
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

*Thomas Berry, Saint Francis, and Saint Clare | Current
Expressions of Ecological Spirituality & their Indigenous Roots |
The Great Transition: Earth Charter Initiative, Ecological
Civilizations, New United Nations Development Agenda,
Protecting & Nurturing Sacred Places, New Paradigms of Science,
Economics, & Law | Transformative Paths: Education, Policy,
Movements, Lifestyles, Sustainable Communities | The Way
Forward: toward a Just, Sustainable, & Peaceful Future
within a Flourishing Earth Community*

Tuesday, June 27

Arrival, Orientation, & Sight-Seeing

Morning	Arrival Rome Fiumicino Airport
12:00 noon	Motorcoach to <i>Residenza Madri Pie</i> 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 <i>Four Major Basilicas</i>
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	<i>Papal Audience</i>
12:30 pm	Lunch on own
Afternoon	Afternoon at the Vatican, including tour of <i>St. Peter's Basilica & Sistine Chapel</i>
05:00 pm	Lecture: <i>Papal Ecology Encyclical Laudato Si'</i>
07:30pm	Dinner at <i>Vittoria Ristorante</i>
Evening	<i>Tour of Rome at Night</i>

Thursday, June 29

Thomas Berry Vision plus Saints Francis & Clare

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

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; <i>St. Francis Basilica; St. Clare</i>
07:30 pm	Dinner
9:00pm	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: <i>San Damiano & Santa Maria Degli Angeli (Porziuncola)</i>
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 <i>Hermitage of the Carceri</i>
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 <i>Deruta</i>
07:30 pm	Farewell Dinner
09:00pm	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

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CONFERENCE FEE

The Conference Fee is US \$1,600 with non-refundable deposit of US \$300 requested by March 15th and remainder requested by May 1st

The Conference Fee includes all meals in Rome (with the exception of lunch after the papal audience), all breakfasts, lunches and dinners in Assisi, all lodging in Rome and Assisi, and all tours listed in the program. In Assisi, lodging, breakfasts, and dinners will be at Hotel Posta & Restaurant, with breakfast served from 7:30 am to 9:00 am. The Conference Fee also includes ground transportation to and from Rome's Fiumicino airport, and from Rome to Assisi, plus all motorcoach excursions with guide indicated in the program. Airfare needs to be arranged individually, and is not included in Conference Fee. All Conference Sessions in Assisi will take place in its prestigious medieval conference hall, LA SALA DELLA CONCILIAZIONE.

REGISTRATION

For information on registration and participation, contact:

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***Early Registration Recommended
Due to Limited Space***