

THE SULTAN AND THE SAINT

"The Sultan and The Saint" tells one of the great, lost stories from history.

Set during the terrible time of the Crusades, it speaks with urgency to our present times.

Two men of faith, one an itinerant Christian preacher, the other the ruler of a Muslim Kingdom, bucked a century of war, distrust, and insidious propaganda in a search for peace.

Date: Wednesday, October 3, 2018
Time: 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
Location: St. Mary's Basilica
 Social Hall



Movie Description

"The Sultan and The Saint" is the story of St. Francis of Assisi and the Sultan of Egypt, and their meeting on a bloody battlefield, when one of the largest Crusader armies ever assembled tried to conquer Egypt. This is big history, important history.

The film sheds light on the crusades origins of dehumanizing rhetoric towards non-Europeans and non-Christians and how this language tapped into something primal, dangerous and violent in the human mind. The Crusades resulted in four generations of escalating conflict and death.

It seemed to have no end. But then — while sliding on the evermore slippery road to apocalypse — Francis of Assisi undertook one of the bravest risks in the history of peace-making by crossing enemy lines to meet with the Sultan.

The Sultan in-kind responded with one of the greatest humanitarian acts in the history of warfare by saving the hated Crusaders from starvation when the flooding of the Nile trapped their army of 50,000.

