



ST. FRANCIS AND THE SULTAN

Finding Peace in the Midst of Conflict

In the midst of the Crusades, the Sultan of Egypt Malek al-Kamil (nephew of Saladin) declared that anyone who delivered him the head of a Christian would be rewarded with a Byzantine gold piece. Fighting had been fierce and the Sultan wanted to put a definitive end to the conflict. By August 1219 his armies succeeded in defending the stronghold of Damietta, killing about 5,000 crusaders in the process.

then came **ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI...**

Join us as we explore the social milieu of Francesco Bernadone as a young boy and how these circumstances might have influenced him.

Journey with Francis through his conversion and the development of the early Franciscan movement as his vision of a “*Universal Fraternity*” evolves.

It is in the courts of the Sultan in Damietta, Egypt where we begin to understand Francis’ offer of peace and discover what the demands of peace truly are.

Here also, after close to 30 days in the tents of Sultan Malik-al-Kamil do we begin to see and understand the influence of their exchange not only upon the Sultan, but also upon Francis of Assisi, his letters, Franciscan spirituality and the Church!



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WHEN: Saturday, 18 November 2023

TIME: 10:00 AM ~ 4:00 PM

MASS: 4:00 PM ~ 5:00 PM

Suggested Donation: \$30.00/person
(light lunch, snacks and beverages incl.)

Space is limited, please pre-register
E-transfers accepted