

Thematic/charismatic cores for the celebration of the Franciscan Centenary 2023-2026

The chart presented below is intended to focus on the core elements of our charism which we wish to characterise and celebrate during the years of the Franciscan Centenary.

For each year, the following are proposed:

- a title taken from the 'Praises of God Most High' by Saint Francis;
- the particular centenary being celebrated;
- a unifying and characterising symbol;
- a summary of the contents we wish to emphasise that can be deepened according to four dimensions: theological, anthropological, ecclesiological and sociological. For further study, please refer to the *Guidelines* offered by the Conference of the Franciscan Family in its document of 1 January 2022.

This chart is offered to the general secretariats and other formation and organisational structures of the various institutes, as well as to the various entities and jurisdictions, in order to facilitate the development of formation topics and activities to be implemented *ad intra* and *ad extra* (inside and outside), as a Franciscan Family possibly jointly at the various levels.

This is a basic grid, to be used as freely and creatively as you would like. It seeks to highlight the cohesiveness of the project, integrating the various dimensions with each other, maintaining continuity and allowing for a natural process.

For each year, different topics could be offered at the various levels, possibly integrating them with each other, accompanied by some suggestions on how to use the material.

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	Event	Symbol	Theological dimension <i>Our being in Christ</i> (formation)	Anthropological dimension <i>Our being brothers and sisters</i> (formation)	Ecclesiological dimension <i>Our being in communion</i> (mission)	Sociological dimension <i>Our being in the world</i> (JPIC)
2023 You are the joy	Greccio	The Nativity scene	Incarnation: the Son became our brother	Body: emotions, sexuality, feelings	Living the charism in different cultures: inculturation and interculturality	Cosmic dimension of the incarnation. The poor Christ, born in the peripheries
	The Rule	The book of the Gospel	Centrality of the Gospel in our lives. Existential approach	The Rule at the service of developing and protecting of our charism, of establishing relationships	Franciscan Ecclesiology at the service of communion and synodality in the Church	Goodness and gratuitousness. Our minoritic style of being present in the world.
2024 You are love	The stigmata	The cross	The Franciscan cross: expression and model of the free and gratuitous love of the triune God	How to know, accept and integrate our personal and institutional limitations	Identifying the mystery of life, death and resurrection of Jesus and making it personal	Solidarity with the crucified and the excluded of our world
2025 You are beauty	The Canticle	The Earth	The presence of God in the book of creation	Wonder, humility and gratitude as vital attitudes	The heart of our mission: the construction of universal brotherhood	Another way of life is possible: integral ecology
2026 You are our hope	The Easter of St Francis	The Eucharist	Glory: goal of the <i>homo viator</i> (<i>man on the journey</i>)	Fraternal life fruitful and generative of life	Beauty and attraction of the christian life	The Eucharistic style of being in the world: experience of love, hope and justice.