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CURIA GENERALIZIA DEI CARMELITANI
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Encountering the Risen Lord: Liturgy and prayer in Carmel today

Liturgical Congress

Monday, 5th May to Saturday 10th May 2025

TO ALL PRIOR PROVINCIALS, COMMISSARY GENERALS AND DELEGATES GENERAL

Dear Brother,

As announced earlier this year, the Liturgy and Prayer Commission has organised an **international liturgical congress** to take place in Rome (Italy) in **May 2025** in the Carmelite centre outside of Rome (Istituto Madonna del Carmine “Il Carmelo”, Sassone).

The overall theme of the Congress is: “Encountering the Risen Lord: Liturgy and prayer in Carmel today.”

The primary focus of the congress is **more pastoral than academic**. It is **open to all members of the Carmelite Family**, that is, friars, enclosed sisters, members of the affiliated congregations and lay Carmelites and all those interested in knowing more about Carmelite Liturgy.

The Liturgy and Prayer Commission welcomes Pope Francis’ call for a serious, dynamic and authentic liturgical formation (*Desiderio desideravi*, 31, 62) noting in particular the essential relationship between “formation for the Liturgy and formation by the Liturgy” (*Desiderio desideravi*, 34). And so, the congress is for all those who have an interest in exploring and understanding the beauty of Carmel’s prayer and liturgy so that it can be authentically carried forward in this generation as a means of transformation.

While the Congress will begin by positioning ourselves within the broader ecclesial perspective, the commission’s hope is that participants will grow in their understanding of the particular Carmelite characteristics of liturgy and prayer under various themes.

The themes that will be explored include the role of liturgy within a synodal church, celebrating the Word of God, celebrating Mary and the saints of Carmel in their feasts and the art of celebration of the liturgy (*ars celebrandi*). The way in which these various aspects are inculturated in the different geographic areas of the Carmelite Family will also be explored.

Speakers will include Cardinal Arthur Roche (*Prefect of the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments*), Míceál O'Neill OCarm (*Prior General*), Fernando Millán Romeral (*Former Prior General*), Donna Orsuto (*Pontificia Università Gregoriana*), Anastasia di Gerusalemme Cucca OCarm (*Prioress, Monastery of St. Stephen in Ravenna*), Giovanni Grosso OCarm (*President of the Institutum Carmelitanum*), Michael Plattig OCarm, Désiré Unen Alimange OCarm, Giuseppe Midili OCarm (*Pontificio Ateneo Sant'Anselmo*), Valéry Bitar OCD (*Teresianum*), and Sabino Chiala (*Prior of the Monastery of Bose*) and others.

In the course of the week, participants will spend a day in the city of Rome making, in particular, a pilgrimage to the **Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica**, Vatican City which will have been opened for the Jubilee Year.

The cost is **€575** per person based on a single room. (There is a reduced rate of €525 *per person sharing a room.*) The price includes 5 nights' accommodation and meals.

Participants are asked to arrive at the *Istituto Madonna del Carmine "Il Carmelo"*, Sassone, Italy during the afternoon of Monday (5th May) in time for a gathering at 7pm. Departures will be following lunch on Saturday (10th May).

Arrivals: during the afternoon on Monday 5th May (with an introduction in the evening)

Congress: Tuesday, 6th May until Saturday morning, 10th May

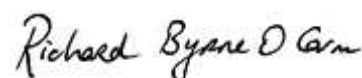
Departures: After lunch on Saturday, 10th May

As places are limited, we encourage you to reserve your place as soon as possible.

Bookings can now be made by completing and returning the Reservation Form to Sig.ra Emanuela Montagner admingen@ocarm.org before **Friday, 25th January 2025**.

Payments can be made to Curia Generalizia Dei Carmelitani: IBAN IT58 R056 9603 2000 0000 3147 X53, BIC-SWIFT: POSOIT22. (Please ensure that your name is placed in the subject line so your payment can be identified.)

In Carmel,



Richard Byrne OCarm
General Councillor

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