## Module S13: The Impact of God – A reading guide to St John of the Cross

This module introduces the main aspects of the life and message of John of the Cross, providing an approach to reading the works of this major Carmelite figure.

The teaching about John is to be found in the essential text for this module *The Impact of God – Soundings from St John of the Cross* by Iain Matthew OCD (London: Hodder & Stoughton,1995).

## The module explores:

- John the man and the relationship between his life and his writings
- John's understanding of God as invasive and seeking encounter
- his consequent understanding of the human person and relationship with God
- his teaching about "all" and "nothing", making space within, the dark night
- the centrality of Christ in John's experience and teaching
- John and prayer

This module is available to study on the following programmes:

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

