



*Palazzo San Calisto in Rome's Trastevere district,
headquarters of the Dicastery for Integral Human Development,
2018 Meeting with Cardinal Peter Appiah Turkson, Prefect at that time*

Rome & Assisi

Spirituality & Sustainability Conference

*Contemplation & Action for
Social & Ecological Renewal!*

June 4 - June 11, 2023

ROME

Vatican Museums, St. Peter's Basilica & Sistine Chapel.
Conversation & Dialogue on *Papal Ecology Encyclical Laudato Si'*
with Fr. Josjtrom Isaac Kureethadam, who is the Vatican's Coordinator of Ecology and Creation,
and who will celebrate with us the Ecumenical *Earth Mass*
in gardens of Suore della Carita' Santa Antida Thouret.
Also tour of major attractions in Rome.

ASSISI

Flag Throwers Celebration upon arrival
A new Eco-Spiritual Renaissance of Inner & Outer Transformation
A New Eco-Spiritual Narrative for Our Times/Social & Economic Practices
Eco-Spiritual Convergence & Best Practices
Ecc-Spiritual Arts, Education & Transformation
Intergenerational Eco-Spiritual Transition & Indigenous Wisdom

The Conference Fee is US \$2,200
A non-refundable Registration fee of US \$300 payable by March 1st
The remaining US \$ 1,900 requested by May 1st

The Conference Fee includes all meals and lodgings in Rome & Assisi, and all tours listed in the program. In Rome, we will stay a few steps from the Vatican, at the *Hotel Emmaus*, where we will be served breakfast, while lunch and dinner will be at fine local restaurants. On June 4, our welcoming dinner will be in one of Rome's finest and oldest restaurants, *La Taberna de'Gracchi*.

In Assisi, all our meals will be at *Hotel La Rocca*, in the heart of Assisi. The city is on a hill, so bring comfortable shoes since you will do a lot of walking. All accommodations are in comfortable air-conditioned double rooms with internet. Individuals may inquire about a single room for an additional fee. Upon arrival in Assisi, we will be greeted by their medieval celebration, *The Flag Throwers* in Assisi's Piazza, which is for special guests arriving in Assisi.

The Conference Fee also includes ground transportation to and from Rome's Fiumicino Airport to Rome and to Assisi, and back to the airport, plus all motorcoach excursions and all field trips. Airfare is not included.

For further information on registration and participation, please contact:

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

Early Registration Recommended Due to Limited Space!

ABOUT THIS TENTH ROME & ASSISI CONFERENCE ON SPIRITUALITY & SUSTAINABILITY

THE CONFERENCE WILL GATHER PARTICIPANTS from various eco-spiritual perspectives, centers, and organizations. While engaging in contemplative eco-spiritual practices, we will share our experiences of transformative eco-spiritual change in lifestyle, education, institutional practices, and social-economic policies. We will also explore collaborative opportunities with young eco-spiritual leaders.

Like the nine previous Assisi Conferences on Spirituality and Sustainability, this Conference will draw inspiration from Saints Clare and Saint Francis, the eco-spiritual writings of Thomas Berry, the papal ecology encyclical *Laudato Si'*, the Earth Charter, indigenous eco-spiritual traditions, and new initiatives in Spirituality and Sustainability.

We will spend the first two days in Rome and at the Vatican. We will tour Rome and the Vatican, with a special lecture introducing the ecological work of the Vatican's Dicastery for Integral Human Development. From Rome, we will travel via private bus to Assisi, the home of Saint Francis and where he lived in loving unity with all creatures. We will journey to Mount Subasio and the Hermitage, where Francis and his brothers lived. Then we will visit Saint Clare's Cloister in San Damiano and the Porziuncola, as well as in other spiritual places for prayer and contemplation.

Central to the Conference will be our exploration of how to advance social-economic policies for transformative global change in spirituality and sustainability. Our exploration will include presentations and round-table discussions, as well as dialogue with Umbrian and European agencies, grass-root movements, and local government representatives. We will also visit local farms and factories to learn how their ecological policies interact with mountains, rivers, and humans. These field trips will help us learn how to address local problems in relation to local eco-systems.

We hope that our experience in this tenth Assisi Conference on Spirituality and Sustainability will help to create a global eco-spiritual renaissance fostering alliances and partnerships to regenerate our integral Earth community.

CONFERENCE GOALS

GOAL 1 - To engage in contemplative practices in Rome and Assisi's many sacred places and to honor the ancient indigenous eco-spiritualities of the Umbrian region.

GOAL 2 - To join our efforts in promoting transformative eco-spiritual changes in lifestyles, institutional practices, social-economic policies, and in the dominant cosmological narrative.

GOAL 3 - To enhance the global contributions that religious, spiritual, and ethical organizations can make to a new spiritual and sustainable paradigm promoting the well-being of all creatures within a flourishing Earth community.

GOAL 4 - To develop new synergies through our future collaborative opportunities and strategies.

GOAL 5 - To support and work with young eco-spiritual leaders in advancing global ecological regeneration.