

Thematic/Charismatic Nuclei for the celebration of the Franciscan Centenary 2023-2026

The outline presented below intends to focus on the charismatic nuclei with which we wish to characterize the years of the *Franciscan Centenary* articulated and celebrated in the various centenaries.

For each year, the following are proposed:

- a title taken from the “Praises of God Most High of St. Francis;
- the particular centenary that is celebrated;
- a unifying and characterizing symbol;
- some synthetic underlining of the contents that can be deepened according to four dimensions: theological, anthropological, ecclesiological and sociological. For further information, please refer to the *Guidelines* offered by the Conference of the Franciscan Family in the document of 1 January 2022.

This proposal is offered to the general secretariats and to the other formative and organizational structures of the various institutes, as well as to the various entities and jurisdictions, in order to facilitate the elaboration of formative itineraries and activities to be carried out *ad intra* and *ad extra* as a Franciscan Family, possibly in communion at the various levels.

It is a basic presentation, to be used with freedom and creativity, trying to highlight the unity of the project, integrating the various dimensions together, in continuity and procedurally.

For each year, different forms could be offered by the various communities, perhaps these could be integrated with each other, accompanied by some methodological suggestions for use.

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	Event	Symbol	Theological Dimension <i>Our life in Christ</i> (formation)	Anthropological Dimension <i>Our life as brothers and sisters</i> (formation)	Ecclesiological Dimension <i>Our life in communion</i> (mission)	Sociological Dimension <i>Our life in the World</i> (GPIC)
2023 You are joy	Greccio	The Prespio/Crib	Incarnation: the Son became our brother	Body: affectivity, sexuality, feelings	Living the charism in different cultures: inculturation and inculturality	The cosmic dimension of the Incarnation. Poor Christ, born among the marginalized.
	The Rule (First Order)	The Book of the Gospels	The centrality of the Gospel in our life. An existential approach.	The Rule at the service of the development and protection of our charismatic way of establishing relationships.	Franciscan ecclesiology at the service of communion and synodality in the Church.	Goodness and gratuitousness. Being present in the world as little ones.
2024 You are love	The Stigmata	The Cross	The Franciscan Cross: expression and model of the free and gratuitous love of the Trinitarian God	How to know, accept and integrate our personal and institutional limits	Identification and personalization of the mystery of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus	Solidarity with the crucified and excluded of our world
2025 You are beauty	The Canticle	The Earth	The presence of God in the Book of Creation	Amazement, humility and gratitude as vital attitudes	The heart of our mission: the construction of universal fraternity	Another way of life is possible: integral ecology
2026 You are our hope	The Easter of St. Francis	The Eucharist	Glory: the goal of <i>homo viator</i>	Fraternal life that is fruitful and generative of life	The beauty and attraction of the Christian life	The Eucharistic way of being in the world: an experience of love, hope and justice