

In the Footprints of Francis and the Sultan

A Model for Peacemaking

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1 DVD/48 mins. (approx.)

This two-part film examines contemporary issues of interreligious understanding grounded in the timeless Franciscan tradition of tolerance, peacemaking, and social justice.

Follow St. Francis of Assisi as he travels to the Middle East to meet Sultan Malek al-Kamil in 1219. This journey becomes a historic symbol for peace as Francis crosses the battle lines of the Crusades and reaches out to the enemy. These countercultural efforts of Francis, a simple friar, and the sultan, the leader of the Muslim forces of the Levant, made these men most unusual in their time. Through them, we see an example that speaks to us today as we work to achieve understanding among peoples of different backgrounds, faith traditions, cultures, and ethnicities.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- VD featuring two segments of about 24 minutes each, complemented by free resource material found here: FranciscanMedia.org/francissultan.
- A resource perfect for use in group study in church settings, classrooms, interreligious communities, and social-action networks
- Insights from experts and scholars such as Michael Cusato, Michael Calabria, Murray Bodo, and Fareed Munir, as well as Imam Yahya Hendi and Archbishop Michael Fitzgerald
- A look at how the Franciscan model for interreligious dialogue developed and how that openness to dialogue, rooted in a fundamental respect for the other, is a pathway to peace
- Exploration of issues and historical sites of interest to both Christians and Muslims

[Get the *Resource Guide* here.](#)

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Sample clips also available at: <http://vimeo.com/56483878>