

## CHRONOLOGY

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1616 – death of the last perpetual Abbess of the Benedictine Monastery Ferreira d'Aves, D. Filipa de Albuquerque, Joanna's aunt. She and the two other Albuquerques who professed there were considered saints.

1617 – birth of Joana Freire de Albuquerque, in Mioma, Sátão.

1632 – Mateus de Albuquerque, Joana's father, gives her a Spanish translation of *De Deligendo Deo* and other Cistercians texts.

1 December 1640 – The Portuguese Restoration. End of Spanish rule (Filipe III). King João IV, House of Bragança, takes over ruling the country (This is not mentioned by Joana).

1652 – As ordered by one of her visions, Joana gathers a procession to control the rain and storms.

6 January 1654 – Vivardo de Vasconcellos founds the Recollect of St. Bernard in Lisbon, the Discalced Bernardins, profiting from the movement organized by Maria da Cruz, a non-ordered 'beata'.

1657 – Vivardo de Vasconcellos is elected General of the Cistercian Order. Joana has a vision of writing the Rule for female Cistercians. Joana Freire de Albuquerque becomes known as Joana de Jesus.

27 September 1659 – Joana departs with Vivardo de Vasconcellos to Lisbon and stays at the Monastery of Cós while Vivardo goes to the Monastery of Alcobaça.

Day of Holy Spirit, May 1659 – Begins writing her Rule.

8 October 1659 – Arrives at the Recollect of St. Bernard, in Lisbon.

1661 – Starts writing her autobiography.

19 August 1662 – Receives a letter from Vivardo de Vasconcelos accusing her of being a fake mystic.

21 September 1663 – Suffers from apoplectic incidents twice a day, for five hours each.

15 September 1664 – Begins the clean version of her Rule.

15 October 1664 – Completes the writing of the Rule (with titles and chapters).

17 March 1668 – Returns from Lisbon to Lorvão.

1678 – Begins writing the second part of her autobiography, about her life in Lorvão.

20 August 1681– Dies on St. Bernard's Day.