

Module S08: Sts. Louis and Zélie Martin

This module studies the lives of Louis and Zélie Martin, who were the parents of St. Thérèse of Lisieux. Louis and Zélie Martin are the first married couple ever to be canonised together at the same ceremony. They were beatified on October 19, 2008, at the Basilica in Lisieux dedicated to their youngest daughter, St. Thérèse, who with loving recognition of her parents' holiness, wrote in a letter to Abbé Maurice Bellière, on July 26 1997 *'God gave me a father and a mother more worthy of heaven than of earth'*. (LT 261)

Units 1-4 look in detail at Louis' and Zélie's lives from early days, to the time of their marriage and the birth of their third child.

Units 5-8 focus on their lives as more children are born and lost, the start of Zélie's illness and the Franco Prussian War.

Units 9-12 reflect on family life in Lisieux and the impact of illnesses on Zélie, Louis and Thérèse, as Thérèse enters Carmel.

Unit 13-16 conclude with Louis' progressing illness and death, and Louis and Zélie's beatification, canonisation and their legacy to the Church.



This module is available to study on the following programmes:

- Diploma in Spirituality (Carmelite Studies)
- B.Th. (Carmelite Studies)