

SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

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SPIRITUALITY
PEDAGOGY



18-20 November 2022

Salesian Pontifical University | Rome - Italy



400 years after the death of **St. Francis de Sales** in Lyon on 28 December 1622, the Salesian Pontifical University and the Salesian Congregation are promoting an International Convention entitled “**Saint Francis de Sales: Posterity - Spirituality - Pedagogy**”, which will take place from 18 to 20 November 2022, in Rome. The goal is to offer a **new contribution** to the study of the life, works, influence, thought and spirituality of the Saint.

The convention, organized by the Institute of **Spiritual Theology** of the Faculty of Theology, aims on the one hand, to highlight the historical context of St. Francis de Sales, his vision of the Church, his pedagogical action and the **spirituality** in his letters and writings. On the other hand, it deepens the **knowledge of the legacy or posterity** of Francis de Sales. In fact, in the course of history, in addition to the Visitandines founded by Francis de Sales and Jeanne de Chantal, a series of Congregations, Associations and Institutions have been born which have, in one way or another, Francis de Sales, his teachings and his spirituality as a source of inspiration.



For the first time in history, 15 such Congregations will come together at the Convention, including the Visitandines, Missionaires de Saint François de Sales, Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod, Salesiane Oblate del Sacro Cuore, Säkularinstitut des Heiligen Franz von Sales, Prêtres de Saint François de Sales, Sisters Salesie, Oblates de Sint François de Sales, Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, Salesians of Don Bosco... In the first part of the Convention, the various representatives will have the opportunity to narrate how the bishop has inspired their founders and how he continues to be a source of inspiration today.

PROGRAMME

Friday 18 November

Morning: Registration

Aftrnoon: Welcome

Session 1: Posterity

Saturday 19 November

Morning: Session 2: Posterity

Session 3: Topics

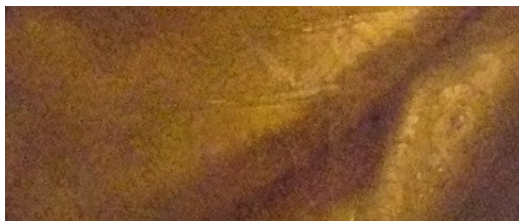
Aftrnoon: Session 4: Topics

Sunday 20 November

Morning: Session 5: Topics

Conclusion

In the second part of the Convention various topics of a pedagogical, historical, ecclesiological and spiritual nature will be addressed which deepen and broaden the knowledge of Saint Francis de Sales. Speakers: on the relationship between Francis de Sales and Jeanne de Chantal, Wendy Wright (USA); on the call to holiness, Eugenio Alburquerque (Spain); on Mariology, Antonio Escudero (Spain); on pedagogy, Michal Vojtáš (Slovakia); on communication, Vincenzo Marinelli (Italy); on the relationship between contemplation and action, Giuseppe Roggia (Italy); on his influence, Xavier Thévenot, Thierry Le Goaziou (France); on relations with Protestants, Emile Amoungou Amoungou (Italy); on his ecclesiology, Aimable Musoni (Rwanda).





Saint Francis de Sales (Thorens 1567 - Lyon 1622), proclaimed “Doctor of the Church” by Pope Pius IX, has made an original contribution to Christian theology and spirituality. As a brilliant writer and teacher of spirituality, Francis de Sales managed to bring many Calvinists from the Chablais region back into communion with the Catholic Church. To meet those whom he could not reach with his preaching, he started publishing and hanging “posters” in public places, written in an agile and effective style. For this Pius XI in 1923 proclaimed him “Patron of journalists”.

Francis, bishop of Genève, was a great connoisseur of what motivates and moves man and a profound theologian. He is known for his influence on Christian spirituality and theology, through his letters of spiritual direction and his works, such as “The introduction to the devout life” and “The treatise on the Love of God”, true classics of spiritual theology. Love for God and love for man occupy a central place in his life and in his thoughts, so much so, that they have earned him the title of “Doctor of the Church” and “Doctor of divine love”.

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