



# Questionnaire Regarding Irregular and Expired Promises

To be filled out and returned to the Main Office electronically by October 1, 2023



City/State where OCDS Community meets \_\_\_\_\_

Community ID Code \_\_\_\_\_ Name of President/Moderator \_\_\_\_\_

In what month are your community's annual Ceremonies (Clothings/Promises/Vows) held? \_\_\_\_\_

- Does the Council/Leadership Team understand that **only a delegated priest** may conduct Clothings and receive Promises/Vows on behalf of the Discalced Carmelite Order in order for the Clothings and Promises/Vows to be valid?  Yes
- Does the Council/Leadership Team understand that the First Promise **expires 3 years to the day** from which it is made?  Yes
- Does the Council/Leadership Team understand that once the First Promise expires, the individual is no longer considered to be a member of the Discalced Carmelite Order?  Yes
- Does the Council/Leadership Team understand that once a First Promise expires and Definitive Promises have not been made, the individual must re-make the First Promise and **wait one year** before making the Final Promise?  Yes
- Does the Council/Leadership Team understand that the guidelines from Rome are not optional or open to personal interpretation but must be fulfilled as stated for Promises to be valid and to avoid these issues reoccurring in our Province again?  Yes
- Up until June 16, 2023, many Fully Professed members made their Final Promise after the First Promise had expired, rendering the Final Promise invalid. On what date will your community have these members re-make their Final Promise in order to validate the Promise once and for all, as required by the terms of the *sanatio in radice*? \_\_\_\_\_ How many Fully Professed members in your community will need to remake the Final Promise? \_\_\_\_\_
- On what date will the members whose First Promise expired after June 16, 2023 and who have not yet made the Definitive Promise, re-make the First Promise and **wait one year** before making the Final Promise?  
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## Signatures required:

President/Moderator \_\_\_\_\_

Formation Director \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_