



## First Annual **Franciscan Connections** Virtual Conference

Sponsored by The Franciscan Study Center at Tilburg University  
And The Franciscan Institute at St. Bonaventure University

# Lesser Ethics

Retrieving the Good Life in the Franciscan Tradition



Thursday, June 24, 2021 9.00 am – 3.00 pm (EDT) / 15.00-21.00 (CET)  
Friday, June 25, 2021 9.00 am – 3.00 pm (EDT) / 15.00-21.00 (CET)

**Zoom Virtual Conference**

[www.franciscanconnections.com](http://www.franciscanconnections.com)

## Program Thursday 24 June 2021

9.00-9.30 EDT (15.00-15.30 CET) Krijn Pansters,  
*Lesser Ethics: Retrieving the Good Life in the Franciscan Tradition*

**Franciscan Models** Chair: Krijn Pansters

9.30-10.00 EDT (15.30-16.00 CET) Jonathan Reinert,  
*Saint Francis as a Model of a Good Christian? A Lutheran Approach*

10.00-10.15 EDT (16.00-16.15 CET) BREAK

10.15-10.45 EDT (16.15-16.45 CET) David M. Wilmington,  
*An Itinerary for Ethical Formation: Bonaventure's Triplici Via as a Map for Modern Trivium Education*

10.45-11.15 EDT (16.45-17.15 CET) Darleen Pryds, *The Emotional Strain of Conversion: The Role of Grieving on the Path to Real Joy in Franciscan Spirituality*

11.15-11.45 EDT (17.15-17.45 CET) BREAK

**Virtues and Values** Chair: Willem Marie Speelman

### SESSION 1

11.45-12.15 EDT (17.45-18.15 CET)  
Timothy Weldon, *Love's Dialectic: Reflections on Forgiveness*

12.15-12.45 EDT (18.15-18.45 CET)  
Kristen Drahos, *Virtue's Passio: The Spiritual Significance of Silence and Solitude in Teresa of Cartagena*

12.45-1.15 EDT (18.45-19.15 CET) Alex Gillham,  
*Franciscan Virtue Ethics: Exemplarist, Target-Based, or Eudaimonist?*

1.15-2.00 EDT (19.15-20.00) BREAK

### Keynote Lecture

2.00-3.00 EDT (20.00-21.00 CET) Johannes B. Freyer,  
*The "Sacred Exchange" as the Foundation of the Common Good*

## Program Friday 25 June 2021

**Saint Bonaventure** Chair: David B. Couturier

9.00-9.30 EDT (15.00-15.30 CET) Jan C. Klok,  
*Ethical Formation and Bonaventurian Exegesis*

9.30-10.00 EDT (15.30-16.00 CET) Joshua Dieterich,  
*Meet Me at the Bridge: The Place of Love in Augustine, Bonaventure, and Ratzinger*

10.00-10.30 EDT (16.00-16.30 CET) Jarek Jankowski,  
*Schmemmann, Bonaventure, and Encountering Creation in the Second Person*

10.30-11.00 EDT (16.30-17.00 CET) BREAK

**Animals** Chair: Kristen Drahos

11.00-11.30 EDT (17.00-17.30 CET) Trevor Bechtel,  
*Animal Celebrity and Individuality*

11.30-12.00 EDT (17.30-18.00 CET) Joachim Ostermann,  
*Rights of Creatures and the Franciscan Intellectual Tradition*

12.00-12.15 EDT (18.00-18.15 CET) BREAK

**Pope Francis** Chair: Krijn Pansters

12.15-12.45 EDT (18.15-18.45 CET) Katarzyna Parzych-Blakiewicz,  
*Sanctity and Universal Brotherhood: Hagiological Aspects of the Encyclical "Fratelli tutti"*

12.45-1.15 EDT (18.45-19.15 CET) Willem Marie Speelman,  
*Moral Conversion by Tuning into the Mystery*

1.15-2.00 EDT (19.15-20.00 CET) BREAK

### Conclusion

2.00-3.00 EDT (20.00-21.00 CET) David B. Couturier,  
*Franciscans and the Common Good: Institutional Integrity and Organizational Virtuousness*

*Lesser Ethics: Conclusion*



# Lesser Ethics

## Retrieving the Good Life in the Franciscan Tradition

Zoom Virtual Conference

### Theme

This interdisciplinary conference seeks to tease out a new, more relational methodology for ethics in our time. It does so by addressing the question how we can make the Franciscan intellectual and spiritual tradition, in particular its articulation of moral goodness and concern for the common good, relevant and fruitful for a present-day ethical practice.

### Date

Thursday, June 24, 2021, 9.00 am – 3.00 pm (EDT) / 15.00-21.00 (CET)

Friday, June 25, 2021, 9.00 am – 3.00 pm (EDT) / 15.00-21.00 (CET)

Zoom Virtual Conference

### Registration

After registration, participants will receive a link to the Zoom Virtual Conference.

*Registration is free*

### Further information

<https://www.sbu.edu/academics/academic-resources/franciscan-institute/programs-conferences>

Or contact

Dr. Dr. Krijn Pansters:

[k.pansters@tilburguniversity.edu](mailto:k.pansters@tilburguniversity.edu)

Fr. David B. Couturier, OFM. Cap.:

[dcouturi@sbu.edu](mailto:dcouturi@sbu.edu)

[www.franciscanconnections.com](http://www.franciscanconnections.com)

