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## PROMOTER

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### **Presentation of the issue:**

In 2009, the Carmel Belle-Croix monastery had to close down because the number of Carmelites was insufficient, and they were relocated. A contractor wanted to buy the building to bring it down and build another project. The Municipality, on the other hand, refused to buy it because of the important maintenance and heating costs.

### **Project description:**

A group of citizens mobilized to form the Carmel Academy Committee, a nonprofit organization, and bought the building. They organized fundraising events, including a Christmas dinner. The Committee wishes to develop new vocations to include educational, social and cultural activities, and focus on tourism. The site's vocation as a place of healing and renewal will be preserved. Thus, yoga classes are currently offered. Thirty rooms are available for accommodation. Possibilities are explored to include a multimedia room (presenting repertory cinema and other films), a permanent exhibition, and a garden exhibit and training center.

### **The key elements according to the promoter:**

watch: be on the lookout to avoid being caught off guard.

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## RESEARCH

The summary of the presentation by Luc Noppen, UQAM, is presented in a separate document. [Click here to view.](#)