

MYSTICISM: PARADISE LOST OR PROMISED LAND

International Congress

Centenary of the Doctorate of Saint John of the Cross

June 22 – 26, 2026

Teresianum (Rome) – CITEs-Universidad de la Mística (Ávila)

Monday, June 22: Saint John of the Cross, Mystical Doctor (Teresianum, Rome)

Morning

9:00 am: *1926 – 2026: The Doctorate of Saint John of the Cross*. **Speaker:** S. Giordano (In Italian)

10:00 am: *The Mysticism of Saint John of the Cross*. **Speaker:** I. Matthew (In English)

11:00 am: Break

11:30 am: *John of the Cross: Poet and Theologian*. **Speaker:** A. Escribano (In Spanish)

1:00 pm: Lunch

Afternoon – Experience Panel

3:30 pm: *Mysticism and Poetry*. **Speaker:** V. Herrero (In Spanish)

4:00 pm: *Mysticism and Contemplative Life*. **Speaker:** M. Manuela Romano (In Italian)

4:30 pm: *Mysticism and Art*. **Speaker:** B. Daelemans (In English)

5:00 pm: Break

5:30 pm: *Mysticism and Everyday Life*. **Speaker:** C. Eymar (In Spanish)

6:00 pm: *Mysticism and Ecology*. **Speaker:** I. Iadarola (In Italian)

6:30 pm: *Mysticism and Psychiatry*. **Speaker:** C. Cook (In English)

7:15 pm: Mass

8:15 pm: Dinner

Wednesday, June 24. The Mystical Experience: Sources and History (CITEs, Ávila)

Morning

8:00 am: Mass – Morning prayer

10:00 am: *What is Christian Mysticism?* **Speaker:** R. Williams (In English)

11:00 am: *The Church and Mysticism: Problems and Perspectives*. **Speaker:** M. Delgado (In Spanish)

12:00 pm: Break

12:30 pm: *Mysticism and Interreligious Dialogue*. **Speaker:** P. Tyler (In English)

2:00 pm: Lunch

Afternoon

4:30 pm: *Mysticism in the Feminine: The "Daughters" of Teresa and John*. **Speaker:** M. J. Pérez (In Spanish)

5:30 pm: Round Table – *The Mystical Experience* (Contents, History, Fields)

6:30 pm: Break

7:00 pm: 1st Paper Presentation

7:30 pm: 2nd Paper Presentation
8:00 pm: 3rd Paper Presentation
9:00 pm: Dinner

Thursday, June 25. Mysticism and Theology: The System (CITeS, Ávila)

Morning

8:00 am: Mass – Morning prayer
10:00 am: *Phenomenology of the Mystical Experience*. **Speaker:** Miguel G. Baró (In Spanish)
11:00 am: *Bible and Mysticism*. **Speaker:** S. Báez (In Spanish)
12:00 pm: Break
12:30 pm: *The Divine Attributes: Mystical Experience and Theology*. **Speaker:** D. Chardonnens (In Italian)
2:00 pm: Lunch

Afternoon

4:30 pm: *Mysticism and Performativity: Saint John of the Cross*. **Speaker:** J. A. Marcos (In Spanish)
5:30 pm: Round Table – *Mysticism and Theology* (System, Sources, Relations)
6:30 pm: Break
7:00 pm: 1st Paper Presentation
7:30 pm: 2nd Paper Presentation
8:00 pm: 3rd Paper Presentation
9:00 pm: Dinner

Friday, June 26. Mysticism with Open Eyes: Life (CITeS, Ávila)

Morning

8:00 am: Morning prayer
10:00 am: *The Mystical Experience as a Spiritual Path Today, in Light of Meister Eckhart*. **Speaker:** S. Bara (In Spanish)
11:00 am: *Mysticism and Modern Psychology*. **Speaker:** J. B. Lecuit
12:00 pm: Break
12:30 pm: *Mysticism and Neurosciences*. **Speaker:** F. J. Sancho (In Spanish)
2:00 pm: Lunch

Afternoon

4:00 pm: *John of the Cross: A Mystic for the Contemporary World*. **Speaker:** J. Robson (In English)
5:00 pm: Round Table – *Mysticism Today* (Environments, Dialogue, Perspectives)
6:00 pm: Break
6:30 pm: Closing Lecture. *Saint John of the Cross, Between the Summit of Ecstasy and Corporeal Visions*. **Speaker:** L. López Baralt (In Spanish)
7:30 pm: Mass
9:00 pm: Dinner