerite du Cœur de Jésus, Carmel Yaoundé, Cameroun
20Councillor: Sr Atenaiz de l'Esprit-Saint, Carmel Grand Bassam, Ivory Coast
30Councillor Sr Marie Agnès du Sacré Cœur, Carmel Brazzaville, Congo
40Councillor: Sr Mwamini du Sacré Cœur, Carmel Kinshasa, RDC
Substitute: Sr Marie Thérèse de l'Église, Carmel Figuil, Cameroun.

ASSOCIATION : NEW MEMBERS

Witten, Germany: With the rescript n° 7897/2005 the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Institutes of Apostolic Life (CICLIAL) on 13 June 2005 agreed that the convent of Witten be aggregated to the Discalced Carmelite Federation of German Nuns.

Londrina, Brazil: With rescript° 8512/2005 CICLIAL on 27 June 2005 agreed to that the convent of Londrina be aggregated to the Association of ANossa Senhora do Carmo@of the Discalced Carmelite Nuns of Brazil.

Matino, Italy: With the rescript n° 8870/2005 CICLIAL on 29 August 2005 agreed to the convent of Matino to be aggregated to the Association Mater CarmelA of the Discalced Carmelite Nuns of Italy.

Melipilla, Chile: With the rescript n° 8792/2005 CICLIAL on 29 August 2005 agreed to the convent of Melipilla to be aggregated to the Association ATeresa de Los AndesA of the Discalced Carmelite Nuns of Chile.

AMALGAMATION OF CONVENTS

Kirkintilloch, Scotland: With the rescript n° 8796/2005 CICLIAL on 9 September 2005 agreed to the decision that the two convents of Langside and Kirkintilloch in the Archdiocese of Glasgow, Scotland, be fused and transferred to the new Carmel of Our Lady and St. Joseph, Kirkintilloch.

NEW FOUNDATIONS

Usole, Russia: With the rescript n° 6566/2004 CICLIAL on 30 August 2005 agreed to the initiation of a foundation of a convent in the diocese of St. Joseph in Irkutsk, Siberia, to Usole with nuns coming from the convent of Kalisz, Poland.

Márosszentgyörgy, Romania: With the rescript n° 8793/2005 CICLIAL on 29 August 2005 agreed to the beginning of a new foundation of a convent in the diocese of Alba Julia, Romania, to Márosszentgyörgy with nuns coming from the convent of Magyarszék, Hungary.

CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION

Georgetown, USA: With the rescript n° 7504/2005 CICLIAL on 1 February 2005 agreed to the convent of Georgetown (USA) suppressing number 133 of the Constitutions of 1990 and to observe all the points that refer to the General, according to the Constitutions of 1991 and to pass from the jurisdiction of the Bishop to that of the Order.

Pelotas, Brasil: With the decree n 7978/2005 of 27 April 2005, CICLIAL has agreed to the enquiry made by the convent of Pelotas (Brasil) to suppress number 133 of its Constitutions of 1990 and observe all the points referring to the General, according to the Constitutions approved 17 September 1991.

Itajai, Brasil: With the decree n 8302/2005 of 28 June 2005, CICLIAL agreed to the request made by the convent of Itajaí (Brasil) to suppress number 133 of its Constitutions of 1990 and observe all the points referring to Fr. General, according to the Constitutions of 1991.