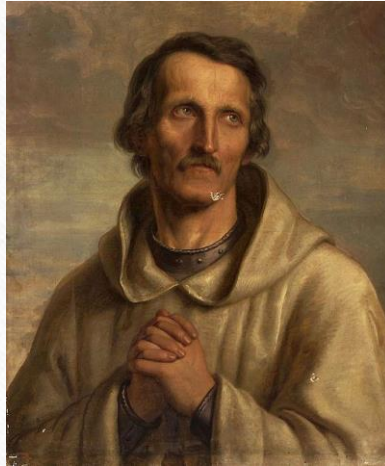


UNIT L – YEAR 4 SPECIAL ROLES
AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The role of a Monk

What do you already know about Monks?



Monastery of Saint Athanasius, Bulgaria, was the **first Christian monastery** established in **Europe** in 344

- Monks live in monasteries
- They leave behind their lives and any material possessions when they join the monastery
- The Monks live a life of solitude, having little contact with the outside world.
- They often spend part of their day in silence.
- The role of the monk is to spend time in prayer and contemplating the words of God.

Ask a parent what the word 'Contemplate' means

Click on the link below to watch the short film: A Monk's Life: Living a life of contemplation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WpIplIKq01U>

The role of a Nun



- Nuns live in Convents
- They make vows, giving their lives to God and leaving behind their old lives and their possessions
- The Nuns spend time in prayer and contemplating the word of God
- Nuns maybe involved in charitable and community work involving education, health care and social care



Convent Van Maerlant
(City of Brussels)

Click on the link below to watch the short film:
Life in an Enclosed Convent

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jkLt4iJOKRU>



Our Class Saint,
Mother Teresa
was a very
famous Nun

Task

Write a diary entry entitled 'A day in the life of a Monk/Nun'
Choose to write your diary entry as a Nun **OR** a Monk, thinking about your role and what you might do on a typical day.



Have a lovely week Year 4!