

## Abstract of the case study

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### NEW MILL PROJECT

(RENOVATION OF THE COMPLEX)

Case study is presenting the project of New Mill which is connected to the workshop Vita Nova I, Zwettl, 2006. The task of the project was to convert and renovate the complex of an old mill buildings situated near the monastery Zwettl into a hermitage for nuns. Students Miroslav Gregus, Wolfgang Pühringer and Anna Cukorova with pedagogues Beata Polomova and Juraj Berdis worked during the workshop and also after on this task. We first measured the complex, draw the present state and discuss the problems and expectations with the nuns. We thought about dividing spaces into closed area just for the nuns, area accessible for incoming guests and people attending liturgy and how to refurbish an old complex which needed a lot of new facilities. During the design we were also considering the ability of using new energy systems which are utilizing renewable resources.

We realized that it wouldn't be easy to adapt this complicated complex of buildings to another type of function without making many radical changes in architecture. In the case of hermitage for nuns who are opened to compromise in everyday life, we managed to preserve integrity of the old complex.

Our aim was to renovate the complex to reach again his beauty, to show nuns as his future users how they can derive profit from the mill and we also displayed values of the complex to the nuns to be able to protect them.

