



**BASES :** The International Teresian Sanjuanist Center Foundation (CITEs) is an entity, the aim of which includes the promotion of studies on the works of Saint Teresa of Jesus and which gives support to the activities of the University of Mysticism in Avila (Spain).

The CITEs Foundation and the University of Mysticism consider that in order to promote a better coexistence and solidarity among people, religions and cultures, a mutual encounter and understanding from the existential and experiential dimension of religions is much needed. We are convinced that the experiential dimension of the life of faith Teresa conveys, provides a good starting point when approaching a mutual understanding among people who live and profess different creeds and religious traditions.

For it, with the assistance of private sponsorship, a decision has been made to convene this III International Award in the context of the II World Encounter Teresian Mysticism and Interreligious Dialogue, which will take place in Avila (Spain) from 22<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> of July 2020.

The first Awards focused on Teresa of Jesus in dialogue with other religious traditions, was held in 2015 within the context of the 5th Centenary of her birth and the "Teresa of Jesus, heritage of humanity" World Congress. The second call also had a specific theme, which was limited to one of the objectives of the 1st. World Encounter Teresian Mysticism and Interreligious Dialogue: Theravāda Buddhism and Teresian Mysticism. In this third call, the possibilities are extended as explained below.

**WORKS AND THEMES:** The award will be given to work in which there is a comparative study or other approach which involves any of the Carmelites mystic (Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross, Therese of the Child Jesus, Elizabeth of Trinity, Teresa de los Andes, Edith Stein, etc.), from the perspective of interreligious dialogue. Here are some examples:

- A comparative study between any of the Carmelites mystical experience and the religious or mystical experience of a person/s from another religion or tradition, or one which uses the sacred texts of the other religion.
- A comparative study between any of the Carmelites works and the writings of authors of another religion, or their own sacred texts.
- A study on the mystical symbolism in the works of any Carmelite and the symbolism of authors from other religions or the sacred texts of that religion.

**CHARACTERISTICS OF THE WORKS:** The works must be presented in the form of an article, essay, or research-based study. The works must have a minimum of 30 and a maximum of 40 pages. (Sheet size A4, 1.5 line spacing, font Times New Roman 12). The work presented must be original, that is, it must never have been published in either traditional or digital media.

**SUBMISSION OF THE WORKS:** The deadline for the submission of the works is April 1st, 2020. Further contributions will not be accepted after that date. Work may be presented in Spanish, English, French, Italian, Portuguese or German. The works must be sent in a digital format (Word and PDF), together with a short curriculum vitae of the author, which must contain the following information:

Name and surname

Pseudonym

Date and place of birth

Postal address and e-mail address

A brief summary of the submitted work (not more than 10 lines)

Works should be sent to: [premioteresa@mistica.es](mailto:premioteresa@mistica.es)

To ensure the impartiality of the Jury, papers will be presented under the pseudonym. Authorship and other personal data will be recorded by the Secretariat and will only be known once the Jury has conferred the award.

**JURY:** The Jury will be composed of the following members:

- The President of the CITEs Foundation
- The promoter of the award, who is an expert in all aspects of Teresian spirituality and Eastern religions
- An expert in Carmelite mysticism
- An expert in religious studies and interreligious dialogue
- A representative from each tradition or religion represented in the papers presented

**TERMS OF THE AWARD:** The Jury will select a maximum of 5 finalists from among all the submitted works, who will be promptly notified.

The finalists will give a presentation of their works at the celebration of the 2nd WORLD ENCOUNTER TERESIAN MYSTICISM AND INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE: Zen (Chan) Buddhism and Carmelite Spirituality: Love and compassion doors to hope, to be held in Ávila from July 22-26, 2020

- The first-prize winner will receive an award of €6,000

- In addition, all 4 other finalists will receive an award of €1,000 each.

The works will be published in the Encounter's proceedings. If the Jury considers that other works submitted are also worth considering because of their high quality and originality, the authors will be notified of the decision to publish their works in the Encounter's proceedings.

If the works are not of a sufficient standard, the Jury may also decide to not grant any prizes, or, they may decide to divide the first prize between a maximum of two finalists whose works are considered of equal value because of their excellent standard.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

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