Titus Brandsma Congress November 27-29, 2025

Venue: Istituto Maria SS. Bambina, Rome
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Arrival registration: November 26, 14:00 to 22:30
Opening hours: 6:00 a.m. to midnight

Meals:
Breakfast 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Lunch: 13:00
Dinner (only on November 29): 20:00

(Organization committee: Fernando Millán Romeral, Giovanni Grosso, Giovanna Brizi, Michael Plattig. Secretary: Elisabeth Hense Elisabeth.Hense@ru.nl)

Program

November 27, 2025 (chair Giovanni Grosso)

8.30 – **Morning prayer** (Januarius Elijah Mutinda)

9.15 – **Lectures** (20 minutes each, discussion in between) – Sala Luciani

- Word of Welcome (Fernando Millán Romeral)
- Titus Brandsma and the Liberating Power of Truth in John 8:32 (Lester Hallig)
- Titus Brandsma, the Resistance Fighter (Anne-Marie Bos)
- Journalists Ask for an Additional Patron Saint (Emmanuel van Lierde)

11.00 – **Coffee / Tea**

11.30 – **Lectures** (20 minutes each, discussion in between)

- Titus Brandsma and Animal Protection (Michael Plattig)
- A Contemplative Prophetic Brotherhood in the Midst of the People: Titus Brandsma and the Elian Prophetic Dimension of the Carmelite Charism (Francis Lefani Mwanza)
- Mysticism and the Everyday: Titus Brandsma and the Search for God in the Contemporary World (Bruno Schröder - online)

13.00 – **Lunch**

14.00 – **Free Time**

16.00 – **Coffee / Tea at CISA (Centro Internationale San Alberto)**

16.30 – **Tour through the Archive and the Library** (Giovanna Brizi / Giovanni Grosso)

18.00 – **Free Time**

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8.30 – **Morning prayer** (Januarius Elijah Mutinda)

9.30 – **Lectures** (20 minutes each, discussion in between) – Sala Luciani

- Titus Brandsma and Soreth (Patrick Mullins)
- Titus Brandsma and the Journaal *Ons Geestelijk Erf* (Rob Faesen)
- What Concept and Image of God for today? Inspiration taken from Titus Brandsma's Lecture *On the Concept of God* (Charlo Camilleri)

11.00 – **Coffee / Tea**

11.30 – **Lectures** (20 minutes each, in between discussion)

- Titus Brandsma: The Mission of the Dutch Carmelite Order to Malang-Indonesia in Decolonising Dimension of Colonisation Context (Edison Tinambunam)
- Societal Action Inspired by Titus Brandsma (Rico Ponce)
- A New Bibliography of and about Titus Brandsma (Henk Rutten - online)

13.00 – **Lunch**

15.30 – **Coffee and Tea**

16.00 – Silvio Maestranzi: *Le due croci* /*The two crosses* (introduction to the film Fernando Millan Romeral)

19.00 – **Free Time**

November 29, 2025 (chair Fernando Millán Romeral)

8.30 – **Morning prayer** (Januarius Elijah Mutinda)

9.30 – **Lectures** (20 minutes each, discussion in between) – Sala Luciani

- Titus Brandsma as a Carmelite Retreat Leader (Sanny Bruijns)
- The Poetry of St Titus Brandsma – an Underappreciated Part of His Oeuvre? (Marcin Polkowski)
- Titus Brandsma and Marian Spirituality in Rome: Santa Maria Antiqua and the Catacombs of Priscilla (Giovanni Grosso)

11.00 – **Coffee / Tea**

- 11.30 – Network Titus Brandsma Circle: Report of the Bursar, Elections of the President, Bursar, and Secretary by the Members of the Titus Brandsma Circle, Plans for the Next Congress in 2027 (Christian Körner, Fernando Millán Romeral)

  12.30 **Outbreak groups**

  13.00 – **Lunch**

  15.00 – **Tour to the Catacombs of Priscilla** (Giovanni Grosso)

  19.00 – **Mass**

  20.00 – **Dinner at Maria Bambina**

  Departure from Maria Bambina, Rome on November 30, 2025, no later than 9:30