Carmelite Institute of Britain and Ireland

Programme: Discovering Carmel

Module DC43: The Charism of Consecrated Life

This module is about the way Religious Life and other kinds of Consecrated Life have come to be understood in the Church since the Second Vatican Council (1962-65).

The first unit outlines the re-discovery of charisms in the Roman Catholic Church in the period leading up to Vatican II and the second outlines the teaching of Vatican II's *Lumen gentium* on charisms.

In the third unit, the understanding of Religious Life in the period leading up to the Council and the teaching of the Council on Religious Life are presented.

The final two units describe the development of the teaching of the Church on the relationship between charisms and the Consecrated Life in the period 1965 to 2014.