

A Course in Spiritual Theology on St. Francis De Sales at UPS



TUTTO PER AMORE, NIENTE PER FORZA

STORIA E SPIRITUALITÀ
DI SAN FRANCESCO DI SALES
(TB 1420)



Sono ormai passati 400 anni dalla morte di San Francesco di Sales.

La sua tesi principale è che ognuno, a modo suo, nel luogo in cui vive e lavora, può essere felice e aspirare alla santità che, per il santo savolardo, non era riservata solo ai monaci, religiosi o sacerdoti.

Al contrario, la strada della santità è aperta a tutti. A quattro secoli della sua morte, fino ad oggi, questo è un tema ancora molto attuale.

DESTINATARI

Il corso è aperto agli studenti e a tutti coloro che, in occasione del quarto centenario della morte di San Francesco di Sales, desiderano conoscere meglio la vita e i suoi scritti.

PROGRAMMA

PARTE STORICA: il periodo sociale ed economico, la sua formazione, i momenti di crisi spirituale, la missione nella Chabellise e la vita civile.

PARTE LETTERARIA: lettere, opere di conferenze e il Trattato dell'Amore di Dio.

PARTE TEMATICA: l'eredità di San Francesco e i suoi insegnamenti, in particolare sull'amicizia e la fraternità.

CORSO DI TEOLOGIA SPIRITUALE

11 LEZIONI

MARTEDÌ, DALLE 15:00 ALLE 17:25
DAL 22 FEBBRAIO AL 17 MAGGIO 2022

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(ANS - Rome) - 400 years have now passed since the death of Saint Francis de Sales. He is described by Pius IX as one of those saints sent by God to enlighten the Church in difficult moments. According to Pope Saint John Paul II, he was the "doctor of divine love, and he had no peace until the faithful accepted God's love, to live it fully, turning their hearts to God and uniting with Him."

His main thesis is that everyone, in his or her own way, in the place where he lives and works, can be happy and become a saint. Holiness for the Savoyard saint was not reserved only for monks, religious or priests. On the contrary, the path of holiness was open to all. Four centuries after his death, to this day, this is still a very current theme.

On the occasion of the fourth centenary of the death of Saint Francis de Sales, the Institute of Spiritual Theology of the Salesian Pontifical University is organizing a course on the *History and Spirituality of Saint Francis de Sales*.

The course consists of three main parts:

Historical part: St. Francis de Sales is placed in his time, the historical, social and economic environment to deepen and learn about his life, from birth to school education in Paris, moments of spiritual crisis, university study in Padua, the mission in Chablais, and the bishop's life until his sudden death in Lyon.

Literary part: it introduces the writings of St Francis. A selection of letters, pamphlets, sermon passages are read and analyzed. Large parts of the *Introduction to the Devout Life*, lectures to the Visitandines, and chapters of the *Treatise on the Love of God* are discussed.

Thematic part: through the choice of some themes, we try to deepen our knowledge of the legacy of St. Francis and explore its main ideas. For example, his teaching about spiritual direction, the meaning of friendship, how to behave in moments of sadness is illustrated. This analysis is conducted by comparing the ideas of Francis de Sales with the thinking of other authors, both ancient and contemporary.

The course is open to all those who, on the occasion of the fourth centenary of the death of Saint Francis de Sales, wish to learn more about his life and writings. It will be held every Tuesday afternoon from February 22nd to May 17th, from 3:00 pm to 5:25 pm Italian time (6 hours ahead of Eastern Time; 7 ahead of Central Time; 8 ahead of Mountain Time; & 9 ahead of Pacific Time).

The teacher is Professor Wim Collin, a Flemish Salesian. He is currently an adjunct professor in the Institute of Spiritual Theology of the Faculty of Theology at the Salesian Pontifical University in Rome. He teaches courses on the spirituality of St. John Bosco, the history of the Salesian congregation, the history of the nineteenth century in Turin, the methodology of scientific work.

Participation is free and you can register by email at the address: francescodisales2022@unisal.it