



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

FRANCIS DE SALES

BISHOP AND SPIRITUAL MAN

25-27 november 2021 - Lyon – Annecy | France

CALL FOR PAPERS

An international conference will inaugurate the year of celebration of the fourth centenary of the death in Lyon of Saint Francis de Sales on December 28, 1622. It will be held in three languages: French, Italian and English. This conference aims to bring together the study of the theological, literary and historical approaches of Francis de Sales, under three main headings :

1 Francis de Sales, his formation, his development, his spiritual life

The context of the beginnings of Salesian Spirituality : a period of crisis

The Parisian spiritual crisis and its resolution, against the backdrop of a dispute over grace

The question of Francis de Sales' sources

2 The public words of a bishop

St Francis de Sales and the Protestants

A theology for all in the vernacular, to make God accessible to all

The Ecclesiology of Francis de Sales

3 The private words of the spiritual man

The demanding kindness of a spiritual director

The expression of spiritual life and direction

Francis de Sales, a model for confessors

The direction of conscience and inner freedom, from Pascal to Francis de Sales

Paper presentations will be 30 minutes long, followed by questions and answers.

The text of the papers will be translated beforehand by the students of ESTRİ, the school of translators of the Catholic University of Lyon and shared on-screen in the other two languages during the speaker's intervention.

A roundtable discussion will bring together the speakers at the end of each half-day.

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Proposals for contributions can be submitted in one of the three languages of the conference with a 450-word abstract, highlighting in particular the originality of the research to be presented.

They should be sent **before January 15, 2021** to fdesales2021@univ-catholyon.fr

KEY DATES

- **March 15, 2021** : response given by the academic advisory board
- **August 30, 2021** : full text of the communication

The final texts will be assembled very soon after the conference in order to consider a publication of the proceedings before the date of the anniversary of the death of Francis de Sales.

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