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Capuchin Vocation Update Province of St. Joseph

The St. Francis Institute Milwaukee presents
Lectures on the Spirituality of Padre Pio
Given by Capuchin friar and author Gianluigi Pasquale

(In the last issue of Vocation Update plans for the Capuchin Candidate Triduum Retreat were outlined. On Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday after Easter Sunday, Capuchin Gianluigi Pasquale, who will be the main presenter for the Candidate Triduum Retreat, will also be giving lectures on the spirituality of Padre Pio in Milwaukee. The public is invited to attend these lectures.)

Gianluigi Pasquale will be presenting at two upcoming events:

April 1-4, Candidate Triduum Retreat, St. Lawrence Seminary in Mt. Calvary, WI
“The History of Salvation and Its Meaning in our Lifetime”

To get more information about this event, see last week’s Vocation Update from March 16.

April 6-9, The St. Francis Institute of Milwaukee, 1927 N. 4th St.
“The Spirituality of Padre Pio”

This is open to the general public. Registration details are found at www.thecapuchins.org/sfim/index.shtml

The Spirituality of Padre Pio

Tuesday, April 6, 2010: The Stigmata

8:30 Registration/Coffee and Donuts

9 AM -11:45 AM

The first conference will examine the phenomenon of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, Capuchin. San Giovanni Rotondo is the most visited Christian shrine in the world after the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico. This conference will reconstruct the history of the phenomenon of the stigmata, beginning with the piercing with Padre Pio was only 30 years old, and examine its theological and spiritual significance.

Wednesday, April 7, 2010: Padre Pio and Saint Francis

8:30 Registration/Coffee and Donuts

9 AM - 11:45 AM

Padre Pio became a saint through the Capuchin charism and, therefore, the Franciscan charism. It can be said that “There is no Padre Pio without Saint Francis.” This second conference will explore the Franciscan spirituality assimilated by Padre Pio, including the fact that Saint Francis of Assisi was the first stigmatist in history. Then we will reflect upon the same Christocentric imprint present in Padre Pio.

Thursday, April 8, 2010: Padre Pio, the Model of the Spiritual Life

8:30 Registration/Coffee and Donuts

9 AM - 11:45 AM

The third conference will respond to two questions. Why are so many youth attracted to Padre Pio? Why have so many “Padre Pio Prayer Groups” sprung up so quickly and are widespread throughout the world?

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Friday, April 9, 2010: Padre Pio and the Year of the Priest

8:30 Registration/Coffee and Donuts

9 AM - 11:45 AM

The fourth conference will be in tune with the Year of the Priest (2009-2010) called by Pope Benedict XVI. It will present Pio's letters written to priests, inspiring in them courage and hope in their delicate ministry of the direction of souls, and letters in which Pio speaks of priests. In the latter, the breadth of Pio's concern for the holiness of priests is clear, praying for them, loving them, understanding them, as St. Francis always did and who always saw in each priest, though a sinner, the only bestower of the mysteries of God.



Gianluigi Pasquale is a Capuchin of the Veneto, Italy Province. Many friars know him from when he studied English while staying at St. Clare Friary in Chicago the summer of 2005. He holds a Research Doctorate in Theology from the Gregorian University in Rome and a Research Doctorate in Philosophy from the Università degli Studi "Ca' Foscari" in Venice. He is a professor at the Lateran Pontifical University in Rome and at the Theological Study Center in Venice, of which he is also President. Gianluigi is a member of the Centro Interuniversitario per gli Studi sull'Etica at the University of Venice and of the Scuola di Alta Formazione Filosofica at the University of Torino. He has written many works in theology, philosophy and spirituality. With the Italian equivalent of Pauline Press, he has published nine volumes on the letters of Padre Pio, translated into many foreign languages, and two on Francis of Assisi. In English, Gianluigi's book on Padre Pio's letters to spiritual directors is published as ***Secrets of a Soul: Padre Pio's Letters to His Spiritual Director*** by Pauline Press, 2002.

April 1-4, 2010 Capuchin Candidate Triduum Retreat

St. Lawrence Seminary
Mt. Calvary Wisconsin

For more detailed information, see the
March 16 Vocation Update.

Reservations are required.
New inquirers are welcome!
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April 6-9, 2010

The Spirituality of Padre Pio

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for registration procedures.