

The General Office for Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation (JPIC) of the Order of Friars Minor (OFM), in collaboration with the Pontifical Antonianum University (PUA) in Rome, will hold the International JPIC Course from May 18 to 24, 2026—an important educational initiative aimed at strengthening the Franciscan mission in today's world.

## OBJECTIVE

Under the title *“From the Canticle of the Creatures to the Paschal Mystery of Saint Francis of Assisi,”* the 2026 International GPIC Course seeks to offer a renewed and engaged reflection on the major challenges of our time, in light of Franciscan spirituality and the Gospel.

The annual JPIC Course provides both analytical insights and practical guidance on social and environmental justice and peace. It is intended for participants who will apply both the theoretical and practical content in their ministries and in the concrete responsibilities entrusted to them within their fraternities, provinces, and local contexts.

In line with the orientations approved at the most recent International JPIC Council (Assisi, 2025), the course is structured around three main areas of action:

- the pursuit of justice for migrants and refugees,
- the promotion of peace in a world marked by violence,
- and the commitment to ending the destruction of creation.

## EVENT

This academic program will take place at the Pontifical Antonianum University in Rome, from May 18 through Sunday, May 24. Simultaneous translation will be provided in English, Italian, and Spanish.

## COST

€125, to cover the cost of course attendance.

## INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

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# From the Canticle of the Creatures to the Paschal Mystery of Saint Francis of Assisi

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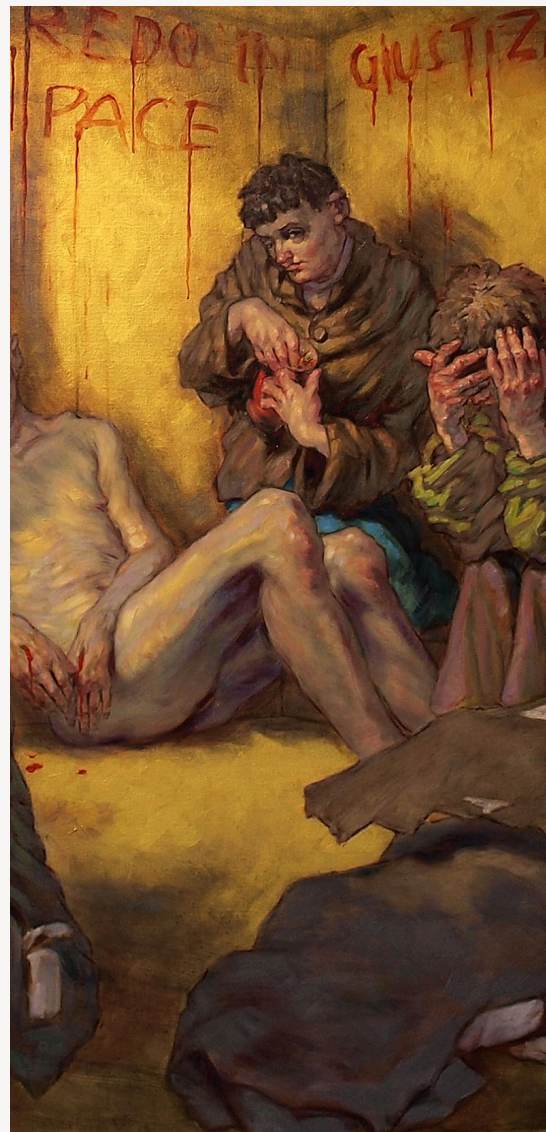
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From the Canticle of the Creatures to the Easter of St. Francis of Assisi

May 18–24, 2026 – Pontifical Antonianum

University, Rome



## MONDAY, MAY 18

9:00

Welcome Speech **Prof. Giuseppe Buffon, OFM**, Rector

9:30

Introduction to planning methodology

**Miguel Ángel Jaimes**

11:00

Migrants and refugees in the world

**Ilaria Scenti**

15:00

Current wars and conflicts

**Nicolás Paz / Pax Christi International**

17:00 - 18:30

The current ecological crisis Film: The Letter

## THURSDAY, MAY 21

9:00

From the Canticle of the Creatures to the Easter of St. Francis. Restitution.

**Br. Cesare Vaiani, OFM**

11:00

"Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death."

**Br. Giuseppe Buffon, OFM**

15:00

Experience. The Franciscans after Integral ecology

**Br. Antonino Clemenza, OFM**

17:00 - 18:30

Leading change in JPIC animation

**Miguel Ángel Jaimes**

## TUESDAY, MAY 19

9:00

"Sister Death" in philosophy

**Br. Andrea Bizzozero, OFM**

11:00 - 12:30

Death and Resurrection in the Old Testament

**Br. Gonzalo Collipal, OFM**

15:00

Experience. Working for peace in the Holy Land

**Br. Carlos Molina, OFM**

17:00 - 18:30

The profile of the Franciscan JPIC animator

**Br. Daniel R. Blanco, OFM**

## FRIDAY, MAY 22

9:00 - 10:30

Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation in *Ratio Evangelizationis*

**Br. Francisco Gómez, OFM**

11:00

Franciscan spirituality in JPIC animation

**Br. Taucen Girsang**

15:00 - 16:30

Colonial-Decolonial Project

**Dr. Juan Alfredo Blanco**

17:00 - 18:30

JPIC impact model

**Miguel Ángel Jaimes**

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

9:00 - 10:30

The Passion and Death of Jesus

**Br. Elton Viagedor, OFM**

11:00

The resurrection of Jesus

**Br. Elton Viagedor, OFM**

15:00

Experience. Testimonies of welcoming migrants and refugees

**Sr Miriam Oyarzo, FMSC**

17:00 - 18:30

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**Miguel Ángel Jaimes**

## SATURDAY, MAY 23

9:00 - 12:30

Strategies for an animation project in Franciscan entities

**Miguel Ángel Jaimes**

12:30

Evaluation Closing

## SUNDAY, MAY 24

Guided tour of the **Porziuncola and Basilica** of St. Francis