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Rules for monasticism are rather strict.

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According to Christian tradition, the Virgin Mary was visited by Archangel Gabriel who informed her that she would become the mother of Jesus. Such renunciates are accorded high respect in Hindu society, because their outward renunciation of selfishness and worldliness serves as an inspiration to householders who strive for mental renunciation.

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Even before Pachomius had started on his path toward monastic communities, the Melitians as a group were already recruiting members. Many marriage traditions still survive today from the Middle Ages, passed down through the centuries along with Christian ideas and practices.

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Image depicts the Annunciation by Murillo. Those choosing to abstain in marriage were presumably doing so temporarily until they could enter an institution, as Christina had always intended. Women pursuing a monastic life are generally called , religious or sisters or rarely, , while monastic men are called , friars or brothers.

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This is the reason why as well as the fact that much hagiography and literature has been written about him he has continued to be recognized as the father of the tradition. The life of Christina of Markyate.

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