



Online

Course

FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY & INTELLECTUAL TRADITION

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF FRANCIS AND CLARE



PONTIFICIA FACOLTÀ TEOLOGICA SAN BONAVENTURA - SERAPHICUM

PONTIFICIA UNIVERSITÀ ANTONIANUM

This two-year course (in English) offers a basic formation in *Franciscan Spirituality and Intellectual Tradition*. The aim of the course is to provide an overview of Franciscan Studies and the works of the great Franciscan masters, by systematically exploring the themes of the charism of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. From this perspective, some aspects of Franciscan life will also be presented in relation to the mission of the Church, realized through discipleship in the world of yesterday and today, with a hope for tomorrow. The various sections of the course will follow their own methodology of integrating study with praxis, so that knowledge of Franciscan Spirituality becomes a way of life.

Academic Year 2024-2025

I SEMESTER (14 weeks)

1. The Great Franciscan Masters (Prof. Freyer Johannes) – 8 hours
2. Notions of Spirituality: An Introduction (Prof. Acatrinei Stefan) – 4 hours
3. Franciscan Sources (Prof. Acatrinei Stefan) – 6 hours
4. St. Clare's Sources (Prof. D'Souza Henry) – 6 hours
5. Franciscanism & Catholic Social Teaching (Prof. Lasky Michael) – 6 hours
6. The Franciscan Way: Knowing Only Christ & Him Crucified (Prof. Spirito G.) - 10 hours
7. Franciscan Ecclesiology (Prof. Divakar Motha) – 6 hours
8. Eucharist & the Writings of St. Francis (Prof. Paul Alvares) – 6 hours

Workshop:

Fraternal Living: Essence of Communication (Prof. Kachelewa Joseph) – 4 hours

II SEMESTER

(14 weeks + closing week)

1. Franciscan Spirituality & Charism (Prof. Dolphy Pais) – 6 hours
2. Franciscan Christology (Prof. Kijas Zdzislaw) – 6 hours
3. Franciscan History (Prof. Mączka Adam) – 8 hours
4. Franciscan Mariology (Prof. Arokiam John) – 8 hours
5. Franciscan Spirituality & Living the Evangelical Counsels (Prof. Ooko Blasio) – 6 hours
6. Franciscan Third Order: An Introduction (Prof. Parambakathu Alfred) – 8 hours
7. Mystical Writings of St. Bonaventure (Prof. Dolphy Pais) – 10 hours

Workshop:

Being, Becoming, and Guiding the Franciscan Family Towards a Fraternal Life Today
(Prof. Arokiam John) – 4 hours

IN TOTAL: 116 hours

Areas of Study (modules)

1. **Dogmatic Theology:** (20 hours)
Franciscan Christology; Franciscan Ecclesiology; Franciscan Mariology
2. **Pastoral Theology:** (14 hours)
Franciscanism & Catholic Social Teaching: Part I; Fraternal Living: Essence of Communication; Being, Becoming, and Guiding the Franciscan Family Towards a Fraternal Life Today.
3. **Spiritual Theology:** (30 hours)
Notions of Spirituality: An Introduction; The Franciscan Way: Knowing Only Christ & Him Crucified; Eucharist & the Writings of St. Francis; Mystical Writings of St. Bonaventure.
4. **Franciscanism:** (36 hours)
Franciscan Sources; The Great Franciscan Masters; Franciscan History; Franciscan Third Order: An Introduction; St. Clare's Sources.
5. **Theology of Consecrated Life:** (12 hours)
Franciscan Spirituality & Living the Evangelical Counsels; Franciscan Spirituality & Charism.

More Info

Dates: Tuesdays, 15 October 2024 to 27 May 2025

Class Hours: 14:00 – 17:30 (CET – Rome Time)

Target Audience: Franciscans from all three Orders, anyone with a Franciscan heart

Integrating Paper: A paper of 3-4 pages is required at the end of the course, in which the participants will describe a topic from one of the subjects that resonated with them the most and led them to reconsider their role in the mission of the Church, realized through Franciscan discipleship in the world.

A *Certificate of Attendance* will be issued at the end of the course.

Registration: from July, 1st to October, 21st 2024

The application for registration, together with a photocopy of the identity card and the receipt of payment of the participation fee, must be sent to the e-mail address: servizifacolta@seraphicum.org

For community registration, simply send a single Application Form, indicating a single e-mail address, to which the link to participate in the lesson will be sent weekly. The registered contact person will forward the link to the other participants.

Fees

Individual Fee: € 100.00 (per year)

Community Fee: € 300.00 (per year)

I SEMESTER

I WEEK – 15 October 2024

| Time | Course | Professor |
|---------------|--|------------------|
| 14.00 - 14.45 | The Great Franciscan Masters | Freyer Johannes |
| 14.55 - 15.40 | The Great Franciscan Masters | Freyer Johannes |
| 15.50 - 16.35 | Notions of Spirituality: An Introduction | Acatrinei Stefan |
| 16.45 - 17.30 | Notions of Spirituality: An Introduction | Acatrinei Stefan |

II WEEK – 22 October 2024

| Time | Course | Professor |
|---------------|--|------------------|
| 14.00 - 14.45 | The Great Franciscan Masters | Freyer Johannes |
| 14.55 - 15.40 | The Great Franciscan Masters | Freyer Johannes |
| 15.50 - 16.35 | Notions of Spirituality: An Introduction | Acatrinei Stefan |
| 16.45 - 17.30 | Notions of Spirituality: An Introduction | Acatrinei Stefan |

III WEEK – 29 October 2024

| Time | Course | Professor |
|---------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| 14.00 - 14.45 | The Great Franciscan Masters | Freyer Johannes |
| 14.55 - 15.40 | The Great Franciscan Masters | Freyer Johannes |
| 15.50 - 16.35 | Franciscan Sources | Acatrinei Stefan |
| 16.45 - 17.30 | Franciscan Sources | Acatrinei Stefan |

IV WEEK – 5 November 2024

| Time | Course | Professor |
|---------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| 14.00 - 14.45 | The Great Franciscan Masters | Freyer Johannes |
| 14.55 - 15.40 | The Great Franciscan Masters | Freyer Johannes |
| 15.50 - 16.35 | Franciscan Sources | Acatrinei Stefan |
| 16.45 - 17.30 | Franciscan Sources | Acatrinei Stefan |

V WEEK – 12 November 2024

| Time | Course | Professor |
|---------------|--|------------------|
| 14.00 - 14.45 | Franciscanism & Catholic Social Teaching | Lasky Michael |
| 14.55 - 15.40 | Franciscanism & Catholic Social Teaching | Lasky Michael |
| 15.50 - 16.35 | Franciscan Sources | Acatrinei Stefan |
| 16.45 - 17.30 | Franciscan Sources | Acatrinei Stefan |

VI WEEK – 19 November 2024

| Time | Course | Professor |
|---------------|--|---------------|
| 14.00 - 14.45 | Franciscanism & Catholic Social Teaching | Lasky Michael |
| 14.55 - 15.40 | Franciscanism & Catholic Social Teaching | Lasky Michael |
| 15.50 - 16.35 | St. Clare's Sources | D'Souza Henry |
| 16.45 - 17.30 | St. Clare's Sources | D'Souza Henry |

VII WEEK – 26 November 2024

| Time | Course | Professor |
|---------------|--|---------------|
| 14.00 - 14.45 | Franciscanism & Catholic Social Teaching | Lasky Michael |
| 14.55 - 15.40 | Franciscanism & Catholic Social Teaching | Lasky Michael |
| 15.50 - 16.35 | St. Clare's Sources | D'Souza Henry |
| 16.45 - 17.30 | St. Clare's Sources | D'Souza Henry |

VIII WEEK – 2 December 2024

| Time | Course | Professor |
|---------------|---|-------------------|
| 14.00 - 14.45 | The Franciscan Way: Knowing Only Christ & Him Crucified | Spirito Guglielmo |
| 14.55 - 15.40 | The Franciscan Way: Knowing Only Christ & Him Crucified | Spirito Guglielmo |
| 15.50 - 16.35 | St. Clare's Sources | D'Souza Henry |
| 16.45 - 17.30 | St. Clare's Sources | D'Souza Henry |

IX WEEK – 10 December 2024

| Time | Course | Professor |
|---------------|---|-------------------|
| 14.00 - 14.45 | The Franciscan Way: Knowing Only Christ & Him Crucified | Spirito Guglielmo |
| 14.55 - 15.40 | The Franciscan Way: Knowing Only Christ & Him Crucified | Spirito Guglielmo |
| 15.50 - 16.35 | Franciscan Ecclesiology | Divakar Motha |
| 16.45 - 17.30 | Franciscan Ecclesiology | Divakar Motha |

X WEEK – 17 December 2024

| Time | Course | Professor |
|----------------------|---|-------------------|
| 14.00 - 14.45 | The Franciscan Way: Knowing Only Christ & Him Crucified | Spirito Guglielmo |
| 14.55 - 15.40 | The Franciscan Way: Knowing Only Christ & Him Crucified | Spirito Guglielmo |
| 15.50 - 16.35 | Franciscan Ecclesiology | Divakar Motha |
| 16.45 - 17.30 | Franciscan Ecclesiology | Divakar Motha |

XI WEEK – 7 January 2025

| Time | Course | Professor |
|----------------------|---|-------------------|
| 14.00 - 14.45 | The Franciscan Way: Knowing Only Christ & Him Crucified | Spirito Guglielmo |
| 14.55 - 15.40 | The Franciscan Way: Knowing Only Christ & Him Crucified | Spirito Guglielmo |
| 15.50 - 16.35 | Franciscan Ecclesiology | Divakar Motha |
| 16.45 - 17.30 | Franciscan Ecclesiology | Divakar Motha |

XII WEEK – 14 January 2025

| Time | Course | Professor |
|----------------------|---|--------------------|
| 14.00 - 14.45 | The Franciscan Way: Knowing Only Christ & Him Crucified | Spirito Guglielmo |
| 14.55 - 15.40 | The Franciscan Way: Knowing Only Christ & Him Crucified | Spirito Guglielmo |
| 15.50 - 16.35 | Eucharist & the Writings of St. Francis | Prof. Paul Alvares |
| 16.45 - 17.30 | Eucharist & the Writings of St. Francis | Prof. Paul Alvares |

XIII WEEK – 21 January 2025

| Time | Course | Professor |
|----------------------|--|--------------------|
| 14.00 - 14.45 | Workshop: Fraternal Living: Essence of Communication | Kachelewa Joseph |
| 14.55 - 15.40 | Workshop: Fraternal Living: Essence of Communication | Kachelewa Joseph |
| 15.50 - 16.35 | Eucharist & the Writings of St. Francis | Prof. Paul Alvares |
| 16.45 - 17.30 | Eucharist & the Writings of St. Francis | Prof. Paul Alvares |

XIV WEEK – 28 January 2025

| Time | Course | Professor |
|----------------------|--|--------------------|
| 14.00 - 14.45 | Workshop: Fraternal Living: Essence of Communication | Kachelewa Joseph |
| 14.55 - 15.40 | Workshop: Fraternal Living: Essence of Communication | Kachelewa Joseph |
| 15.50 - 16.35 | Eucharist & the Writings of St. Francis | Prof. Paul Alvares |
| 16.45 - 17.30 | Eucharist & the Writings of St. Francis | Prof. Paul Alvares |

II SEMESTER

I WEEK – 4 February 2025

| Time | Course | Professor |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| 14.00 - 14.45 | Franciscan Spirituality & Charism | Pais Dolphy |
| 14.55 - 15.40 | Franciscan Spirituality & Charism | Pais Dolphy |
| 15.50 - 16.35 | Franciscan History | Mączka Adam |
| 16.45 - 17.30 | Franciscan History | Mączka Adam |

II WEEK – 11 February 2025

| Time | Course | Professor |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| 14.00 - 14.45 | Franciscan Spirituality & Charism | Pais Dolphy |
| 14.55 - 15.40 | Franciscan Spirituality & Charism | Pais Dolphy |
| 15.50 - 16.35 | Franciscan History | Mączka Adam |
| 16.45 - 17.30 | Franciscan History | Mączka Adam |

III WEEK – 18 February 2025

| Time | Course | Professor |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| 14.00-14.45 | Franciscan Spirituality & Charism | Pais Dolphy |
| 14.55 - 15.40 | Franciscan Spirituality & Charism | Pais Dolphy |
| 15.50-16.35 | Franciscan History | Mączka Adam |
| 16.45-17.30 | Franciscan History | Mączka Adam |

IV WEEK – 25 February 2025

| Time | Course | Professor |
|---------------|------------------------|----------------|
| 14.00 - 14.45 | Franciscan Christology | Kijas Zdzislaw |
| 14.55 - 15.40 | Franciscan Christology | Kijas Zdzislaw |
| 15.50 - 16.35 | Franciscan History | Mączka Adam |
| 16.45 - 17.30 | Franciscan History | Mączka Adam |

V WEEK – 4 March 2025

| Time | Course | Professor |
|---------------|------------------------|----------------|
| 14.00 - 14.45 | Franciscan Christology | Kijas Zdzislaw |
| 14.55 - 15.40 | Franciscan Christology | Kijas Zdzislaw |
| 15.50 - 16.35 | Franciscan Mariology | Arokiam John |
| 16.45 - 17.30 | Franciscan Mariology | Arokiam John |

VI WEEK – 11 March 2025

| Time | Course | Professor |
|---------------|------------------------|----------------|
| 14.00 - 14.45 | Franciscan Christology | Kijas Zdzislaw |
| 14.55 - 15.40 | Franciscan Christology | Kijas Zdzislaw |
| 15.50 - 16.35 | Franciscan Mariology | Arokiam John |
| 16.45 - 17.30 | Franciscan Mariology | Arokiam John |

VII WEEK – 18 March 2025

| Time | Course | Professor |
|---------------|---|--------------|
| 14.00 - 14.45 | Franciscan Spirituality & Living the Evangelical Counsels | Ooko Blasio |
| 14.55 - 15.40 | Franciscan Spirituality & Living the Evangelical Counsels | Ooko Blasio |
| 15.50 - 16.35 | Franciscan Mariology | Arokiam John |
| 16.45 - 17.30 | Franciscan Mariology | Arokiam John |

VIII WEEK – 25 March 2025

| Time | Course | Professor |
|---------------|---|--------------|
| 14.00 - 14.45 | Franciscan Spirituality & Living the Evangelical Counsels | Ooko Blasio |
| 14.55 - 15.40 | Franciscan Spirituality & Living the Evangelical Counsels | Ooko Blasio |
| 15.50 - 16.35 | Franciscan Mariology | Arokiam John |
| 16.45 - 17.30 | Franciscan Mariology | Arokiam John |

IX WEEK – 1 April 2025

| Time | Course | Professor |
|---------------|---|---------------------|
| 14.00 - 14.45 | Franciscan Spirituality & Living the Evangelical Counsels | Ooko Blasio |
| 14.55 - 15.40 | Franciscan Spirituality & Living the Evangelical Counsels | Ooko Blasio |
| 15.50 - 16.35 | Franciscan Third Order: An Introduction | Parambakathu Alfred |
| 16.45 - 17.30 | Franciscan Third Order: An Introduction | Parambakathu Alfred |

X WEEK – 8 April 2025

| Time | Course | Professor |
|---------------|---|---------------------|
| 14.00 - 14.45 | Mystical Writings of St. Bonaventure | Pais Dolphy |
| 14.55 - 15.40 | Mystical Writings of St. Bonaventure | Pais Dolphy |
| 15.50 - 16.35 | Franciscan Third Order: An Introduction | Parambakathu Alfred |
| 16.45 - 17.30 | Franciscan Third Order: An Introduction | Parambakathu Alfred |

XI WEEK – 29 April 2025

| Time | Course | Professor |
|---------------|---|---------------------|
| 14.00 - 14.45 | Mystical Writings of St. Bonaventure | Pais Dolphy |
| 14.55 - 15.40 | Mystical Writings of St. Bonaventure | Pais Dolphy |
| 15.50 - 16.35 | Franciscan Third Order: An Introduction | Parambakathu Alfred |
| 16.45 - 17.30 | Franciscan Third Order: An Introduction | Parambakathu Alfred |

XII WEEK – 6 May 2025

| Time | Course | Professor |
|---------------|---|---------------------|
| 14.00 - 14.45 | Mystical Writings of St. Bonaventure | Pais Dolphy |
| 14.55 - 15.40 | Mystical Writings of St. Bonaventure | Pais Dolphy |
| 15.50 - 16.35 | Franciscan Third Order: An Introduction | Parambakathu Alfred |
| 16.45 - 17.30 | Franciscan Third Order: An Introduction | Parambakathu Alfred |

XIII WEEK – 13 May 2025

| Time | Course | Professor |
|----------------------|---|------------------|
| 14.00 - 14.45 | Mystical Writings of St. Bonaventure | Pais Dolphy |
| 14.55 - 15.40 | Mystical Writings of St. Bonaventure | Pais Dolphy |
| 15.50 - 16.35 | Workshop: Being, Becoming, and Guiding the Franciscan Family Towards a Fraternal Life Today | Arokiam John |
| 16.45 - 17.30 | Workshop: Being, Becoming, and Guiding the Franciscan Family Towards a Fraternal Life Today | Arokiam John |

XIV WEEK – 20 May 2025

| Time | Course | Professor |
|----------------------|---|------------------|
| 14.00 - 14.45 | Mystical Writings of St. Bonaventure | Pais Dolphy |
| 14.55 - 15.40 | Mystical Writings of St. Bonaventure | Pais Dolphy |
| 15.50 - 16.35 | Workshop: Being, Becoming, and Guiding the Franciscan Family Towards a Fraternal Life Today | Arokiam John |
| 16.45 - 17.30 | Workshop: Being, Becoming, and Guiding the Franciscan Family Towards a Fraternal Life Today | Arokiam John |

XV WEEK – 27 May 2025

TESTIMONIES and VISION OF A FILM (or other initiatives)

3 JUNE 2025: Submission of Integration Paper.

N. B. Some of these subjects will be completed in the next academic year.