

## PROGRAM REFLECTS ON ITALIAN SAINTS BENEDICT AND FRANCIS



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Registration fee for this course is \$350 (plus some meals and housing) and 3 Continuing Education Units are available upon completion. Contact the Office of Continuing Education with questions at 412-924-1345 or [ConEd@pts.edu](mailto:ConEd@pts.edu). Learn more and register **online**.

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