

Our Mission

The Padua Program at St. Bonaventure University helps Franciscan institutions and ministries transmit the values of Saints Francis and Clare to new generations of leaders. Infusing this mission into the daily operations of Franciscan schools, hospitals, retreat centers, and social service programs requires competent leaders. Individuals completing the program will increase expertise in preservation and promotion of the Franciscan legacy.

The Program

The Padua Program is an educational initiative of the Franciscan Institute at St. Bonaventure University and will be hosted in its new Conference facilities in Doyle Hall and Francis Hall.

Padua is a ten-month program kicking off with a three day on-campus workshop (July 9-12, 2025) and then monthly videoconferences (September through June) on Franciscan spirituality, leadership, and organizational topics.

TOPICS TO BE COVERED

- What is Franciscan Mission-Based Leadership?
- The Mission of Jesus
- The Spirituality of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi
- Franciscan Mission in Anxious Times
- Mission and Market: Challenges and Opportunities
- Mission and Ethics
- The Role of the Mission Officer
- Tools for Franciscan Mission-Based Leadership
- And more....



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Franciscan Mission-Based Leadership Training

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Program

The Form and Function of Successful Mission Offices

Participants will study the increasing importance of the role of the mission of the organization. Where are models found and what resources are available for sustaining excellence in leading this effort?

Franciscan Foundations for Mission Integration and Organizational Vitality

Application of the Franciscan value system in the context of contemporary challenges in the workplace will be a central theme. How does one link the founding vision of the first Franciscans with the modern cultures? An overview of the Franciscan intellectual tradition that demonstrates practical impacts in dealing with economic, moral and ethical dilemmas will be included.

Catholic Identity: Issues and Inspirations

The founding stories relate how Francis and Clare navigated relationships with the Church, its leaders and its emerging needs. How do Franciscans work within the Catholic Church while engaging in interreligious outreach and functioning in a highly secularized culture.



FACULTY

Fr. David B. Couturier, OFM. Cap., PhD, DMin.

Executive Director of the Franciscan Institute, Associate Professor of Theology and Franciscan Studies, and Director of University Planning at St. Bonaventure University.

Jeffrey Papia, MBA, MTS.

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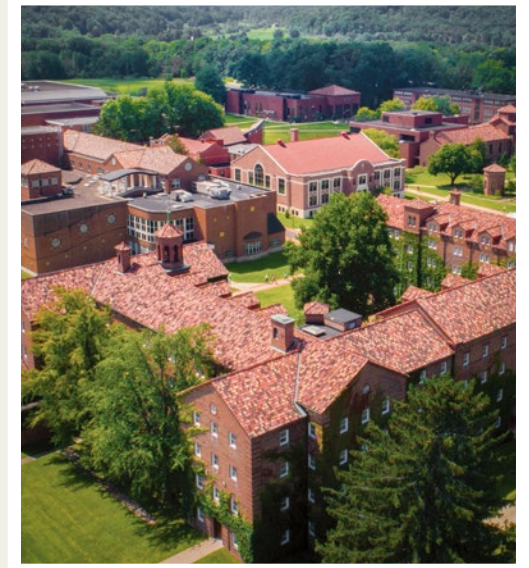
Dr. Julianne Wallace, DMin.

Owner, Magdala Coaching, former VP for Mission Integration at Saint Mary's College, South Bend, IN.

Additional experts and speakers will form the adjunct faculty for the program.

Participants

While the program is specifically designed to foster professional excellence for the senior mission officers of an organization, current and prospective Mission Officers, department personnel who serve and support mission-focused programs, as well as any staff member or executive whose responsibilities impact mission integration is welcome!



Cost

The fee is \$3,000 for the entire program payable in 2 installments (1/2 upon registration and the second half by May 31, 2025).

Program fees include all meals, housing and conference fees but do not include transportation to St. Bonaventure.

Registration

Please register online at www.sbu.edu/academics/academic-resources/franciscan-institute. Once a participant has registered, Heidi Strauss will serve as liason to answer questions and assist in planning for attendance.



The Franciscan Institute

The Franciscan Institute, on the campus of St. Bonaventure University, engages in three principal areas of scholarly concern: research, publication and workshops, seminars and academic conferences on the Franciscan intellectual tradition.