

## Module DC35: Female Contemplative Life and Recent Developments

This module is designed to introduce students to the origins, different forms, and development of female contemplative life in the Western Church.

By the end of the module students should have:

- Some knowledge and understanding of early forms of religious life for women.
- Some knowledge and understanding of the different forms of female contemplative religious life in the Church (monasticism; Canons Regular; mendicants)
- Some knowledge and understanding of developments since the Council of Trent.
- An appreciation of the understanding of cloistered religious life for women that has emerged after Vatican II.

