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Tuesday 12 March (Marriott Durham Royal Country Hotel)

09.00 **Registration – Cromwell Suite**

10.15 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

10.30 - 12.00 **Plenary session – Cromwell Suite**

Giuseppe Buffon, OFM (Pontifical Antonianum University): *A rule that saves? The Capuchin response to the institutional crisis.*

12.00 **Lunch**

13.00 - 14.30 **Parallel Sessions**

Personal Reflections and Historiographies – Cromwell Suite

Martin Murray (University of the West of Scotland): *Renewal of Franciscan life in the English province in the light of Vatican II: a personal reflection.*

Willem Marie Speelman, OFS (Tilburg University): *Transitus, or how Franciscans discover the Mystery behind their personal problems (and reinvent Franciscan core values).*

Tiago Tavares Oliveira (University of Lisbon): *The Importance of Franciscan Historiography in Brazil through Novo Orbe Seráfico Brasília.*

Bonaventure's Intellectual Thought – Bowes Room

Christopher Cullen, SJ (Fordham University): *"I Saw Eternity the Other Night": Bonaventure on Truth and Certitude.*

Thomas Piolata, OFM Cap. (Durham University and Pontifical Antonianum University): *Bonaventure on the Circularity of Divine Life and the Procession of the Holy Spirit.*

William Crozier (Durham University): *Franciscan Physics: Colour, Light, and Transparency in St Bonaventure's Quaestiones de Colore.*

14.30 - 14:50 **Refreshments**

14.50 - 16.20 **Parallel Sessions**

Franciscan Observance in Portugal: contexts, materialities and (re)significances – Cromwell Suite

João Luís Fontes (New University of Lisbon) and Maria Filomena Andrade (Open University, Portugal): *To reform and to support: from the Franciscan observance to the strict observance.*

Rolando Volzone (DINÂMIA'CET-Iscte; CHAIA-UÉ, Portugal): *Understanding the ecological and cultural systems of Franciscan observance.*

Victor Mestre (Independent researcher at VMSA architects, Portugal) and Sofia Aleixo (CHAM – FCSH NOVA; EA and IHC-pólo CEHFCi – UÉvora): *Rescuing places of cultural memory, (re)building spiritual environments.*

Franciscan Intellectual Thought I – Bowes Room

Dom Abbott (KU Leuven and UAntwerpen): *Medieval Christological Innovation: Christ's Role in the Universe in Bonaventure and Duns Scotus.*

Ian Campbell (Queen's University Belfast): *Cardinal Lorenzo Brancati da Lauria (1612–1693) and Angelo Volpi da Montepeloso (d. 1647): Retrieval, Innovation, and Orthodoxy in Later Seventeenth Century Franciscan Political Thought.*

Liam Kelly, OFM (Mary Immaculate College, Limerick): *The End of the Romance: Exploring St Francis of Assisi and his movement through the lens of René Girard's mimetic theory.*

16.20 - 16.30 Comfort Break

16.30 - 18.00 Parallel sessions

Poverty and Franciscan Living – Cromwell Suite

Owen Earnshaw (Durham University): *Lady Poverty as an Icon.*

Simon McMurtary, TSSF (Independent scholar): *Harmony in Simplicity: Utilising Franciscan insights into Poverty in Contemporary Interfaith Engagement with Zen Buddhism.*

Benjamin Luke Johnson, OFM Cap. (University of Notre Dame, Australia): *Humility and Poverty: Insights for Contemporary Franciscan Living.*

Franciscanism in the Contemporary Age – Bowes Room

Bronagh Ann McShane (University of Limerick): *Praying Hearts: The Poor Clare Order and Digital Media.*

Elizabeth Peck (Independent scholar): *A Vision for Franciscan Education in Homes and Schools.*

Krisztián Fenyves (Pázmány Péter Catholic University): *Rebuilding the Church: Franciscan perspectives of the renewal.*

18.15 - 18.45 **Evening Prayer (Optional) – Venue TBC**

19.30 **Dinner**

Wednesday 13 March (Marriott Durham Royal Country Hotel)

08.00 - 08.45 Mass (optional) – Venue TBC

09.15 - 10.45 Parallel Sessions

Franciscan biblical interpretations – Cromwell Suite

Anthony Lajato, OFM Conv. (Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology WI): *Scientia in fonte: Recovering the Centrality of Bonaventure's Gospel Commentaries.*

Garrett Galvin, OFM (Franciscan School of Theology, University of San Diego): *St. Francis 'lived in the Scriptures' (2 Cel 104): St. Francis' Creative Reception of Scripture and the Biblical Roots of Franciscan Spirituality.*

Tomasz Mantyk, OFM Cap (Catholic University of Lublin): *Retrieval and Innovation in Renaissance Paraphrases of the Bible.*

Franciscan Music and Art – Bowes Room

Andrew Baker (Independent scholar): *Rediscovering the Franciscan Musical Tradition.*

Caroline Lesemann–Elliott (Royal Holloway University): *Plainchant and 'purity': 'Nouvelle Method'(s) of Singing Liturgies at English Franciscan Convents in Exile in the late 17th and early 18th centuries.*

Elizabeth Kent (St John's College, Durham): *The retrieval of treasures from the Franciscan Tradition by evangelical Protestantism through engagement with the popular novel 'Chasing Francis'.*

10.45 - 11.15 Refreshments

11.15 - 12.45 Plenary session

Margaret Carney, OSF (St Bonaventure University): *A new rule for an ancient order.*

12.45 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 15.30 Parallel Sessions

Recovering and Renewing Franciscan Customs and Charisms – Cromwell Suite

Brenda Abbot (Independent scholar): *Eric Doyle OFM: Hidden Architect of the Retrieval of the Franciscan Tradition: A Christological Understanding of Original Sin.*

Riccardo Battiloro, TOR (Pontifical Gregorian University): *The Construction of the Third Order Regular of St Francis' Identity through Retrieval and Innovation.*

Brian Casey (Durham University): *The creation and rediscovery of the charism of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood.*

Peace, Compassion and Care – Bowes Room

Jacob W. Torbeck (Briar Cliff University Sioux City, Iowa): *The Path of Peace: Retrieving the Mystical Politics of the Divine Ideas in Bonaventure's Itinerarium.*

Darleen Pryds (Franciscan School of Theology, University of San Diego): *Franciscan Laity and the Vocation of Caregiving: The Spirituality of Interdependence.*

Jennifer Lane (Brigham Young University): *Compassio for the Twenty-first Century?*

15.30 - 16.00 Refreshments

16.00 - 17.30 Parallel Sessions

Franciscan Intellectual Thought II – Cromwell Suite

Jo Luyten (KADOC–KU Leuven): *Quo vadis provincia? Or how Belgian Franciscans introduced strict Recollect observance in the UK and Ireland (1858–1887).*

Christopher Dyczek, OFM (Independent scholar): *Contingencies of Compassion in the 16th – 17th century era of Ingenuity.*

Gregory Stacey (University of Leeds): *Franciscan Scholastics on the Modal Depths of God's Love*

Franciscans and Capuchins in Britain and Ireland – Bowes Room

Kelly Fitzgerald (University College Dublin): *Irish Franciscans and Irish vernacular culture.*

Liam Kelly (Independent Scholar): *A Much–Travelled Franciscan Chalice.*

Liam Temple (Durham University): *“This holy ambition is stirring amongst us”: The Capuchins, Provincial reform, and the Franciscan centenary celebrations of 1924’.*

18.00 - 18.30 Evening prayer (optional) – Venue TBC

19.00 Dinner

Thursday 14 March (St Cuthbert's Church, Old Elvet, Durham)

08.00 - 08.45 **Mass** (*Optional*) – Venue TBC

09.00 - 10.30 **Plenary Session**

Sr Mary Beth Ingham, CSJ (Franciscan School of Theology, University of San Diego): *Reading Scotus today.*

10.30 - 11.00 **Refreshments**

11.00 - 12.30 **Short Paper Session**

Franciscan Historical Theology

Michael Hahn (Sarum College): *Historical Theology and Theological History: Franciscan Retrieval and the Historical Study of Franciscans in the Cases of Francis of Assisi and Angela of Foligno.*

Matthieu Bernard (Lyon Catholic University): *St. Francis and Bonaventure's Dialectic of Innovation.*

Favin Alemão (Pontifical Gregorian University): *The end of inquiry: 'status' in Bonaventure's epistemology.*

12.30 - 13.30 **Roundtable Discussion**

John McCafferty (University College Dublin)

William Short, OFM (Franciscan School of Theology, University of San Diego)

Johannes Freyer, OFM (Franciscan School of Theology, University of San Diego)

13.30 **End of conference and depart for general delegates**