

Module DC12: Formation in Carmel

This module is an introduction to Formation within the Carmelite Family. One hears a lot about formation these days. People speak about religious formation in schools, formation of candidates for the priesthood and for religious life, initial formation and ongoing formation and so on. The word formation comes from the word to form or to shape. Generally, the word formation implies something more than acquiring certain skills or certain knowledge – formation is a more holistic concept and refers not only to knowledge and skills but a person's attitudes and character. Indeed, we often speak about the formation of character and of conscience.

The module looks at formation under five headings:

1. Formation in general;
2. Formation in the Teresian Nuns;
3. Formation in the Teresian Friars;
4. Formation in the O. Carm. Friars;
5. Formation in Secular/Lay Carmel.

By the end of this module, you will have:

1. some understanding of what formation means;
2. some sense of the importance of formation within the Carmelite Family;
3. some knowledge of the different formation processes within the Carmelite Family.