
ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

This Conference will bring together visionary people from a range of ecological-spiritual perspectives, centers, and movements. Participants will dialogue about transformative global change based on spirituality and sustainability. They will also identify key recommendations for creating a spiritual and sustainable global future.

The Conference will draw inspiration from eight previous Assisi conferences in the 1990s featuring Thomas Berry, and it will continue the work of the 2017 Rome & Assisi Conference on Spirituality & Sustainability. Like the 2017 Conference, it will seek to learn from Saints Francis and Clare, from the papal encyclical on ecology LAUDATO SI', from Thomas Berry's vision of the "New Story" of the Universe and the "Great Work" of transition from the Cenozoic Era to the Ecozoic Era, from the Earth Charter as a key contribution to global ethics, from the United Nations work on sustainable development and particularly its "Agenda 2030," and from the wisdom traditions of world religions and indigenous spiritualities.

*The Conference will explore how we can work together on the way forward toward a spiritual, just, and peaceful future that will support sustainable human development for all
In a flourishing Earth community.*

CONFERENCE GOALS

GOAL 1 – BREAKDOWN / BREAKTHROUGH

To explore breakdown of civilization in the Anthropocene and breakthrough from the Cenozoic Era to the Ecozoic Era.

GOAL 2 – PRACTICES, POLICIES, STRATEGIES

To explore practical tools, both spiritual and organizational, for personal, social, and ecological transformation.

GOAL 3 – VISIONARY YOUNG LEADERS

To identify and support young leaders seeking transformative global change based on spirituality and sustainability.

GOAL 4 – COMMON SPIRITUAL GROUND

To seek common ground for ecological sustainability across the wisdom traditions of world religions and indigenous spirituality

CO-CONVENERS

CENTER FOR ETHICS
Saint Thomas University, Miami Gardens, Florida

FORUM 21
New York, New York

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Rev. Msgr. Franklyn M. Casale
Honorary Chairperson

Rick Clugston, Ph.D.
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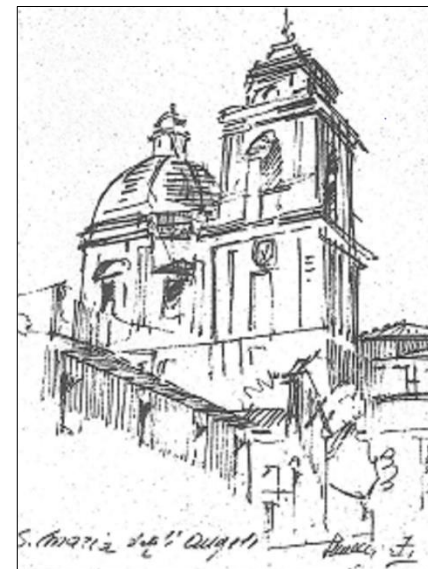
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Sister Kathleen Deignan, Ph.D.
Mary Evelyn Tucker, Ph.D.

*Co-Sponsors will be announced
at later date*



*Prayer Altar in forest
where Saint Francis of Assisi lived*



Rome & Assisi Spirituality & Sustainability Conference

MAY 24 - JUNE 1, 2018

ROME

PAPAL ENCYCLICAL "LAUDATO SI"

ASSISI

SAINT FRANCIS & SAINT CLARE
THOMAS BERRY: NEW STORY & GREAT WORK
EARTH CHARTER: GLOBAL ETHICS
UNITED NATIONS: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
TRANSFORMATIVE PATHS: EDUCATION & THE ARTS
WISDOM TRADITIONS: WORLD RELIGIONS &
INDIGENOUS SPIRITUALITIES

Friday, May 25

Arrival, Registration, Laudato Si'

Morning	Arrival Rome International Airport
01:00 pm	Motorcoach to <i>Residenza Madri Pie</i> in Rome
02:45 pm	Depart from <i>Residenza</i> for lecture
03:00 pm	Lecture on Papal Encyclical LAUDATO SI'
07:00 pm	Dinner Restaurant in Rome

Saturday, May 26

Saints Francis & Clare: San Damiano, Porziuncola

07:00 am	Breakfast at <i>Residenza Madri Pie</i>
08:00 am	Depart for Assisi
11:00 am	Hotel Check-in, Assisi
12:00 pm	Flag-Throwers Ceremony in Assisi Square
01:00 pm	Lunch
02:30 pm	Introduction to Conference
02:45 pm	Presentation
04:00 pm	Walk to <i>San Damiano</i> for Visit
04:45 pm	Visit <i>Santa Maria degli Angeli (Porziuncola)</i>
07:30pm	Welcome Dinner

Sunday, May 27

Thomas Berry: New Story of Universe & Great Work

08:30 am	Ritual
09:00 am	Presentation
09:30 am	Panel
10:45 am	Working Groups
01:00 pm	Lunch
02:30 pm	Plenary: Group Reports & Dialogue
06:00 pm	Ritual
07:30 pm	Dinner

Monday, May 28

Wisdom Traditions: World Religions & Indigenous Spiritualities

08:30 am	Ritual
09:00 am	Presentation
09:30 am	Panel
10:45 am	Working Groups
01:00 pm	Lunch
02:30 pm	Plenary: Group Reports & Dialogue
06:00 pm	Ritual
07:30 pm	Dinner

Tuesday, May 29

The Earth Charter & Global Ethics

08:30 am	Ritual
09:00 am	Presentation
09:30 am	Panel
10:45 am	Working Groups
01:00 pm	Lunch
02:30 pm	Plenary: Group Reports & Dialogue
04:30 pm	Walk to St. Francis' Hermitage <i>delle Carceri</i>
06:00 pm	Ritual
07:30 pm	Dinner

Wednesday, May 30

United Nations & Sustainable Development

08:30 am	Ritual
09:00 am	Presentation
09:30 am	Panel
10:45 am	Working Groups
01:00 pm	Lunch
02:30 pm	Plenary: Group Reports & Dialogue
04:30 pm	Visit Basilica of St. Francis
06:00 pm	Ritual
07:30 pm	Farewell Dinner

Thursday, May 31

Transformative Paths: Education, Art, & Lifestyles

08:30 am	Ritual
09:00 am	Presentation
09:30 am	Panel
10:45 am	Working Groups
01:00 pm	Lunch
02:30 pm	Plenary: Group Reports & Dialogue
06:00 pm	Ritual
07:30 pm	Dinner

Friday, June 1

04:30 am	Motor coach departure to Rome International Airport
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Ground transportation can also be arranged for anyone needing to depart on an earlier day

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ROME & ASSISI SPIRITUALITY & SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE

May 25 - June 1, 2018

CONFERENCE COST

The total Conference cost is \$1,900 USD, with \$300 USD for the conference fee and \$1600 USD for room, board, etc. A non-refundable deposit of \$300 USD is requested by February 16, with payment of remainder due by April 23. The above Conference cost is for double rooms. Single rooms in Rome & Assisi require an extra \$179 USD to be paid with the deposit on February 16. No conference fee for spouses or partners. Young ecological leaders may inquire about partial scholarships.

The Conference cost includes meals in Rome, breakfasts, lunches & dinners in Assisi, lodging in Rome and Assisi, and tours listed in the program. In Assisi, lodging & meals will be at Hotel Posta & Restaurant. The Conference cost also includes ground transportation to and from Rome's Fiumicino airport, and from Rome to Assisi, plus motorcoach excursions with guide as indicated in the program. Airfare needs to be arranged individually and is not included in Conference cost. All Conference sessions in Assisi will take place in its prestigious medieval hall, La Sala della Conciliazione.

REGISTRATION

For information on registration and participation please contact:

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To pay by credit card or wire transfer please contact Conference Secretariat for instructions.

Early Registration Recommended
Due to Limited Space