



Università Pontificia Salesiana

To mark the 400th anniversary of the death of Saint Francis de Sales (1567-1622), the Pontifical Salesian University has organized an international convention to celebrate and reflect upon his legacy.

Saint Francis de Sales has influenced the history of Spirituality and Religious Life up to the present day not only through his writings, including the *Introduction to the Devout Life* and the *Treatise on the Love of God*, but also through his own way of life. Therefore, it is worthwhile to study his legacy for the Church and spiritual life today.

Francis was not only the founder of the Order of the Visitandines, but also an inspiration for founders of various orders, congregations and institutes through his spirituality and works, from the seventeenth century to the twentieth century.

The convention was organized by the Institute of Spiritual Theology of **Faculty of Theology** of the **Pontifical Salesian University**. The Preparatory Committee consists of the professors:



Prof. Wim COLLIN
Coordinator

Prof. Antonio ESCUDERO CABELLO

Prof. Aldo GIRAUDO

Prof. Shaji Joseph PUYKUNNEL

Prof. Morand WIRTH

Camminate allegramente e con cuore aperto quanto più potete; e se non potete sempre camminare con gioia, camminate almeno con coraggio e con fiducia.

CUORE APERTO



Lettre CLXXIV. À la sœur de Souffleur, OEA XII, Lettres: Vol II, 169.
Francisco José ENRIQUEZ ZULAINA, *Francisco de Sales*, 2020.



In the atrium of the university, there is an exhibition about Francis de Sales: old and new art combined with some quotes from the bishop of Geneva. If you want to see the content: [click here](#) and also [here](#)

[Download the program here](#)

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For the first time in history, on the occasion of the Convention, **14** of these Congregations were brought together. Various representatives told how the bishop inspired their founders and continues today to be a source of inspiration.

Friday, November 18

Session 1

Order of the Visitation of Saint Mary – [IT FR ENG SPA](#) - *Mariagrazia Franceschini*

Institute of the Sisters of Saint Francis de Sales - [IT ENG FR SPA](#) - *Elena Pettenon*

Little Sisters of Charity of Mary of Sorrows - No texts or translations available - *Massimo Schiavi*

Missionaries of Saint Francis de Sales - [IT ENG FR SPA](#) - *Isaac John*

Session 2

Society of Saint Francis de Sales - [IT ENG FR SPA](#) - *Wim Collin*

Oblates of Saint Francis de Sales - [IT ENG SPA FR](#) - *Joseph F. Chorpenning*

Congregation of the Oblate Sisters of Saint Francis de Sales - [IT ENG FR SPA](#) - *Anne-Véronique Lapeze*

Sisters Daughters of Saint Francis de Sales - [IT ENG FR SPA](#) - *Maria Paola Campanella*

The Salesian Missionaries of Mary Immaculate - [IT ENG FR SPA](#) – *Nihita Paul*

Saturday, November 19

Session 3

Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians - [IT ENG SPA FR](#) - *Eliane Petri*

Saint Francis de Sales Association - [IT ENG SPA FR](#) - *Margaret Margeton*

Society of Priests of St. Francis de Sales - [IT ENG SPA FR](#) - *Daniel Moulinet*

Salesian Sisters of the Oblates of the Sacred Heart - No texts or translations available - *Grazia Benghini*

Session 4

Educational Convergences between St. Francis de Sales and Don Bosco - [IT ENG SPA FR](#) - *Michal Vojtas*

Mary in the Life and Thought of Francis de Sales. Iter and Contexts of Marian Devotion - [IT ENG SPA FR](#) - *Antonio Escudero*

Francis de Sales and the Protestants: the Duty of Christian Charity - [IT ENG SPA FR](#) - *Emile Amougou*

Session 5

Peter, the Foundation and not the Founder of the Church - [IT ENG SPA FR](#) - *Aimable Musoni*

Contemplation and Action in Saint Francis de Sales: Impetus for an Iter of Christian and Religious Formation - [IT ENG SPA FR](#) - *Giuseppe Roggia*

Session 6

Sacred Eloquence in the XVI Century and the Theological-Pastoral Criteria of St. Francis de Sales' Preaching - [IT ENG SPA FR](#) - *Vincenzo Marinelli*

Living in a Peaceful Way the Experience of Uneasiness; Xavier Thévenot in the Footsteps of St. Francis de Sales - [IT ENG SPA FR](#) - *Thierry La Goaziou*

Sunday, November 20

Session 7

"My Very Dear Daughter" Francis de Sales and Women - [IT ENG SPA FR](#) - *Wendy Wright*

The Salesian Missionaries of Mary Immaculate - [IT ENG FR SPA](#) - *Nihita Paul*

Called to Sanctity: the Proposal of St. Francis de Sales and of Pope Francis - [IT ENG SPA FR](#) - *Eugenio Alburquerque*

Antoine Favre and the Latin Letters - [IT ENG SPA FR](#) - *Miran Sajovic*

Conclusion - [IT ENG SPA FR](#) - *Ezio Bolis*

For the digital copy of Fr. Morand's book *St. Francis de Sales: A Program of Integral Formation* [click here](#).