



# ST. FRANCIS DE SALES INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

 **LOURDES**  
24/26 JANUARY, 2024

The 27th St. Francis de Sales International Congress are offered to professionals and observers of the media – Catholic or not – French and foreign. They are organized by the Federation of Catholic Media (FMC), in partnership with the Dicastero per la Comunicazione at the Holy See, Signis, World Catholic Association for Communication, and the Unione Cattolica della Stampa Italiana. After four years in Thonon (1995-1999) then seventeen years in Annecy (2001-2017), in the birthplace of Saint Francis de Sales, patron saint of journalists, they took place for the sixth time in Lourdes. Under the gaze of Mary and Bernadette, we will question – on the theme “Times of upheaval” – the role of our media in the face of oppression, divisions in the Church, expectations and different visions of the synod across the world, and in the face of the arrival and explosion of artificial intelligence.

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE TO ST. FRANCIS DE SALES INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ?

The 27th edition of the St. Francis de Sales International Congress will be held from Wednesday January 24, 2024 at the end of the morning to Friday January 26 at the beginning of the afternoon. There are two registration possibilities: registration **supported by the company, movement or service**, and **individual** registration.

Each corresponds to a particular price, but the possibility of following the work is open under the same conditions.

Additional costs (accommodation and catering) are the same, regardless of the registration category chosen.

### REGISTRATION SUPPORTED BY YOUR COMPANY OR SERVICE

It is possible to register “professionally”, that is to say through any media, movement or service. The invoice will then be sent to the latter but reservations for accommodation and meals will of course be made in the name of the registered person.

**After January 1, 2024**, given the advantageous agreements we have with local service providers, we cannot accept any practical changes to rooms or meals.

However, if, for reasons of force majeure, a registered person could not travel to Lourdes, they could be replaced free of charge and with equal benefits by another person of their choice, provided that we are informed at least 72 hours later, before the start of the Congress.

The registration fees requested help the Federation to cover part of the expenses incurred for the organization: rental of facilities and equipment; provision of the welcome bag and detailed program on site; travel and accommodation costs for French and foreign speakers; shuttle and conveyance costs; technical costs for sound, video transmission and simultaneous translation; coffee breaks; liturgical animation; etc. These costs are **€400 per person**, to which must be added the costs specific to each person (meals and accommodation).

A detailed invoice per participant will be sent to the paying agency, as well as a summary for all registrations, if applicable.

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We would like to point out that only full payment of the registration fees allows this to be validated.

### REGISTRATION AT THE CHARGE FROM THE PARTICIPANT

A reduced rate is reserved for individuals **who cover their own costs** of participating in the Congress and **are therefore not reimbursed**: volunteers from dioceses and/or parish bulletins, movements and services, media observers, researchers, students, etc.

The invoice must then be issued in the name of the registered person and sent to the personal address indicated on their registration form.

**The price for individual registration is set at €180 for three days** (excluding accommodation and meal costs).

On request addressed to the treasurer [captier@otrement.eu] before December 10, 2023, a special price can be granted to students, people looking for work or others, or to people who only participate in part of the Congress.

### HOW TO REGISTER?

You can register directly online at:

**evenement.otrement.info**

Failing this, you can also fill out the form at the end of this file and send it by post or email to the address indicated. You can attach your payment or pay by invoice. No online payment possible. **Only payment constitutes confirmation of registration.**

In any case, within ten days, you will receive an email with all the information necessary for your participation. Monitor your mailboxes and especially “spam”.

### PROGRAM AND PRACTICAL ASPECTS

You will find all the information for accommodation and catering on the following page.

The detailed program of work is updated regularly on our site: **medias-catholiques.fr** and we invite you to consult it.

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The symposium could be subject to the health rules in force at the time of the meeting. With regard to the documents to be presented, tests to be carried out if necessary and the actions to be taken, information will be communicated in good time and on site if necessary.

## MEETINGS, ACCOMMODATION, CATERING : WHAT YOU HAVE TO KNOW BEFORE REGISTERING

The number of participants in the *St. Francis de Sales International Congress* is limited by the material reception capacities. Only the first registrations will be taken into consideration. **A registration is confirmed by payment of the corresponding invoice.** Taking into account the agreements with our service providers, we regret to inform you that **modifications or cancellations (total or partial) occurring after January 1, 2024 will not give rise to any reimbursement.**

The plenary sessions take place in **the Hemicycle** where the Assembly of Bishops of France meets twice a year. The workshops will be held in the hemicycle and other rooms indicated on site. **All interventions will be given in two languages, French and English:** translation devices will be made available to you at the entrance to the rooms. Remember to return them when you leave.

In the large hall, a press table will be at your disposal, with free magazines and newspapers. You will also find a cloakroom and the "reception-information" bank there, and this is where coffee breaks will be taken.

### ACCOMMODATION

We have reserved rooms in two adjoining \*\*\* and \*\*\*\* hotels, in the immediate vicinity of the St. Joseph Door (main access to the sanctuaries), and in another \*\*\* hotel located a 2-minute walk away. If you want to know where there is availability, call +33 6 85 04 90 11 (or SMS) between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Hotel prices and locations are shown below. To benefit from these rates, **you must book your hotel with the FMC.** These prices cover the room, buffet breakfast and tourist tax.

So that the price of housing is not an obstacle, we can put you in touch with the *Cité Saint-Pierre du Secours Catholique*. You will then have to pay directly on site for the room + breakfast. The City is located 15 minutes away on foot.

### CATERING

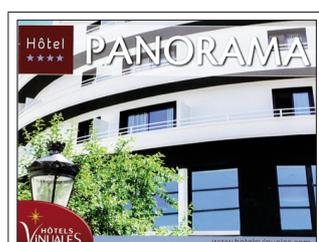
**Meals** contribute to conviviality and allow exchanges. From Tuesday evening, for the first arrivals, we offer to have dinner together, around a hot and cold buffet. Lunches on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will be taken in the classic way (sit-down meal). Dinners on Wednesday and Thursday will be served as a standing buffet (cold and hot), to facilitate contact. Thursday evening, festive buffet with the participation of a *Meilleur Ouvrier de France* cheese master.

On Friday, for people leaving by train from Paris at 12:57 p.m., a packed lunch is available upon reservation: it can be collected in the hall of the hemicycle. **It is essential to register for meals at the same time as the Congress.** No last minute registrations will be accepted on site.

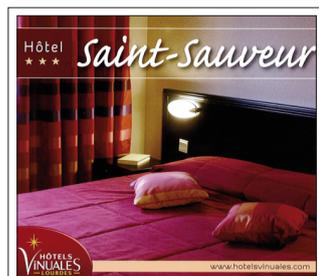
### SHUTTLES

Shuttles with railway station and airport of Tarbes-Lourdes will be offered depending on the possibilities and needs expressed.

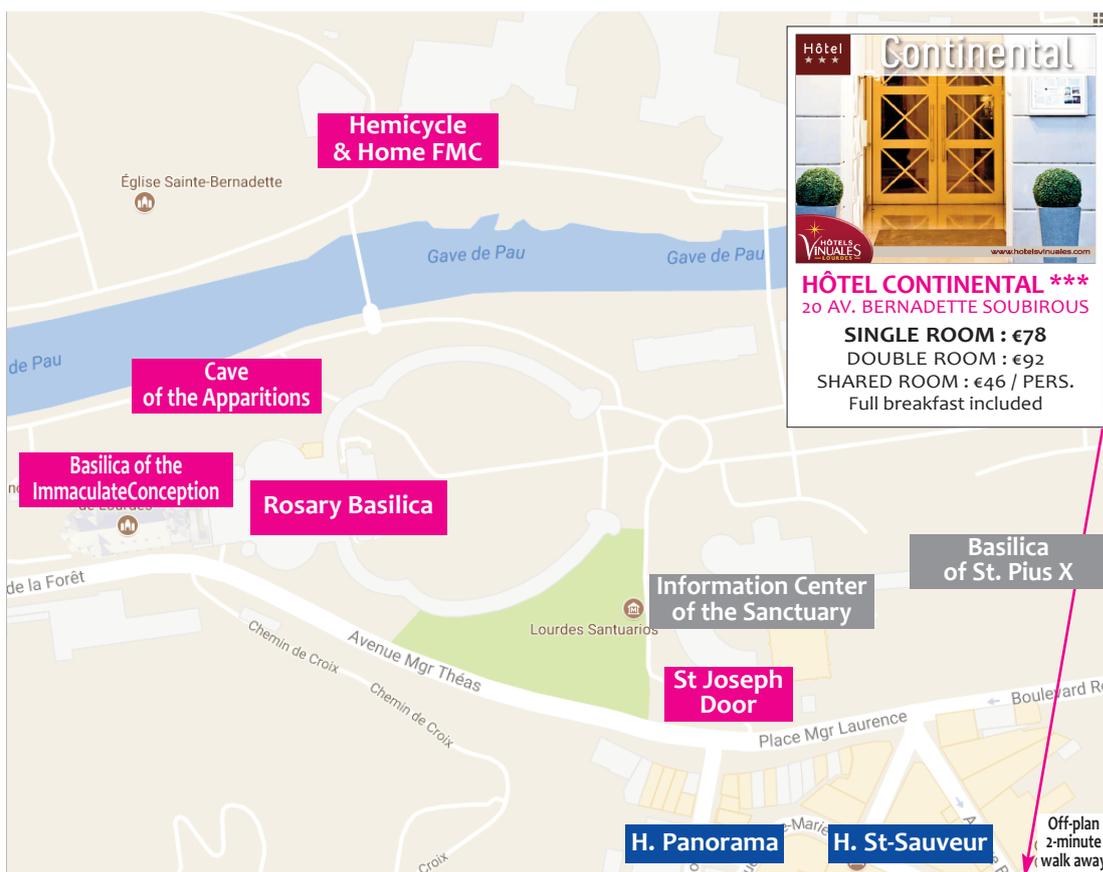
## LOCATIONS OF THE CONGRESS AND HOTELS



**HÔTEL PANORAMA \*\*\***  
 11-13 RUE SAINTE-MARIE  
 SINGLE ROOM : €130  
 DOUBLE ROOM : €158  
 SHARED ROOM : €80 / PERS.  
 Full breakfast included



**HÔTEL SAINT-SAUVEUR \*\*\***  
 9 RUE SAINTE-MARIE  
 SINGLE ROOM : €99  
 DOUBLE ROOM : €124  
 SHARED ROOM : €62 / PERS.  
 Full breakfast included



**HÔTEL CONTINENTAL \*\*\***  
 20 AV. BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS  
 SINGLE ROOM : €78  
 DOUBLE ROOM : €92  
 SHARED ROOM : €46 / PERS.  
 Full breakfast included

# REGISTRATION FORM



**SECURE REGISTRATION WEBPAGE ON [evenement.otrement.info](http://evenement.otrement.info)**

*If you are registering online, do not submit this form.*

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Complete the registration from legibly and send it **before Thursday, January 18, 2024.**

Email Address : [captier@otrement.eu](mailto:captier@otrement.eu)

Postal Address : Rencontres Internationales Saint François de Sales — FMC  
c/o SAS Ôtremont • 30 rue Drelon • F-63000 CLERMONT FERRAND • France  
Information : + 33 1 74 31 62 03 or + 33 6 85 04 90 11

Title \* : ..... Surname \* : ..... First name \* : .....

Address : .....

E-mail Address : .....

Phone Number (cell or landline) : ..... Function or profession \* : .....

Company, association or service \* : .....

Only items marked with an \* will appear on the badges and on the list of participants distributed to delegates. The others are confidential and allow us to manage your registration.

**The information relating to your registration will be sent to the address (email or postal) indicated above (vouchers for accommodation and meals, etc.)**

**IF YOUR MEDIA COMPANY OR YOUR SERVICE IS TAKING CARE OF THE REGISTRATION, PLEASE INDICATE TO WHOM WE SHOULD SEND THE INVOICE :**

Name of the organization : ..... For the attention of : .....

Address : .....

Phone Number : .....

## CALCULATE BY YOURSELF THE AMOUNT OF YOUR REGISTRATION :

	Price	Number	Price to pay
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registration is take in care by <b>your company or service</b> .....	€400	.....	.....
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Individual</b> registration (the bill is on your behalf) .....	€180	.....	.....
<b>ACCOMMODATION</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Single room <input type="checkbox"/> Double room <input type="checkbox"/> Shared room with another person [ Name : ..... ]			
Accommodation choice's : .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday night ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday night ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday night ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday night .....	The price depends on the type of accommodation you will choose	..... ..... ..... .....
<b>CATERING</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday January 23 : seated dinner .....	€35	.....	.....
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday January 24 : seated lunch .....	€40	.....	.....
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday January 24 : dinner / cold and warm buffet .....	€42	.....	.....
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday January 25 : seated lunch .....	€40	.....	.....
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday January 25 : dinner / cold and warm buffet .....	€48	.....	.....
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday January 25 : seated lunch .....	€40	.....	.....
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>OR</b> packed lunch on Friday (to be picked up at the FMC reception stand in the hemicycle) .....	€25	.....	.....

What is your mother tongue? ..... What other languages do you speak/understand? ..... **AMOUNT OF YOUR REGISTRATION :** .....

Means of transport :  Airplane Lourdes airport     Train     Car    Dates and time of arrival : .....    Dates and time of departure : .....

**Be very specific when filling in the line above. The free shuttles are set up according to the schedules indicated by the participants.**

For all payment by check from a non-EU bank, please add 50€ for banking fees. For payment by bank tranfer, please use the following account :  
Fédération des Médias Catholiques – Banque Populaire Auvergne Rhône Alpes, Agence de Clermont-Ferrand Les Carmes  
IBAN : FR76 1680 7003 1200 8219 4732 268 — BIC : CCBPFRPPGRE / Any transfer fees are the responsibility of the issuer.