

Programme: M.Th. (Carmelite Studies)

**Module MTh06: Carmelite Marian Mystics**

Built on the foundation provided by the module on Mary and Carmel this module is designed to introduce students to unfamiliar figures within the Carmelite family and to engage critically with their understanding and experience of Marian mysticism in a Carmelite context.

The module is divided into ten units. The first two units provide an overview of the Carmelite experience of life with Mary, covering firstly, the Marian inspiration within the Rule of St Albert and early Carmelite writings and secondly the place of Mary in important figures of the Discalced reform and of the last two centuries. Unit 3 introduces the Marian spirit of the Reform of Touraine. The remaining units focus on two figures of this reform who represent a distinctive and articulated account of Marian mysticism which is little known in the English-speaking world, Michael of St Augustine and Maria Petyt.

**Assigned Reading**

The assigned reading for this module is listed in each of the units. In their submitted assessments, students are expected to show that they have engaged with the relevant assigned reading. Much of the relevant biographical material is available only in Flemish or Latin but you might also try to locate some of the other background reading material on Carmelite Marian Mysticism in English listed below in the library of one of the houses of the Carmelite friars or nuns that is located near you.

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- Bruijns, Sanny, *Mary's Spiritual Journey*, in *Carmelite Formation: Proceedings of the International Programme for Carmelite Formators*, Fatima, Portugal, 9-27 January 2001, ed. Alexander Vella – Günter Benker, Rome: Edizioni Carmelitane, 2002.
- Bruijns, Sanny, *The Role of Mary in the Life Experience and Writings of Ven. Michael of St. Augustine*, in *In Communion with Mary: Our Heritage and prospects for the future*, Rome: Edizione Carmelitane, 2003.
- Bruijns, Sanny, *A Journey with Mary, How God Touches Our Lives*. Manila: Centre for Spirituality, 2004.
- Lefevere, A., *Maria Petyt*, in *Women Writing in Dutch*, ed. by Kristiaan Aerke, New York: Garland, 1994, 231-272.
- *Maria Petyt – A Carmelite Mystic in Wartime*, edited by Joseph Chalmers, Elisabeth Hense, Veronie Meeuwsen and Esther Vat, Radboud Studies in Humanities, 4, Leiden: Brill, 2015.  
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- *Michael of St Augustine O.Carm*, *Life with Mary*, a Treatise on the Marian Life by the Venerable Michael of St. Augustine O.Carm., *Thomas E. McGinnis O.Carm.*, New York: Scapular Press, 1953.
- Michael of St Augustine O.Carm, *Life in and for Mary by Ven. Michael of St. Augustine O.Carm.*, translated from the original Latin and edited by Rev. Venard F. Poslusney O.Carm., Chicago: Third Order Press, 1954.

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- Payne OCD, Steven, 'Michael of St Augustine (1621-1684) and Maria Petyt (1623-1677)', *The Carmelite Tradition*, Minnesota: Liturgical Press, 2011, pp. 97-103.
- Smet OCarm, Joachim, *The Carmelites: A History of the Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel*. Darien: Carmelite Spiritual Centre, 1988, Volume III part I, pp. 36–62; Volume III part II, pp. 558–560.
- *The Mariform and Marian Life in Mary and for Mary*, published by V. Poslusney o.carm., *The Sword* IV (1940) 14-19, 160-166, 321-337.
- *The Mariform and Marian Life in Mary and for Mary* by Ven. Michael of St. Augustine, O.Carm., *Mary* 14/3 (1953) 103-112; 14/4 (1953) 115-116; 14/5 (1953) 108-111; 14/6 (1953) 110-112; 15 (1954) jan.-feb. 116-118; mar.-apr. 116-119.
- *Union with Our Lady: Marian writings of the Venerable Mary Petyt of St. Teresa*, T.O.Carm., translated and arranged by Thomas E. McGinnis, O.Carm.; New York: The Scapular Press, [s.a.] [imprim. 1954].
- Valabek OCarm, Redemptus M., 'Prayer among Carmelites of the Ancient Observance', *Carmelus* 28 (1981) 68-143.
- Valabek OCarm, Redemptus M., 'Mary within Mystical Experience: Our Lady in the Life and Writings of Ven. Michael of St. Augustine o.carm. and Ven. Maria Petyt T.O.Carm.',