

St. Francis of Assisi: A New Way of Being Christian

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What does it mean to be an imitator of Christ?

Find out by exploring the life and legacy of Saint Francis of Assisi and the movements he inspired with one of the world's leading Franciscan experts as your guide.

From the humble backyard birdbath to the splendor of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, images of this Italian cloth merchant's son can be found almost anywhere. His followers now number nearly one million in more than ninety-six countries, lay and religious, men and women.

But who was St. Francis? Why do so many of us find him such an attractive Christian and human figure? What is fact and what is fiction about his life, his teaching, and his impact on global society? Learn the remarkable story behind the Franciscan movement.

Trace the amazing story of the lives of Saint Francis and Saint Clare with this 24-lecture series by renowned Franciscan scholar Brother William Short, former President of the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley.

Whether you have studied Francis for a lifetime or you are only casually acquainted with this amazing saint, we guarantee you will treasure this unique course.

Topic Titles

- Francis of Assisi: The Popular Image
- Growing Up in Assisi (1182-1200)
- Rich and Poor in the Early 1200s
- Dreams of Knighthood (1205-1206)
- Beginnings of a Conversion (1206-1209)
- The First Brothers Arrive (1209-1210)
- The Call of Creatures (1210-1225)
- The Poor Ladies (Poor Clares) (1212-1253)
- Preaching the Gospel (1209-1226)
- A Journey into Egypt (1219-1220)
- Trouble at Home: Explosive Growth and Problems of Adaptation (1220-1221)
- The 'Great Temptation' (1221-1223)
- Discovering Christmas
- Signed with the Marks of the Passion (1224)
- Sister Death
- The Glory of a New Saint
- 'Spirit and Life': Francis's Reading of the Gospel
- The Incarnation, the Eucharist and the Church
- Poverty as Revelation
- The Order of the Lesser Brothers: Growth and Crises (1250-1280)
- The Needs of the Church (1230-1250)
- Franciscan Theology and Mysticism: (1250-1450)
- Friars in Dissent (1280-1320)
- Friars on a Mission: From Umbria to Asia