

**"We Have Come To Worship Him" (Matthew 2:2)
(Motto for World Youth Day 2005, Cologne)**

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"Tempus fugit" (Time flies) says the Latin; and indeed it does. The Carmel Lights Magazine has been ready since the end of June, waiting for me to write this introduction. There must be a purpose why this issue had to wait on me to come out in August. We are all growing in age, but we all like to tap ourselves on the shoulder and balance this experience by saying to ourselves: "Yes indeed, but we are still young in heart." This August marks the XX World Youth Day which is taking place in Cologne. The International Handbook for the XX World Youth Day 2005 is out, and you are very privileged to have a taste of the beauty and powerful messages that are being communicated to the Youth, and to each one of us who are "young in heart".

In this issue you will find two interesting articles which are taken from the above mentioned WYD Handbook. One is on Our Lady, and the other is on the searching for Jesus, following the pattern of the Wise Men in the Gospel of Matthew. Both of these articles are a mine of gold!

The month of August brings with it the feast of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein). She is also mentioned at length in the above mentioned Handbook for the Youth. We are encouraged to embrace the Cross the way Edith Stein embraced it, with love. August 15th, the Feast of The Assumption of Our Lady, places in front of us another challenge: Doing God's will and treasuring in our hearts the Word of God. For us Carmelites, all the feast days of Our Lady are a profound inspiration that continue to energize us on our journey of faith. The OCDS brothers and sisters who attended the celebration on the 16th of July at St. Andrew's Parish, can testify to the truth of this statement. It was a very beautiful experience indeed! Thank you for joining us in London for the Celebration.

We cannot help but mention another moment of grace which we had with the visit of Our Fr. General and Fr. Robert Paul, one of the Definitors General. Both of them had words of praise for all the work that the OCDS are doing in Canada. They were awe struck! The homily that Fr. General delivered to us during the Eucharist on the 26th of June is found in this issue, together with Fr. General's article on the Charism of the Carmelites. I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who worked so hard and so fast to find a place for us to meet with Fr. General. Our gratitude goes also to the Pastor of St. Clement's Church, Monsignor John Murphy, and to all the parishioners for allowing us to use their premises. May the Good Lord reward you all.

The history of the Order, and the history of our Maltese Province are of great help to us in establishing our roots in the experience of those who worked so hard to lay foundations upon which we stand today. Your interest in these two histories are also being fed in this issue, and a Booklet on the History of the Maltese Province will be on sale during the Congress.

AND, speaking of the Congress: IT IS COMING!! Please continue to pray hard for the success of the OCDS CONGRESS, and do not shrink from demonstrating your support by your prayers, attendance, and encouraging others to attend. Fr. Victor Mallia, our Provincial, Fr. Martin Borg, and Fr. Jorge Zurek will be with us to deliver talks and help us with their expertise on the Saints of the Order.

I cannot conclude this short introduction without expressing my gratitude toward all those who, as usual, are, and have been working so hard in preparation for the Congress in October. The list is very long, and the different work varies a lot. Calendars, Music on CDs, typing and printing of Programs, organizing meetings and distribution of different jobs, preparations with the hotel, printing of the History of the Province, and many revisions on it, preparation of other fund-raising projects, etc., etc. ... May

the Good Lord and Mary, Our Mother, continue to support us with their graces and may we continue to work together for the Glorification of the Church and of the Order.

"It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed." (Deuteronomy 31.8)

Yours in Carmel,

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