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The Life of the Poverello for the Sermons:
the testimonies of the collections of exempla

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Faculty Tower, Room 409, CEU, Nádor u. 9, Budapest

Francis of Assisi is one of the major saints of the Middle Ages. Many kinds of texts give testimonies about his life and miracles. We are going to focus on two specific and related set of sources: collections of exempla and sermons. If we compare the prologues of the collections of exempla of two Mendicant orders, the Dominican ones are more loquacious about their founder, St. Dominic; but if we compare the number of exempla dedicated to their respective founders, the Franciscan ones give much more detail about the Poverello’s gesta, verba and miracula. Our paper will try to understand how and why each type of exempla collection created a specific representation of St Francis. Then, we are going to compare this model of holiness with the one given by the Legenda aurea and contemporary sermons, especially those of Jacobus de Voragine (Sermones de sanctis).

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Wine and snacks afterwards!