



Summer 2021 Continuing Education

The Franciscan Spiritual and Social Vision - On-Line Courses

June 21-25 DR. MAUREEN DAY

The Challenges and Blessings of Catholic Family Life Today

With its foundation in Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia* [The Joy of Love], this continuing-education course will examine the American family's social role through a theological lens. Specifically, this course will explore the stresses and graces American families encounter. It will also discuss the ways parishes can better serve families as well as generate ways to invite families to become active in their Church and world. Dr. Maureen Day is the Assistant Professor of Religion and Society at the Franciscan School of Theology in San Diego, CA. She was a theologian at the Diocese of San Diego's synod on the family and is married with two children.



June 28-July 1 DR. JOSEPH CHINNICI, OFM

Francis of Assisi: His Life and Historical Setting

Setting this week within the context of Francis' life journey, the course will reflect on the relationship between his experience of the Spirit, his mission in society, and the articulation of this experience in his writings and actions. The hope is to present for the contemporary believer a method for moving from the experience of life's journey, to Gospel interpretation, to mission in the world. Some themes, among others, will be emphasized with reference to the writings of Pope Francis: (1) the meaning of "encounter"; (2) the "contemplative gaze"; (3) the personalization of the poor; (4) the "grace of working"; (5) the "field hospital" of the Church; (6) the sharing in Christ's redemption. Selections from Francis' writings and some secondary articles will be provided.



July 6-9 DR. WILLIAM SHORT, OFM

Francis and Clare of Assisi: Writing and Charism

Francis of Assisi has left us a remarkable collection of writings, ranging from meditations on the words of Christ to norms for organizing life in a small community. This course will examine the full range of those texts, some 30 in all, from the saint's autographs (those that survive in his own handwriting) to fragments of his "lost" writings contained in the writings of Clare of Assisi and others. Over the course of an intense week, we will study his *Letters*, *Rules*, *Prayers* and *Admonitions*, learning about their medieval historical context, and reflecting on their insights about living according to the Gospel then and now.



*Due to the 4th of July holiday weekend, this course has been adapted to complete in 4 days from Tuesday to Friday, 9:15 am-12:30 pm PDT.

July 12-16 DR. GARRETT GALVIN, OFM

The Book of Psalms: A Franciscan Approach

Most will readily acknowledge the importance of the psalms and their place as spiritual masterpieces. If we have any doubts, we need to look no further than the gospels where no book from the Old Testament is more frequently cited. As part of a book, our understanding of the structure of that book will help us to better appreciate the individual psalms. Moving from the general to the specific, we will examine the psalms as a book before returning to types of psalms. Then we will try to offer some strategies for appreciating how the psalms encourage us to find our refuge in a God of abundance. When we respond to the God of abundance with love and gratitude as the thanksgiving psalms urge, we have a sure antidote to indifference and discouragement.



LOCATION AND SCHEDULE

All courses will be delivered online synchronously from Monday through Friday, 9:15 am-12:30 pm PDT*

REGISTRATION PERIOD

Registration for courses must be completed by June 11, 2021. Courses must have a minimum of 10 students.

COST

\$250 per one-week session. Each course earns one Continuing Education Unit (CEU). Payment may be made online or by phone using your debit/credit card or by check/money order. Please visit [website](#) for more information.

CANCELLATIONS

90% refund up to June 11, 2021
70% refund up to June 18, 2021
No refunds after June 18, 2021

REGISTRATION AND CONTACT

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Online course information will be sent to the enrollee before classes begin.