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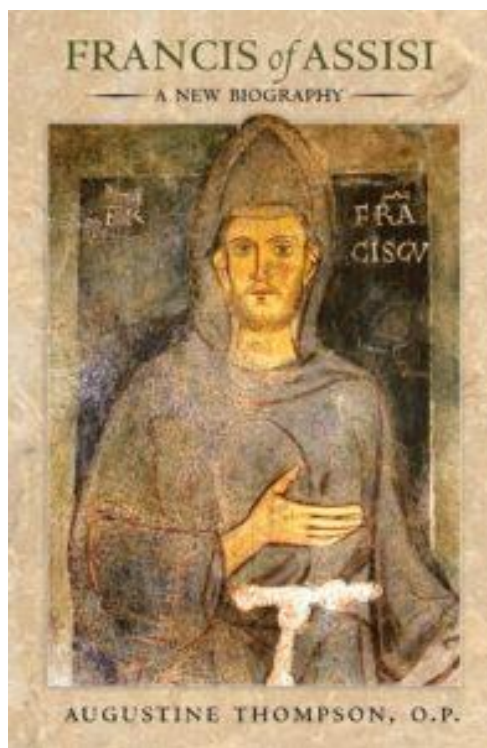
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Hunting the Little Poor Man of Assisi: Or, Why after 100 Years of Research I Still Had to Write Yet Another Life of St. Francis Assisi

Since the 1890s, Franciscan and non-Franciscan scholars have been searching for new sources for the life of St. Francis and subjecting them to intensive study and analysis. We now know more about the evidence for this beloved saint than ever before, but there was, until this biography, virtually no attempt to use all this information to reconstruct the “Historical Francis.” This lecture will explain the difficulties of interpreting this evidence and why those most involved in its study have avoided using it to create a new biography. It will then explain the speaker’s own approach and how it produced a very different picture of St. Francis from that popularly received.



Date: Thursday, September 15, 2022

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Please join us for the lecture online at the following link:

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