

The St. Francis Institute
Milwaukee presents
The Spirituality of Padre Pio

Presented by Capuchin friar and author

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**Tuesday, April 6:
The Stigmata**

8:30 Registration/Coffee & 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 when Padre Pio was only 30 years old, and examine its theological and spiritual significance.

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

8:30- Registration/Coffee & 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.

April 6-9
9 AM-11:45 AM
St. Francis of Assisi Parish
1927 N. 4th Strreet
Milwaukee, WI 53212
Cost: \$20 per session with continental breakfast/\$70 for all four sessions
To register: sfim@thecapuchins.org

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

8:30- Registration/Coffee & 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?

**Friday, April 9:
Padre Pio in the Year of the Priest**

8:30- Registration/Coffee & 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.

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- I will be attending all four sessions \$70

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Please register by April 1