

VIII. STATUES / STATUETTETTES

8.1 Statues Lead to Prayer

Souls without prayer are like bodies, palsied and lame, having hands and feet they cannot use.

TERESA OF AVILA, The Interior Castle

In an article **Theology's Visual Side** written by Claudia Soberon Bulle Goyri, an artist Fabio Nones, doctor in theology and director of a center of iconography in Trent, Italy explains How Icons Lead to Prayer". Nones said "prayer is communion with God; is it not necessarily only to recite formulas but rather to live in communion with his presence and thus certainly in painting an icon, I pray to have a very strong communion with God." And, he noted, icons do not serve just those who create them, but also those who contemplate them.

Ma. Luz, delighted with her name which means light says that she received God's wonderful touch to initiate a project which lifts up the whole Philippines to God the Father through a song which runs, "You are the Lord of Sea and Sky." From this stampita of the Holy Trinity she was inspired to have a statue of God the Father made. Indeed, icons lead to prayer. From statues of God the Father came God the Son and the Holy Spirit followed by Mary, Saints and Angels.



Bishop Antonio Tobias, D.D. blesses four statuettes of God the Father at the Bishop's Residence, San Vicente, City of San Fernando, La Union on September 17, 2000.

Luz is surprised to see on October 17, 2006 Statuette of God the Father for sale at Tayuman, Sta. Cruz, Manila. Also sold at Zamboanga and Baguio.



Statues / Statuettes	Materials
1. God _ God the Father _ 12 foot statuettes	fiber glass
God the Son Crucified / Jesus Triumphal Entry to Jerusalem	wood
God the Holy Spirit	stained glass
2. Mary _ Madre Santissima de la Luz	cement
Our Lady of Namacpacan	spandex
3. Saints_ Sta. Lucia	carving / glass etching
Sts. Cosmas and Damian	wood
St. Teresa of Avila life size and statuette	tin / fiber glass
4. Angels _ Angelic chair	metal
Angel of Peace and three shepherds	wood and luminous

God's City

To have found God is not an end itself rather, it is a beginning of a lifelong struggle to sustain our faith in Him.

1997

*Year One:
God the Son*





A simple gesture of praise to God the Father in 1999 blossomed to a robust, contagious effort to remind others of God's love and to share it to all. It is interesting that La Union, home of a unified people, sparked an avalanche of activities in His devotion traveling the entire Philippines, an archipelago of physically-separate but spiritually-connected islands, and to the seat of Christianity - Rome - and Jesus' birthplace - Jerusalem. In all its visits, His image has made physically His abundant Fatherly love.

1998
Year Two:
God the Holy Spirit





But, it is not entirely Him who works for Himself - a few of His children who possesses the 3 G's - God, goodness and guts - have been bringing Him closer to His people.

1999
Year Three: God the Father





The images on this spread picture Dr. Ma. Luz O. Bolong and her brother, Engr. Evaristo TEBAN U. Ortega Jr., radiating His love throughout the 59 barangays of the City of San Fernando working to make it **God's City**.

*Great Jubilee of the Year 2000
Year of the Most Holy Trinity
The Christian doctrine of the Trinity holds that God is one God, but three coeternal consubstantial persons or hypostases—the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit—as "one God in three Divine persons"*



“I have come from heaven, not, to do my own will,
but to do the will of the one who sent me” (Jn 6:38).

Testimony:

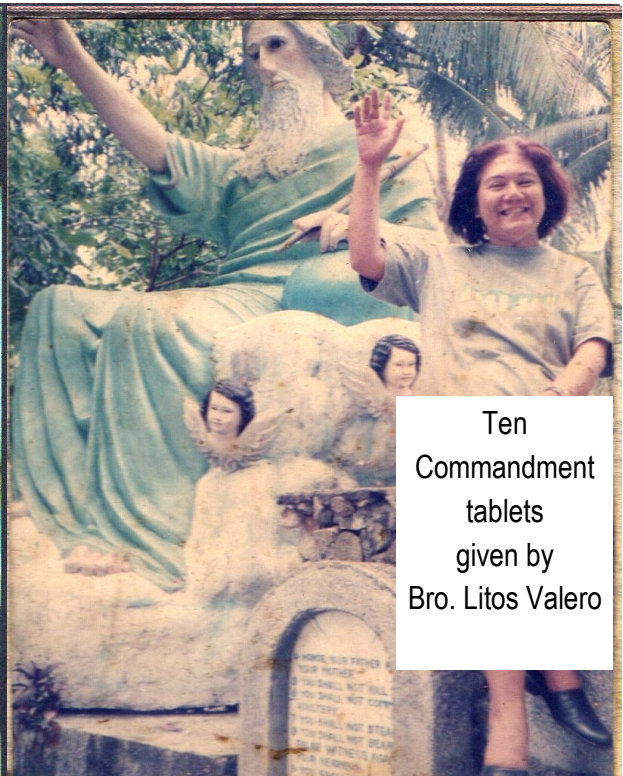
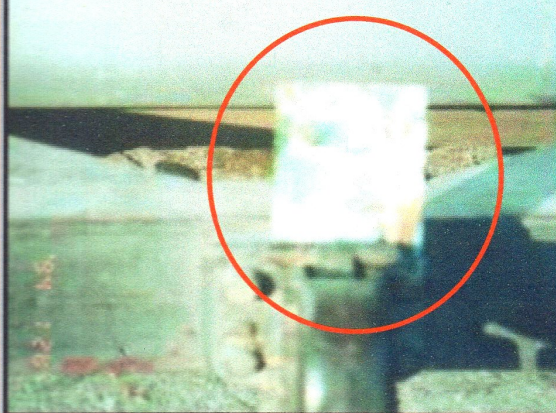
I (Luz) on March 14, 2002 placed on my car 15 statuettes of God the Father I bought at Vigan, Ilocos Sur. Also at the trunk are lots of photos for our book. We twins are fond of documenting our activities.

The following morning, March 15, I drove my car from Carlatan to Pindangan. Surprisingly, after mass I saw my picture with God the Father taken at Panzian Beach Resort, Ilocos Norte at the back of my car parked at the Carmelite Monastery. I thought it was a pocket Calendar because of the cut of the picture. Who placed it? I see the hand of the God the Father in this incident.



April 17, 2002

**Statue of God the Father at Pannzian
featured at Beh Bote Nga!**



8.3 St. Teresa of Avila Statue and Statuettes



In 2007, Luz had a life-size tin statue of St. Teresa of Avila made at Arliver Corporation. Nila orders 15-inch statuettes of St. Teresa also made of tin. The statuettes were brought to the East Asia Congress and given as giveaways to the participants.

Since the material is not strong, the twins decided that the statuettes for their Avila 2015 be made of fiberglass.



Maria Luz drives the tricycle with the statuette of St. Teresa while Maria Nila is in front of the life-size statue.



November 21-27, 2007_ East Asia Congress at the Carmelite Missionaries Center of Spirituality at Tagaytay City. The life size statue was at the registration area. It safely arrived at San Fernando, La Union.

Avila 2015 Package

22 inches of 1 big box x 2 big boxes = 44 inches

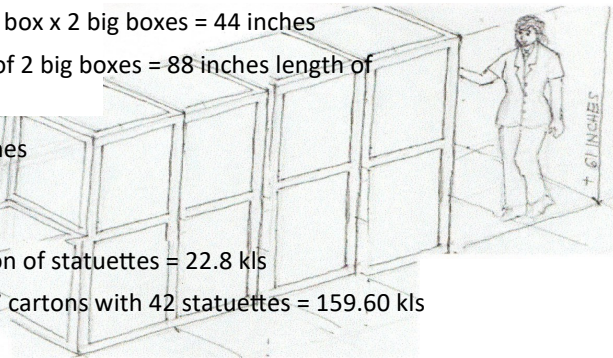
44 inches height of 2 big boxes = 88 inches length of 4 big boxes

Width 30 1/2 inches

Total = 8 cartons

Weight per carton of statuettes = 22.8 kls

Total weight of 7 cartons with 42 statuettes = 159.60 kls



Letters of Appreciation for St. Teresa Pilgrim Statuettes

St. Teresa Pilgrim Statue given to St. Teresa's Foundations

Transmodal Company informed Luz that the statues and booklets she sent from the Philippines has been received by CITES on May 8, 2015. Milagros of CITES emailed asking to which Carmelite Convents we would like them to send the statutes. Luz replied saying, You are more in a position to determine the recipients of the statues and booklets. It is a surprise then to have received the following emails from the Foundations of St. Teresa of Avila thanking us for the statues and booklets. Our sincerest thanks to CITES for their extraordinary help extended in sending the statues to the monasteries.

Carmelitas Descalzas Granada

Jul 1 at 6:55 PM

To: lucia_saint@yahoo.com

Queridas hermanas en el Carmelo:

Hemos recibido la imagen de Santa Teresa que nos envían por medio de CITES. ¡Muchísimas gracias! Como agradecemos este detalle tan fraterno de recibir a nuestra Santa Madre de una tierra a la que ella no pudo llegar en persona, pero a la que llegaron sus deseos de extender el amor a Jesús y a la relación con Él en la oración. Quedamos muy unidas en la oración, y las recordamos con cariño en su visita a nuestro monasterio. Un gran abrazo fraterno y nuestra oración. Pidan al Señor también por nosotras.

Carmelitas Descalzas Granada

-- Carmelitas Descalzas

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English Translation:

Dear Sisters in the Carmelo: we have received the image of Santa Teresa, you send through CITES. Thank you so much! As we appreciate this detail as fraternal welcome our Holy Mother Earth she was unable to reach that person, but arrived that their desire to extend the love of Jesus and the relationship with him in prayer. We were very United in prayer, and remember them with affection during his visit to our monastery. A big fraternal hug and our prayer. Ask the Lord also for us. Granada barefoot Carmelites - Barefoot Carmelites

Carmelitas Toledo

Jun 24

To

lucia_saint@yahoo.com

Dear María Luz and María Nila:

Thanks so much for Our Holy Mother's statue that you sent us, and also for the book. We received it today and we decided to answer immediately in order to tell you that it arrived in perfect condition

I'm sorry I wasn't here the day you came, but Mother Prioress told me about your visit. It would have been very nice to speak with you in English and explain many interesting things about our community, its history and also about the Exhibition we have in the sacristy. Once again thanks for everything. I'll enjoy the book.

Union in prayer,

Helena de la Eucalístia ocd

in name of the Prioress.

Avila

Díaz Arturo LC

Jun 24

To

lucia_saint@yahoo.com



Dear Ma. Luz and Ma. Nila:

**42 Statuettes of St. Teresa
shipped to Avila, Spain**

I'm the chaplaincy of the Monastery the Encarnation, of the Carmelites, in Avila. They appreciate the image of St. Teresa you sent.

Thank you. See you over here.

My prayers, Fr. Arturo Díaz LC

SEVILLA
People
[Carmelitas Descalzas de Sevilla](#)

Jun 23

To lucia_saint@yahoo.com

Queridas hermanas, MUCHISIMAS GRACIAS, hoy hemos recibido la imagen de SANTA TERESA que nos han mandado. El Señor las bendiga. Unidas en la oración. Reciban un fuerte abrazo de sus hermanas de Sevilla.

Hna. Inmaculada

English Translation:

Dear Sisters, MUCHISIMAS GRACIAS, today we received the image of SANTA TERESA, which have sent us. The Lord bless them. United in prayer. Receive a big hug from her sisters in Seville. HNA. Immaculate

To lucia_saint@yahoo.com
Carmelitas de Soria

Jun 26 at 1:29 PM

Dears María Luz y María Nila:

THE IMAGEN OF WERE SAINT
TERESA OF AVILA IS VERY
BEATIFUL
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

[Carmelitas Descalzas VA](#) <carmelitasdescalzasva@telefonica.net>

Jul 4 at 11:51 PM

To lucia_saint@yahoo.com

Message body

De: Carmelitas Descalzas VA

[<mailto:carmelitasdescalzasva@telefonica.net>]

Enviado el: viernes, 03 de julio de 2015 17:14

Para: 'lucia_@yahoo.com'

Asunto: GRACIAS

Muy queridas hermanas gemelas Mª Nila y Mª Luz: Nos atrevemos a ponerles estas letras en español para agradecerles muy de corazón el gran regalo que nos han hecho llegar a través del CITES, el gran regalo de la imagen de nuestra Madre Santa Teresa de Jesús ¡Muchísimas gracias! Y que el Señor se lo recompense con muchas gracias y bendiciones, como le pedimos. Las recordamos desde su visita a nuestro Carmelo, disfrutamos mucho, y damos gracias a Dios por vuestras vidas entregadas en el OCDS haciendo tanto bien a todos. Gracias también por su revista con tantas fotografías interesantes. Que la Santa Madre Teresa las siga acompañando y ayudando.

Unidas siempre en el Señor con abrazos y oraciones de todas las Hnas.

Mª Capilla de Jesús

English Translation:

VA

[<mailto:carmelitasdescalzasva@telefonica.net>]

to: 'lucia_@yahoo.com' subject: thank you very dear sisters twins Mª Nila and Mª Luz: we dare to put these letters in Spanish to thank them very great gift that have sent us through the CITES, the great gift of the image of our mother Santa Teresa de Jesús thank you! And may the Lord reward it is with many thanks and blessings, as we ask. We remember them from your visit our Carmel, enjoyed very much, and thank God for your lives in the OCDS do much good to all. Thank you also for your magazine with so many interesting photographs. Santa Madre Teresa them follow accompanying and helping. Always United in the Lord with hugs and prayers from all the Hnas. Mª Jesus Chapel

Carmelitas Beas

· Jul 31 at 3:28 PM

Dear sisters Maria Luz and Maria Nila, please excuse us for our delay in answering to your double present. This centenary year of St. Teresa, even here within the cloister we are quite busy. Thank you very much for the beautiful statue of saint Teresa, that you sent us, as well as for the book, which is really interesting. It is amazing how active you are and all the enthusiasm and love you have for Carmel!

May Our Lord bless you and Our Lady of Mount Carmel guide and protect you, and make fruitful all your efforts. Keep on with your service to the Church and Our Order, and may God pay you all the generosity and sacrifice you put in making known our Mother St. Teresa of Jesus, specially in her Fifth Birth Century.

P.D. Please, we invite you to join us in a prayer chain at 12 midday, the Angelus time, with 3 Hail Maries to the Most Holy Mother for PEACE, and to extend this invitation to all your acquaintances and relatives. Thanks a million

Carmelo Salamanca <carmelosalamanca@planalfa.es>

Jul 23 at 6:12 AM

To lucia_saint@yahoo.com

Very dear Luz Bolong y María Nila Argel:

We have received through the CITEs of Ávila, the beautiful image of Sta. Teresa de Jesús, which you have sent to us.

Thank you very much.

We hope that our great Santa Teresa grants to you the grace to imitate their spirit and their virtues, as a reward for your great charity. United always in prayer.

With prayers and love

Carmelitas Descalzas de Salamanca
Ahora en Arenal del Ángel. Cabrerizos –SALAMANCA-

Luz María <luzmariaocd@yahoo.es>

Aug 31 at 5:12 AM

To lucia_saint@yahoo.com

Queridas hermanas Carmelitas:

Siento no saber hablar inglés, pero seguro que lo van a traducir.

Muchísimas gracias por la imagen de Teresa de Jesús, nuestra Madre, nos ha gustado mucho y lo agradecemos de todo corazón, que ella nos ayude a vivir siempre en amistad con Jesús.

Nos gustó que vinieran a nuestro Carmelo, aunque el tiempo fue muy breve.

Un abrazo grande y fraterno, con mucho agradecimiento. Oremos unidas en Jesús y Madre Teresa.

Luz María de Jesús. Priora

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English Translation:

Dear Sisters Carmelites: Sorry I do not know how to speak English, but we are sure that they will translate. Thank you for the picture of Teresa of Jesús, our mother, liked and thank him wholeheartedly, may she help us to always live in friendship with Jesus. We liked to come our Carmel, although the time was very short. A fraternal, and big hug with much appreciation. Let us pray together in Jesus and Mother Teresa. Luz María de Jesús. Priora

8.4 Luminous Statue of Angel of Peace

The Apparitions of the Angel in 1916 (From the diary of Sister Lucy) in 1916

An Angel came on three occasions inviting the little shepherds, Lucy, Francis, and Jacinta to prayer, sacrifice and reparation, to prepare for the visits of Our Lady.

I am the Angel of Peace

1. I think... it was in the spring 1916 that the Angel appeared to us for the first time in our Loca do Cabeco (a cave on the top of a hillock).

We had been playing for a little while when, suddenly, a strong wind shook the trees. We could not help noticing it because the day was calm. Then we saw over the olive trees, coming towards us... a young man about 14 to 15 years old, as white as snow, of great beauty and made transparent as crystal by the sun.

As he came close to us he said:

Fear not, I am the Angel of Peace. Pray with me.

And kneeling on the ground, bowing till he touched it with his forehead, he told us to repeat these words thrice:

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You. I ask pardon of You for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love You.

After this he rose and said:

Pray like this. The Hearts of Jesus and Mary are attentive to your prayers.

And he disappeared. The spiritual atmosphere which surrounded us was so intense that for a long time we were not conscious of our own existence, remaining in the position the Angel had

left us, constantly repeating the same prayer.

His words sank so deeply into our minds that we never forgot them and ever after we used to spend long periods prostrate on our knees repeating them, sometimes until we fell down exhausted."



Exhibit at Twins Haven



The world was at war. The Angel of Peace comes to ask the little shepherds to pray and teaches them a prayer, of which the first part are acts of faith, hope and charity, and the second, atonement to God and intercession for sinners.

I am the Angel of Portugal

2. The second apparition of the Angel was not in the same place as the first, but near the well in the kitchen garden of Lucy's parents.

After rather a long time, on a summer day... we were playing near a well my parents had in the kitchen garden we called Arneiro.

Suddenly we saw near us the same figure, or Angel.

What are you doing? Pray! Pray! The Hearts of Jesus and Mary have merciful designs upon you. Offer constantly to the Almighty prayers and sacrifices.

But how can we accomplish this? I asked.

Of everything you possibly can, offer a sacrifice to atone for the sins that offend Him and to implore the conversion of sinners. In this way you will obtain peace for your country. I am its Guardian Angel, the Angel of Portugal. Above all, accept and humbly endure the sufferings the Lord sends you.

The Angel's words sank deeply into our souls like a gleaming torch, showing us Who God is, what is His love for us, and how He wants us to love Him too; the value of sacrifice and how it pleases Him; how He receives it for the conversion of sinners. That is why from that moment we began to offer Him whatever mortified us.

The Guardian Angel of Portugal ask the shepherds for prayer and sacrifice in order to obtain peace for their country which He loves so dearly.

Luz went to Pangasinan to order a statue of Our Lady of Fatima. However, the sculptor – owner of the shop suggested that she orders the statue of the Angel of Peace instead. She consented to the idea. Since she wanted her statues made in different materials, she ordered for a luminous statues. In order to have luminous statues, there should be a mold made up of wood.

Luz gave the finished wooden statues and she kept the luminous statues.



A relative of the late Sr. Lucy tending to pilgrims.

We drank water from the well at Lucy's parents.

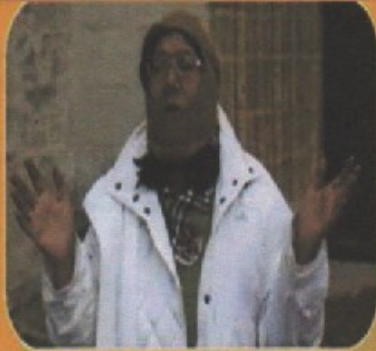


Twin Luz had a luminous statue of the Angel and the three visionaries.



Luz' gift of wooden statues to Nila are at the Escolta's Homey Lodge Garden, Vigan City, Ilocos Sur.

4.4 St. John de Ortega



March 2015 Ortega twins' visit at St. Juan de Ortega monastery.

"How blessed we are. Finally, we now have seen the statue of St. John de Ortega. We will really have a statue carved in La Union so that we know that there is such a St. John de Ortega who is interceding for all of us, who had lived a good life worth emulating. When we arrived here at Burgos, it was snowing. Wow! I had said to myself, I hope that while in Spain we could see the snow falling down, and that is exactly what happened. God is really awesome. He gives our desires and this inspires us to follow him to love him and to serve him with all our might. And now we are ready to go to our next destination - the Carmelite nuns. Thank you, St. John de Ortega. We love you very much.

