



BASES: The International Teresian Sanjuanist Center Foundation (CITEs) is an entity, whose aims include the promotion of studies on the works of Saint Teresa of Ávila and providing support for the activities of the University of Mysticism in Ávila (Spain).

The CITEs Foundation and the University of Mysticism believe that in order to promote greater harmonious 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. The aim of the Award is to foster and contribute to the coming together and motivation of all religions to move forward with works that help our mutual paths converge.

For this reason, and made possible by private sponsorship, a decision was made to convene this 3rd International Award in the context of the II WORLD ENCOUNTER ON TERESIAN MYSTICISM AND INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE: Chan/Zen Buddhism and Carmelite Spirituality, which will take place in Ávila (Spain) from July 21st to 25th 2021.

The first Awards, which focused on Teresa of Ávila in dialogue with other religious traditions, was held in 2015 within the context of the 5th Centenary of her birth and the framework of the Teresa of Ávila, 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 on Teresian Mysticism and Interreligious Dialogue: Theravāda Buddhism and Teresian Mysticism. In this third call, possible research topics have been extended, as explained below.

WORKS AND THEMES: Awards will be given to the works in which there is a comparative study or other approach that involves any of the Carmelite mystics (Teresa of Ávila, 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 experiences and the religious or mystical experience of a person or persons from another religion or tradition, or one that 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, meaning that it cannot have been published in either traditional or digital media.

SUBMISSION OF THE WORKS: The deadline for the submission of the works is April 1st, 2021. Further contributions will not be accepted after that date. Works may be presented in Spanish, English, French, Italian, Portuguese or German. The works must be sent on a digital format (Word or PDF), along with a short resumé about 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 in English and Spanish of the submitted work (not more than 10 lines)

Works should be sent to: 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 five (5) finalists from among all the submitted works, whom will be promptly notified.

The finalists will give a presentation of their works at the holding of the II WORLD ENCOUNTER ON TERESIAN MYSTICISM AND INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE: Chan/Zen Buddhism and Carmelite Spirituality, which will take place in Ávila (Spain) from July 21st to 25th 2021.

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