



The Meaning of the Logo

The logo of the Meeting, designed by Fr. Massimo Lelli Ofm, sums up the significant themes of this encounter. Twelve yellow stars and the colour blue bring to mind the flag of the European Community and the different countries of the continent.; the reddish brown *Tau* in the middle – together with the stars – evoke the biblical sign chosen by St. Francis and the contribution that the Franciscans have made during the course of the centuries to the development of our continent; the young people celebrating – almost blending in with the Franciscan *Tau* – represent the coming together of groups from different nations in order to rediscover the Christian and Franciscan roots of Europe.

The colour of the stars vary in intensity to indicate the hope that Francis of Assisi, through his experience of living a life devoted to the gospel, has given to Europe, a hope which can be reignited in our times by young people who wish to follow him. The number of the stars – twelve – also bring to mind the Virgin Mary (see Revelations 12,1), Mother of Hope, to whom Pope John Paul II wished to entrust the future of the peoples of Europe.