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Madonna Symposium to Focus on Living St. Francis' Values Today

What: Members of the community are invited to join Madonna University students, faculty and staff for Madonna's annual Franciscan Symposium. Medieval Church Historian and Professor Bill Cook, Ph.D., who has taught at University of New York in Geneseo for 38 years, will relate the values of St. Francis to today's society, and engage attendees in a discussion of the role of Franciscan tradition in the study of liberal arts. Cook has written several books about St. Francis, and owns an apartment in Assisi, where he has presented seminars to college teachers.

Symposium participants will have the opportunity to tour the University's new Franciscan Center for Science and Media.

The symposium is open to all, free of charge. Lunch is offered for \$8. For more information or to register, please contact Dina DuBuis at 734-432-5309.

When: Friday, Oct. 2, 2009

Morning keynote: *Francis of Assisi and the 21st Century* – 9-11 a.m.

Optional mass, lunch and self-guided tour of the Franciscan Center – 11a.m.- 1 p.m.

Afternoon keynote: *The Franciscan Tradition: A Study in the Liberal Arts* – 1-3 p.m.

Where: Madonna University
University Center & East Dining Hall
14221 Levan Road
Livonia, MI. 48154

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