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The Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) International Commission of the Carmelite Order is sponsoring a gathering for the entire Carmelite Family in July 2017.

A Carmelite Family Congress is scheduled for July 23-28, 2017 at Casa Sao Nuno, Fatima, Portugal. July 22nd will be the day of arrival and departure on July 29th.

The theme of the Congress is: *CARMEL ENGAGES WITH LAUDATO SI: Hearing both the cry of the Poor and of the Earth (cf. LS 49).*

The main aims of the congress are:

1. to bring together and allow for sharing among Carmelite JPIC coordinators or animators;
2. to understand JPIC;
3. to share on best practices in promoting the ministries of JPIC;
4. to equip promoters with skills of animation, coordination, collaboration and communication;
5. to engage Carmelite Family with Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si and its relation to Carmelites.

The Congress will open with a welcome by the Prior General Fernando Millan Romeral, O.Carm.

Speakers include:

Carmen Elisa Bando, SSpS
Joseph Chalmers, O.Carm.
Jose Luis Gutierrez LC
Sheila Kinsey, FCIM
Craig Morrison, O.Carm.
Miceal O'Neill, O.Carm.
Eduardo Agosta Scarel, O.Carm.

Fr. Conrad Mutizamhepo, O.Carm., head of the JPIC commission, is in charge of the Congress. For further information go to vacareodeojpic@gmail.com. The closing date for registration is May 1, 2017.

Room costs are: single occupancy – Euro 820, double occupancy – Euro 550. Rooms are limited.

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