

Module DC30: The Carmelite Family in the 14th Century

The aim of this module is very simple: with the help of studying the Order's past to understand that there is a variety of ways of being Carmelite. Currently Carmelites use the term 'Carmelite family' to give expression to the idea that while the Carmelite calling may be lived out in a variety of ways, by people in all walks of life, we all belong to one family.

The module covers the following topics:

1. What it means to describe Carmel as a “family”;
2. The development of the life of the friars in the 14th century;
3. Keywords in describing different ways of being associated with Carmel;
4. A case study – the ways in which people were associated with the friars’ house, the Carmine, in Florence;
5. The lives of 2 Carmelites of the 14th century.

By the end of the module students will have:

- An understanding of the varied ways in which people have associated themselves with Carmel and of the terminology used to describe them.
- A fuller appreciation of the meaning of “the Carmelite family”