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800 YEARS OF FRANCISCAN PRESENCE IN THE HOLY LAND
800 שנים שלהנוכחותהפרנציסקאנית בארץ הקודש
٨٠٠ عاما على وجود الفرنسيسكان في الأرض المقدسة

1217 - 2017

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PRESENCE IN THE HOLY LAND**

The Franciscan presence in the Holy Land goes back officially to 1217.

In that year many Brothers were sent to the missions as a result of the decisions of the General Chapter of Pentecost, held at the Portiuncula on 14 May 1217.

According to a well established tradition, the first Brothers arrived at the Crusader port of Acre under the direction of Brother Elias of Cortona.

For this reason he is considered as the first Minister Provincial of Syria or of the Holy Land or of Outremer, as this entity of the Order was called during the first century of its history.

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PROGRAM

CONFERENCES
AND CELEBRATIONS
OF THE ANNIVERSARY

JERUSALEM
SAINT SAVIOUR MONASTERY
16-18 OCTOBER 2017

MONDAY 16 OCTOBER

Morning

9.00 Hall of the Immaculate
Conference: “The Partners of the Custody”

Meeting of thanksgiving to the Organisations and Institutions which support the multiple activities of the Custody

Greetings and thanksgiving: Minister General, Custos, Custodial Economo

Moderator: Fr. Francesco Patton, Custos of the Holy Land

Lunch break

Afternoon

16,00 Church of Saint Saviour
Liturgical ceremony for the opening of the celebrations of the Anniversary

President: Fr. Michael Perry, Minister General of the Order

17,30 Hall of the Immaculate
Fraternal meeting with Fr. Michael Perry, Minister General and Fr. Julio César Bunader, Vicar General of the Order

Speaker: Cardinal Leonardo Sandri
Moderator: Fr. Francesco Patton, Custos
Coffee break

11,00 Hall of the Immaculate
Conference: “Brother Elias and the Chapter of 1217! A Province of Outremer”

Speaker: Prof. Filippo Sedda, Pontificia Università Antonianum

Moderator: Fr. Rosario Pierri, Dean of the Studium Biblicum Franciscanum

Lunch break

Afternoon

15,30 Hall of the Immaculate
Conference: “Acri during the times of Brother Elias of Cortona”

Speaker: Prof. Giuseppe Ligato, Society for the Study of the Crusades and the Latin East

Coffee break

17,00 Hall of the Immaculate
Conference: “A passion for Syria its archeology and its people! The Peña collection of photographic documents”

Speaker: Prof. Emmanuelle Main, Historian of Ellenistic and Roman Period

Moderator: Fr. G. Claudio Bottini, Dean Emeritus of the Faculty of Biblical Sciences and Archaeology SBF

19,30 *Fraternal dinner in the courtyard of the Custodial Curia*

WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER

Morning

8,00 Church of St. Saviour
Holy Mass

President: Fr. Julio César Bunader, Vicar General

9,30 Hall of the Immaculate
Conference: “The Giotto frescoes of the Upper Basilica of Saint Francis in Assisi: analyses and interpretations”

Speaker: Prof. Don Lorenzo Cappelletti, Pontificia Università Antonianum

It will be possible to visit the copy of the frescoes in the exhibition at the entrance hall of the Custodial Curia

Coffee break

11,00 Hall of the Immaculate
Conference: “The Remains of the ancient Franciscan Friary of Mount Zion. Iconography. Archaeology”
(Brief presentation 30 minutes)

Speaker: Prof. P. Eugenio Alliata, Director of the Archaeological Museum SBF

11,45 Hall of the Immaculate
Conference: “The first Franciscan Friaries in the Middle East”
(Brief presentation 30 minutes)

Speaker: Prof. P. Narcyz Klimas, Lecturer SBF-STJ

Moderator: Fr. Dobromir Jaształ, Custodial Vicar

Lunch break

Afternoon

16,00 Church of St. Saviour
Concluding celebration and Solemn Vespers

President: Father Custos Francesco Patton

17,00 Church of St. Saviour
Concert of thanksgiving for the 800 years of Franciscan Presence in the Holy Land

Performance by the musicians of the Magnificat Musical Institute of Jerusalem

Refreshments will follow