ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

This Conference will bring together visionary people from a range of ecological-spiritual perspectives, centers, and movements. Participants will dialogue about transformative global change based on spirituality and sustainability. They will also identify key recommendations for creating a spiritual and sustainable global future.

The Conference will draw inspiration from eight previous Assisi conferences in the 1990s featuring Thomas Berry. It will also draw inspiration from St. Francis and St. Clare, from the papal encyclical on ecology Laudato Si’, from the Earth Charter, and from the work of leaders in spirituality and sustainability.

The Conference will focus on worldviews (our guiding stories) grounded in ecological spiritualities, on transformative paths for education, policies, movements, lifestyles, and communities, on current expressions of ecological spirituality and their indigenous roots, and on the great transition toward ecological civilizations with new paradigms of science, economics, and law.

The Conference will explore strategies to deepen and implement the United Nations new development agenda, and to protect and nurture sacred places. Finally, the Conference will dialogue on how we can work together on the way forward toward a just, sustainable, and peaceful future that will support human development for all in a flourishing Earth community.

CONFERENCE GOALS

GOAL 1 – VISIONARY CENTERS & MOVEMENTS
To network centers and movements seeking transformative global change based on spirituality and sustainability.

GOAL 2 - VISIONARY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE
To identify key recommendations for transformative global change based on spirituality and sustainability.

GOAL 3 – VISIONARY YOUNG ECOLOGICAL LEADERS
To support young ecological leaders seeking transformative global change based on spirituality and sustainability.

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Rome & Assisi
Spirituality & Sustainability Conference

June 27 - July 4, 2017

ROME
Papal Audience | St. Peter’s Basilica & Sistine Chapel Tours
| Lecture on Papal Ecology Encyclical Laudato Si’ |
Visits to Roman Spiritual Sites | Dinners at Roman Restaurants

ASSISI
Tuesday, June 27
Arrival, Orientation, & Sight-Seeing
Morning  Arrival Rome Fiumicino Airport
12:00 noon  Motorcoach to Residenza Madri Pie in Rome
01:30 pm  Drinks & snacks on terrace
02:00 pm  Introduction & Orientation
04:00 pm  Excursion by motorcoach with guide to one of the Four Major Basilicas
07:00 pm  Dinner Party at historical restaurant with typical Roman cuisine

Wednesday, June 28
Papal Audience, Afternoon at Vatican, & Lecture on Laudato Si'
09:00 am  Papal Audience
12:30 pm  Lunch on own
Afternoon  Afternoon at the Vatican, including tour of St. Peter's Basilica & Sistine Chapel
05:00 pm  Lecture: Papal Ecology Encyclical Laudato Si'
07:30 pm  Dinner at Vittoria Ristorante
Evening  Tour of Rome at Night

Thursday, June 29
Thomas Berry Vision plus Saints Francis & Clare
10:00 am  Excursion with guide to Mausoleum of Hadrian, known as Castel Sant'Angelo
12:00 noon  Lunch at Cecilia Matella Ristorante
02:00 pm  Motorcoach departure for Assisi
03:30 pm  Welcome to Assisi! Check-in at Hotel Posta
04:00 pm  Tom Berry's Vision; Saints Francis & Clare
07:30 pm  Welcoming Dinner
09:00 pm  Video: Journey of the Universe & Dialogues

Friday, June 30
Current Expressions of Ecological Spirituality & their Indigenous Roots
09:00 am  Reporting on Dialogues & Feedback
10:00 am  Round Table
12:30 pm  Lunch
02:00 pm  Round Table
04:30 pm  Assisi Tour; St. Francis Basilica; St. Clare
07:30 pm  Dinner
09:00 pm  Gathering & Dialogues

Saturday, July 1st
Great Transition: Earth Charter, Ecological Civilization, United Nations Development Agenda, New Paradigms of Science, Economics, & Law
09:00 am  Reporting on Dialogues & Feedback
10:00 am  Round Table
12:30 pm  Lunch
02:00 pm  Round Table
04:30 pm  Tour: San Damiano & Santa Maria Degli Angeli (Porziumcola)
07:30 pm  Dinner
Evening  Gathering & Dialogues

Sunday, July 2nd
Transformative Paths: Education, Policy Advocacy, Movement Building, Life-styles, & Sustainable Communities
9:00am  Reporting on Dialogues & Feedback
10:00 am  Round Table
12:30 pm  Lunch
02:00 pm  Round Table
04:30 pm  Walk to Hermitage of the Carceri
07:30 pm  Dinner
Evening  Gathering & Dialogues

Monday, July 3
The Way Forward!
09:00 am  Reporting on Dialogues & Feedback
10:00 am  Sharing Our Stories & Visions
12:30 pm  Lunch
02:00 pm  The Future … !
04:30 pm  Tour of Deruta
07:30 pm  Farewell Dinner
09:00 pm  Concert of Medieval Music from Assisi

Tuesday, July 4
Early Morning Motorcoach to Fiumicino Airport

Ground transportation can also be arranged for anyone needing to depart on an earlier day.

Itinerary subject to change