

Congress of OFM Study and Research Centres Program

The convocation of the Congress is an answer to the decision n. 4 of the 2015 General Chapter:

The general Definitorium, along with the general Secretariat for Formation and Studies, is to foster the development of the Franciscan intellectual heritage by means of research, teaching and publications of a high scientific level. It is to encourage collaboration between the OFM Centres of Higher Studies and is to convoke a Congress for the OFM Study Centres on current themes for the life and mission of the Order in the Church, starting from a global cultural and

theological perspective. It is to study and encourage the possibility of a greater academic collaboration between the PUA and other OFM Study Centres, and with the whole Franciscan Family.

The Congress could not be organized in 2020 due to the pandemic and is therefore organized in 2023.

The Congress brings together representatives of two types of institutions: university level institutions and centres of high scientific research.

Monday, July 3rd

Arrivals

Tuesday, July 4th

7.00 Opening Mass with Morning Prayer

8.00 Breakfast

9.00 Greeting (FS Secretariat)

Address of Welcome (Minister General)

9.30 Introductions to Conference participants (led by the SGFS)

10.30 Break

11.00 Continued introductions to Conference participants (led by the SGFS)

12.30 Break

13.00 Lunch

15.30 Presentation:

"Promoting the development of the Franciscan Intellectual Heritage today.

Why? Who? How? What development?" (Br. William Short, OFM)

17.00 Break

17.30 Discussion

18.30 Break

19.00 Vespers

19.30 Dinner

Wednesday, July 5th

- 7.00 Mass and Morning Prayer
- 8.00 Breakfast
- 9.00 Together: information
- 9.15 Study groups by language — working on the previous day's presentation
- 10.30 Break
- 11.00 Each group presents its proposals for the Chapter to the assembly, giving a brief rationale.
Discussion
- 12.30 Break
- 13.00 Lunch
- 15.30 Presentation "*The cosmos and the wonder of responsibility: Constants between past, present and future. Biblical contribution to the ecological question*" (Br. Alessandro Cavicchia, OFM)
- 16.15 Discussion
- 16.45 Break
- 17.15 Presentation: "*The Tradition of Friars Minors in the Frame of the Integral Ecology. The Mission of the Antonianum*" (Br. Giuseppe Buffon, OFM)
- 18.00 Discussion
- 18.30 Break
- 19.00 Vespers.
- 19.30 Dinner

Thursday, July 6th

- 7.00 Mass and Morning Prayer
- 8.00 Breakfast
- 9.00 Study groups by language — working on the previous day's presentations
- 10.30 Break
- 11.00 Each group presents its proposals for the Chapter to the assembly, giving a brief rationale.
Discussion
- 12.30 Break
- 13.00 Lunch
- 15.30 Possibilities of Collaboration (led by the SGFS)
Presentations
- 16.45 Break
- 17.15 Presentation: *The Ratio Formationis* on studies, and the *Ratio studiorum* (Br. Darko Tepert, OFM)
- 18.00 Discussion
- 18.30 Break
- 19.00 Vespers.
- 19.30 Dinner

Friday, July 7th

7.00 Mass and Morning Prayer

8.00 Breakfast

9.00 Study groups by language — working on the previous day's presentations

10.30 Break

11.00 Each group presents its proposals for the Chapter to the assembly, giving a brief rationale.
Discussion

12.30 Break

13.00 Lunch

15.30 Presentation of proposals for the Chapter

16.00 Three language groups write up any modifications to the proposals

17.00 Break

17.30 Presentation of modifications

18.30 Concluding Address

19.00 Break

19.30 Dinner



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