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The Meeting of the General Definitory

The ordinary session of the General Definitory is planned for June 8 – 18. At this meeting the first decisions will be taken, the first appointments made, the calendar for the new sexennium will be worked out and the tasks and areas will be assigned to the various Definitors.

In the July 1 edition of COMMUNICATIONES the results of the work of our major superiors will be published. The Definitors arrived in Rome in the first week of June. All the members of the Definitory are present at the meeting.

Practical suggestions from the General Chapter for the document 'I was born for You'

38. The Order should read every year, from October 15, 2009 to 2014, either personally or as a community, one of St. Teresa's works, with the help of a plan that is to be worked out by a commission appointed by the Definitory. Community study should be completed, where this is possible, by celebrations, short courses on spirituality, interdisciplinary conferences on her works, etc. This study should be the object of an annual meeting in every Region, to share and evaluate on progress.

39. The following will be the order for studying Teresa's works: the Life (2009-2010), Way of Perfection (2010-2011), Foundations (2011-2012), Interior Castle (2012-2013), Spiritual Testimonies, Poetry, Letters (2013-2014).

40. The object that we are proposing, through listening to St. Teresa's words, is to generate in individuals and in communities a strengthening of our christian existence both biblically and evangelically, and an enrichment of our life of faith in communion with the Church. As people who read Teresa today, we should notice that the fruits coming from contact with her writings help improve our lives as teresian carmelites, as effectively as St. Gregory attributed in an analogous way to Scripture: it grew with the person who read it, in proportion to the faith and love of the reader. For this reason, our study will be motivated, not so much from a concern to be systematic, but to discover in Teresa's writings what is relevant for our lives today.

41. The Definitory will create a central commission, whose principle task will be to work out an annual guide or aid, as well as to promote, coordinate and diffuse the initiatives that should arise from the different Regions.

42. We should widen the circle of interest in St. Teresa, with the scope of enriching her studies. We should look beyond individuals and communities to our Discalced Carmelite nuns, the secular Order, the Teresian family and laypeople. We should form together this study of the works of St. Teresa, in our communities and in our pastoral activity.

43. We should create a web-page, with the goal of spreading interest in the writings of St. Teresa, and encouraging the most universal study possible of her works, with the help of new technology.

44. We are to expand the potential of Avila [Spain] as a centre for welcoming pilgrims, especially young people. This is to be an initiative of the General Definitory, together with the coordinated efforts of 'La Santa' priory (the birthplace of St. Teresa), the Iberian Conference of Provincials and our new college in Avila (Cites). Pastoral activities will be organized in Avila, which can be expanded to include important teresian places. Such pastoral initiatives will

include pilgrimages, days for formation and prayer, etc. In this way we shall take up the challenge presented by World Youth Day in 2011, seeing this Day as an opportunity to diffuse the figure and works of St. Teresa.

45. We should complete this pastoral initiative, by counting on the contribution from other centres of formation in the Order, like the Teresianum, with initiatives on a general cultural level, through the organization of courses and conferences, meetings and seminars for specialists, translators and those studying the Saint. Such initiatives should devise practical suggestions that can be implemented in the different Regions and in centers for the study of spiritual theology, etc.

46. We should celebrate an extraordinary Definitory at least once in the next sexennium which will look at, among other themes, how this kind of study is progressing.

47. We should establish a *textus receptus* of St. Teresa's writings, like a *modus operandi* for the incorporation of new contributions, especially concerning her writings and other fragments that could be discovered, with the scope of unifying ways of quoting from the original text and in translations. The Definitory should begin this undertaking as soon as possible, after having spoken with experts and publishing houses.

48. We should encourage, through the Definitory, an edition of St. Teresa's writings in different languages, in an inexpensive and popular format.

A complete bibliography of Saint Teresa

After the two volume Concordance of St. Teresa's works (Rome 2002), after the Teresian Dictionary (2nd edition, Burgos, 2002), we now have a third more important contribution for teresian studies. It is entitled "Bibliografía Sistemática." Is there a Saint that can count on a better reference book? It is the work of Fr. Manuel Diego Sanchez and published by 'Editorial de Espiritualidad', Madrid. The volume contains 1, 246 pages, in hardback, with 12, 647 very concise, bibliographical details on Saint Teresa of Jesus.

This teresian bibliography is 'sistemática': by the way it classifies the themes in an intelligent way. It is a teresian bibliography, that is orderly, detailed and user friendly. Added to the catalogue of facts are corresponding reviews from magazines; translations in other languages are also indicated. There are also relevant footnotes. The analytical index is abundant and very complete. This teresian bibliography (with great deference to others, is the most complete in the story of Teresianism) is complete in what it set out to do, in what it has achieved and in its different sections. It is easy to use. For this reason it will help to improve teresian research.

Afterwards Fr. Manuel Diego Sanchez published, with the same criteria, the "Bibliografía sistemática de San Juan de la Cruz."

Prevention against fraudsters

Once again we ask the communities of the Order to be on their guard against clever and hard hearted fraudsters who, pretend to be the General of the Order, and with credible dates and facts, requesting money for urgent needs from unsuspecting OCD friars and nuns. These messages are circulated from time to time, above all, via the Internet.

When the centre of the Order sometimes launches an appeal for support it should be easy to recognize its authenticity. We recommend that you be extremely cautious against tricksters, who continue to send their misleading messages, written with convincing and sensational, almost professional, arguments.

Books sent to the Generalate

1) Mary McCormack, *Upon this Mountain. Prayer in the Carmelite tradition*. Oxford 2009, 76 pp.

2) Thomas Pulickal (Edit.), *Liturgy, Prayer and Life. Asia-Oceania OCD Liturgy Congress 2008*. Thiruvananthapuram s/a, 212 pp.

3) A. Maria David, *Beyond Boundaries, Hindu-Christian Relationship and basic Christian Communities*. ISPCK Delhi 2009, 281 pp.

- 4) *Beatificationis et Canonizationis Servae Dei Mariae Feliciae a Iesu Sacramento (1925-1959) Positio super virtutibus*, Roma 2004, I 435 + 213 pp., II 950 pp.
- 5) Giovanni Bonacina, *L'origini della Congregazione dei Padri Somaschi. La Compagnia pretridentina di San Girolamo Miani elevato ad Ordine religioso*. Roma 2009, 333 pp.
- 6) Bruno Morioni, *Padre Luigi dell'Immacolata. Artista di Dio nel Carmelo*. Capannori 2008, 60 pp.
- 7) Rafael María López Melús, *Nuño de Santa María, carmelita. Un santo de ayer con mensaje para hoy*. AMACAR, Onda 2009, 214 pp.
- 8) Robert de Langeac, *Jusqu'au coeur de l'amour. Commentaire spirituel du Cantique des Cantiques*. Éditions du Carmel, Toulouse 2008, 285 pp.
- 9) Marie-Jean de Genes (dir.), *Edith Stein. Actes du Colloque International de Toulouse (2005)*. Toulouse 2009, 407 pp.
- 10) William Johnston, *La mystique du nuage et de l'inconnaissance*. Toulouse 2009, 366 pp.
- 11) Jean-Claude Sagne, *Lire et relire saint Jean de la Croix. Ces blessures qui font vivre*. Toulouse 2008, 197 pp.
- 12) Juliette Bordes, *Le visage et le voile. Les Poésies de Sainte Thérèse de Lisieux*. Toulouse 2009, pp. 118.
- 13) Joaquín María Maquirriain, *Biografía de una voz. Padre Miguel Navarro Liñán*. Guatemala 2009, 28 pp.
- 14) Armando Roberto Sejas, *Teresa de los Andes, modelo de la juventud*. Cochabamba 2008, 30 pp.
- 15) Dámaso Zuazua (edit.), *Historiografía del Carmelo Teresiano. Acti del Simposio Internazionale* (Roma, 2-5/01/2009). IHT, Roma 2009, 509 pp.
- 16) María Celina de Jesús Crucificado, *Germana Lucía. La memoria que tenemos de ella*. Coimbra 2005, 46 pp.
- 17) Carmelo de San José, *Os nossos Cânticos da Missa, Vinde e Contemplai*. Fátima, CD.
- 18) *No céu há uma Janelinha. Canções da Irmã Lúcia*. Carmelo de San José, Fátima, CD.
- 19) Loredana Cecon Terranova, *Un uomo, una donna. Luigi e Zelia Martin*. Mimep-Docete, Pessano 2008, 159 pp.
- 20) Sylvain Mutoke-Valentin Ntumba, *50 ans de présence des Carmes Thérésiens au Congo. Esprit, histoire et perspectives*. Kinshasa 2008, 104 pp.
- 21) Valentin Ntumba, *Connaissance de Dieu et agir chrétien chez saint Paul*. Kinshasa 2008, 40 pp.
- 22) Valentin Ntumba, *Responsables politiques ou religieux: comment choisir un conseiller? Lecture de Sir 37, 7-15*. Kinshasa 2007, 30 pp.
- 23) Manuel Diego Sánchez, *Santa Teresa de Jesús. Bibliografía sistemática*. Ede, Madrid 2008, 1.246 pp.
- 24) Maria Eugenio di Gesù Bambino, *Voglio vedere Dio*. Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2009, 1362 pp.
- 25) Irene Guerrero, *"Voy a la luz, al amor, a la vida ... Los últimos días de Elisabeth"*. EdE, Madrid 2009, 122 pp.
- 26) Daniel de Pablo Maroto, *Lecturas y maestros de Santa Teresa*. EdE, Madrid 2009, 300 pp.
- 27) Institutum Carmelitanum, *Memoriam fecit mirabillium Dei. Scritti in onore di Emanuele Boaga, O. Carm.* Edizioni Carmelitane, Roma 2009, 741 pp.
- 28) Giuseppe Perazzolo, *Una vocazione propria dei tempi attuali. Il fratello Povero Servo della Divina Provvidenza*. Edizioni CCSC, Verona 2009, 328 pp.
- 29) Alfonso Ruiz Calavia-Ignacio Husillos Tamarit, *El Desierto de las Palmas. Historia y vida*. Castellón 2008, 148 pp.
- 30) Alberto Martínez, *"Eufrosina", la mujer monje* (Escenificada). Valencia 1992, 121 pp.