

Module: S07: St Edith Stein OCD

This module introduces the life and spirituality of St. Edith Stein, a modern saint, convert from Judaism, German philosopher, cloistered Carmelite, and martyr in the death camps of Auschwitz concentration camp. The module covers:

- Her early years and academic search
- Her renunciation of belief and conversion to Catholicism
- Nazi persecution and entrance into the Carmel of Cologne
- Her intellectual and spiritual legacy
- Her martyrdom and canonisation

Units 1-4 follow Stein through “The Early Years, Academic Search and Conversion (1891-1933)” as Stein formulates her Catholic worldview, and embraces her Carmelite identity.

Units 5-8 find Stein “Under the Shadow of the Cross (1933-1942),” as we explore the dispersal of Stein’s family at the hand of their Nazi persecutors, Stein’s transfer to Echt, the Netherlands, for safety, culminating in her arrest, and eventual martyrdom.

Units 9-12 discuss Stein as “A Saint for Our Times”

Units 13-16 discuss the “Intellectual and Spiritual Legacy” of this great saint, from her philosophy of woman to her vision of the arts and philosophy, and culminating in her lived understanding of the Cross.

