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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE WORK OF FR. RAPHAEL CHECA O.C.D.

The first meeting of World Spirituality, *Conocimiento y Salud Integral*, took place in the city of Monterrey, Mexico, from February 19-21, 2006. World famous scholars participated from Mexico and from other countries; in all 8,000 people came together in Monterrey's arena. There Fr. Raphael Checa's OCD (Mexican Province) contribution in the field of Pastoral Spirituality was acknowledged. We fraternally and cordially congratulate him.

Fr. Suitbert Siedl of St. John of the Cross, OCD (1923 – 2006)

Suitbert was popular in the Order because of his friendliness, his enthusiasm, his biblical expertise, and his linguistic skills. How many languages did he speak? Twelve, thirteen..? He loved languages, there were his hobby. Apart from the biblical languages he taught, he also spoke Hungarian, Basque,... His mother tongue in Vienna was not German but Esperanto. He had a kind of linguistic logic that told him whether he could speak a language or not. He would first study a language and master it in a short period of time. He would know quickly if he couldn't master a new language and should this be the case he would not continue to study.

He was born on February 11, 1923 in the Austrian capital. In 1941 he entered the novitiate in Graz. He was obliged to join Hitler's army but did so with great repugnance and was later imprisoned. After this he went to Rome where he studied theology. He completed a Doctoral Thesis in Graz on Qumran and became professor in Salzburg University, where he taught for several years. He was a classical scholar of the Roman language, founding an international society "Familia Sancti Hieronimi" for the spread of the language of Cicero (Latin). In this environment and apostolate he encouraged the "Feriae Latinae" for the summer months. As late as 2005 he organized a week for the Latin language in Central-America. His last book, on King David, had been sent to the printers just months before he died.

Fr. Suitbert Siedl was outstanding for his great Carmelite spirituality and his deep Marian piety. He died on April 3rd, in his 83rd year. In the presence of the Bishop of Graz, the auxiliary presided at the concelebrated funeral Mass in the Discalced Carmelite Church.

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New Foundation

With the rescript number 7899/2005 from the Congregation for the Institutes of Consecrated Life and the Societies of Apostolic Life (CICLSAL), on March 30, 2006, the convent of the Holy Rosary was erected in Mukkola (Thiruvananthapuram), in the Archdiocese Trivandrum (India). The Nuns came from the Kottiyam convent (India).

With the rescript number 10196/2006 the CICLSAL on March 31, 2006 gave permission to begin the foundation of a convent in the city and diocese of **Viedma, Argentina**, the Nuns coming from the convent of Neuquen, Argentina.

With the rescript number 10228/2006 the CICLSAL, on April 6, 2006 gave permission to begin a new foundation of a convent in the Archdiocese of **Goiania**, in **Trindade**, the Nuns coming from the convent of Passos, Brazil.

Religious Assistant

With the rescript number FM 57 1/96 from the CICLSAL, on April 11, 2006, nominated Fr. Arul Raj O.C.D. as the Religious Assistant to the Saint Joseph Association of Discalced Carmelite Nuns in South East India.