Carmelite Institute of Britain and Ireland

Programme: Discovering Carmel

Module DC25: St Titus Brandsma

This module is designed to introduce the Second World War martyr, St Titus Brandsma OCarm, and to explore the way in which his opposition to Nazism led to his martyrdom.



The module covers:

- his early life and Carmelite vocation;
- his work as a philosopher and his other activities;
- his opposition to the Nazi regime in Holland
- his arrest and imprisonment;
- his death in Dachau.

Unit 1 outlines his early years, up to 1909, describing his family background, his education, his Carmelite vocation, his ordination as a priest, and his doctoral studies in philosophy.

Unit 2 describes the different activities in which he was involved when he was teaching philosophy at Os and Professor of Philosophy at Nijmegen.

Unit 3 deals with his opposition to Nazism during the 1930s and early 40s.

Unit 4 outlines his interrogation and imprisonment during the early months of 1942.

Unit 5 describes his journey to Dachau concentration camp, his time there, and his death.