



# SUMMER CONFERENCE SERIES 2024

*The Franciscan Institute is excited to announce our 2024 Summer Conference series, where we aim to make a significant difference in the Franciscan community by offering informative programs led by the world's most knowledgeable Franciscan leaders.*

*\*Please note that some conferences are on-campus and others are offered virtually through Zoom.*

## ON-CAMPUS EVENTS

### The Padua Program

A one-year program in Franciscan mission-based leadership where a team of mission officers and experts in Franciscan studies, organizational development, and leadership will help Franciscan institutions and ministries transmit the values of Saints Francis and Clare to new generations of leaders.

This year long program will combine monthly seminars, focused readings, and an in-person on-campus event at St. Bonaventure University. More details can be found on the [Padua Program](#) website. (July 17-20)

### Qui Primus Legit: Studies in Sentence Commentaries on the Eighth Centenary of Alexander of Hales's Lectures.

From 1223 to 1227, Alexander of Hales, Regent Master in Theology at the University of Paris, delivered his magisterial morning lectures based not on the traditional material — Sacred Scripture — but rather on Peter Lombard's Sentences. This innovation changed the study of theology in European universities for the next several centuries.

Until the time of the Reformation (and considerably beyond it in some places), the Sentences would retain its place as the most important textbook for advanced study of theology and philosophy in the Latin language.

This conference will be held in St. Bonaventure, New York, on the beautiful campus of St. Bonaventure University. It will include keynote lectures by Dr. Philipp W. Rosemann, chair of Catholic Studies at the University of Kentucky, and Dr. Christine Helmer, professor of German at Northwestern University. More information [HERE](#). (July 11-13)



## VIRTUAL EVENTS

### Francis of Assisi, 1224-1226: A Spirituality of Decline and True Joy

This workshop will look at what is called Francis of Assisi's "years of decline" (1224-1226). This was a time of increasing pain and spiritual suffering. "Years of decline" are an ever-present context of our own lives. What can Francis of Assisi's years of decline teach us?

Fr. Jack Rathschmidt and Fr. Dave Couturier, both Capuchins, will address these questions and more in three Saturday Zoom sessions. (June 1, 8, and 15) Register [NOW](#).



### Mercy and Compassion in the Francis, Clare, and Early Franciscan Tradition

Fr. Stephen McMichael, OFM Conv. will focus on the themes of mercy and compassion in the writings of Francis and Clare based largely on contemporary Italian scholarship. This theme is the lens to interpret the entire life of Francis and Clare and will be shown to be the epicenter of Franciscan spirituality. (June 24-29) Register [Here](#).



## FI SPONSORED EVENTS

### International Medieval Congress - University of Leeds

Drawing medievalists from over 60 countries, the IMC is Europe's largest forum for sharing ideas in medieval studies. This year's thematic focus is "Crisis" (July 1-4) [Learn More](#).



### The End: Finiteness, Death, and Completion in Medieval Theology

This conference theme is based on how medieval theologians investigated, interpreted, and visualized death. In cooperation with the Franciscan Institute this conference has been adopted by the International Society for the Study of Medieval Theology (IGTM) as its annual conference. (June 26-28) [Learn More](#).

### Franciscan Lecture, Boston College Historical Theology Symposium

More information coming soon. Check our website for updates. (August 2024)



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