Carmelite Institute of Britain and Ireland

Programme: Discovering Carmel

Module DC26: The Carmelite Nuns and sisters, past and present

This module provides an overview of the history of Carmelite women and includes a few thumb-nail sketches. Its purpose is to provide a background for more detailed studies of particular women, in separate modules.

who had nothing in common with each other have been united in their devotion to her.

The module covers the following:

- The beginnings, and the first outstanding figure: Bl. Françoise d'Amboise;
- o St. Teresa of Avila and her reform;
- o St. Mary Magdalen of Pazzi O. Carm; in Florence;
- o The spread of the Discalced nuns; England, Ireland, and Vatican II
- o Other developments, especially a glimpse at the many Carmelites Sisters in both parts of the Order.

By the end of the module, you will have

- o An understanding of the origins of Carmelite life for women;
- o An awareness of the ways in which this life has developed over time;
- o An acquaintance with some of the key figures in Carmelite life for women.