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**LETTER NOMINATING THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION
CONSTITUTIONS OF 1991**

My dear Sisters, Discalced Carmelite Nuns of all the Federations and Associations of the Constitutions of 1991: PEACE AND HOPE!

It gives me great pleasure to address you once again on this day of St. Albert of Jerusalem, the Legislator of our Order, whom we ask to guide and enlighten the work of revising the Constitutions.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the involvement and collaboration of all the Federations and Associations and of each community in this journey in relation to the Constitutions and beyond the Constitutions, in a communion that seeks to walk in truth and in obedience to the Spirit.

The echoes of Nemi are still strongly felt several months later. We continue to thank God for that meeting last April, which gave us so much beauty of communion and hope in a shared journey that seeks to deepen and renew what is essential and authentic in our lives. We continue to take steps to move forward, according to the commitment and the guidelines that emerged from that meeting.

We thank the Federations and Associations for the way you have deepened and shared all the content, the conferences, the dialogues and the experiences of Nemi. We know that the echo of all this and the materials you were sent have been the subject of meetings and community and regional dialogues, each community in its own way and with its own pedagogy.

After the two previous communications following Nemi (May 1 and June 8), and as we had agreed in Nemi, now it is only a matter of taking one important step: the formation of an International Working Commission.

As was decided last April, all the Federations and Associations were consulted in order to set up this Commission. Once all the proposals were received, in dialogue with the Secretariat for the nuns (Frs. Rafał and Juan Pablo) I proceeded to appoint this commission. The election of the nuns that form part of it has had as fundamental criterion the names mentioned by the Federations and Associations and, in addition, the necessity to assure the greatest possible representation.

Gathering not only the names received, but also reading the suggestions made in the nominations, and seeking the plurality and seriousness that the work requires, after having

contacted each of the Sisters and having received their acceptance, the Commission will be formed by these nine Carmelites:

- Agustina** of the Mother of God (Agustina Rosalia Zewet), Jakarta (**Indonesia**)
- Anjali Charles** of the Holy Trinity (Anne Jose), Kolayad (**Kerala, India**)
- Christine** de Jésus (Christine Morel), Le Havre (**Francia**)
- Gema** de la Cruz (Gema Juan Herranz), Puçol (**España**)
- Lucía** de la Cruz (Lucía Alliende Estévez), Santiago/San José (**Chile**)
- María Silvia** de la Misericordia de Dios (Silvia Alejandra Becerra), Córdoba (**Argentina**)
- Mary Elizabeth** of the Trinity (Mary Elizabeth Goeckel), Loretto (**USA**)
- Rose Mary** of the Trinity (Rosemary Efeti Matute), Buea (**Camerún**)
- Veronika Teresia Elia** a Spiritu Sancto (Veronique Reincke), Aufkirchen (**Alemania**)

Also forming part of the Commission, with voice but without vote, will be Frs. Rafal Wilkowski OCD and Juan Pablo Patiño OCD (of the Secretariat for the nuns).

We will soon be communicating with the sisters who are part of the commission to begin to plan and discuss the way of working and the itinerary of the process.

The first task of the commission will be to gather: the essential reflections of the communities that were sent to the General House before April 2024, the criteria that were given in Nemi as the root and basis for the revision of the constitutional text, and the documents that were mentioned as essential for this revision.

The future Constitutional text will be sent as a draft at different times and submitted to the evaluation and suggestions of all the Federations and Associations and communities before its presentation to the Dicastery (DIVCSVA), which has the power to approve it.

I encourage you to continue to pray to the Spirit with the prayer of preparation of Nemi in the confidence that when we gather together unarmed and discaled, seeking above all creative fidelity, fanning the fire of the origins, not ashes of the past, but an evangelical hope, with the freedom of abandonment in God, then we feed a fire that burns in an ever new way and can give warmth to the Church and the world (Cf. Address of Pope Francis to the Discalced Carmelite Nuns, 18 April 2024).

I thank, from the bottom of my heart, the Sisters who have accepted this difficult but beautiful task, and the communities that support and care for you so that you can devote time and energy to this important mission. All of you have expressed your limitations yet availability, as good daughters of Teresa. My sincere affection and gratitude to you. As we approach the beatification of Ana de Jesus Lobera, we ask her and Our Holy Parents Teresa of Jesus and John of the Cross to continue to guide and accompany us every step of the way.

With my blessing and the embrace of a brother and father:



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