

Module DC32: The Third/Secular Orders from 1900

This module focuses on the branches of the Carmelite Family known as the Third and Secular Orders – numerically the largest group of professed members of the Order – especially their development within the last century.

The five units cover:

1. The identity, vocation and mission of the Third/Secular Orders and its members;
2. The Carmelite Third Order (T.O.C.) 1900-2000;
3. The Discalced Carmelite Secular Order (O.C.D.S.) 1900-2000;
4. The Third and Secular Orders of Carmel since the year 2000;
5. Looking to the future of the Third and Secular Orders.

The scope of the module is primarily the Third/Secular Orders in a global context, with a particular (though not exclusive) focus on Britain and Ireland. The main focus is the development of the Secular/Third Order from 1900 up to the present.

The objectives of the module are that students:

- be reminded of what they may already know about the vocation and mission of Christ's faithful lay people;
- have some understanding of the historical development and spirituality of the Third/Secular Orders within Carmel;
- have some idea of how Vatican II influenced the development of the Third/Secular Orders in the twentieth century;
- would have some sense of how secular Carmelites live the spirituality of the Order in everyday life in the world today, and perhaps in the future.