



## National Board

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

On Good Friday we recalled the death of Jesus by hanging him on a tree. On Easter Sunday, we celebrated how God raised Jesus on the third day. We remembered humiliation, death, and suffering. Do you remember your lowest moments and what you needed to hear? It was quite simple: good news! As Amy Welborn writes, "Well, here it is. Here's the best news of all: we're not alone in our suffering. God is there with us, in the thick of it, torn and buried. But now the tomb is empty. He is raised, and so are we, and so are all those who live and die in Christ." This is very, very good news.

**We have more goods to announce! On March 8<sup>th</sup>, the National Board hired Co-Executive Directors to begin in July. They are Sr. Carol Woods, SFMA and Br. Damian Novello, OSF.**

Sr. Carol, Vice Provincial Council Member of the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Assisi, is currently ministering as Director of Religious Education in a parish in Brooklyn, New York, where she resides. She has many years of experience in pastoral ministry and finance. Br. Damian, Assistant Superior General of the Franciscan Brothers of Brooklyn, also resides in Brooklyn. We are very excited about Sr. Carol and Br. Damian leading the Franciscan Federation into the future. **Congratulations and welcome!**

How about some more good news for us! Registration for the AFC – Celebration, 2016, is currently occurring. The Conference is June 17 – 20, at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center. We will be celebrating 50 years as a Federation with inspiring presentations,

fraternity, and a festive banquet honoring our past presidents and executive directors. Also, with a recommendation from the Dare To Image Ad Hoc Committee, we will be considering how the Federation will continue into the future. Please plan on joining us!

During this Easter Season of celebrating Jesus' resurrection, we pray that Jesus and the Holy Spirit continue to bless, watch over and guide the members of the Franciscan Federation.

Frank Scoraienchi, T.O.R.  
Federation Board Member

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## Franciscan Federation



### Annual Conference

#### Celebration 2016, "*Fifty Years of God's Love and Mercy*"

Our annual conference will be held at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center, June 17-20, 2016. Our presenters are **Mary Elizabeth Imler, OSF \***, **Edna Michel, OSF** and **David Couturier, OFM Cap**. Mary Elizabeth and Edna will provide reflection on the past and present of the Franciscan Federation and TOR life and charism, and David will give us some reflections on Franciscanism in today's world and its importance for the future. We



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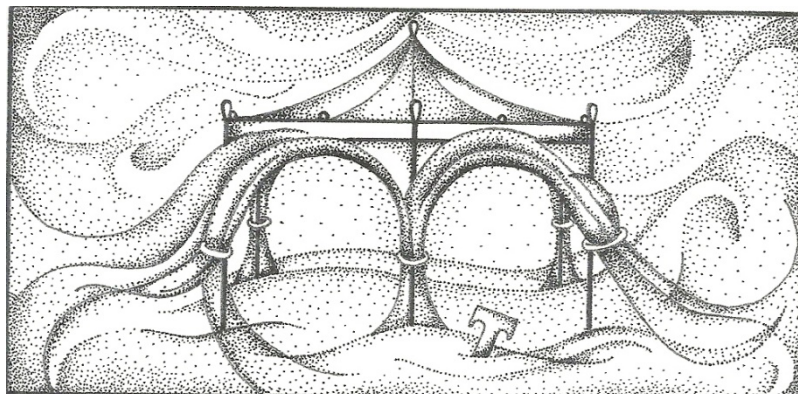
**to celebrate the good of the past,  
to honor the power of the present, and  
to grasp fresh possibilities for the future.**

Our honorees for our celebration will be the past Presidents and Executive Directors.

**\* NOTE: Due to illness, Sister Margaret will be unable to be with us.**

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**“Dare To Image!”**



Artist: Michelle

Corliss, OSF

Spending time with the motivating image from Dare to Image created by Michelle Corliss, OSF, gives rise to a unifying vision. Because it is a work of art, its meaning can express many truths and continues to challenge.

When I first saw the image I felt like the two open front flaps were like two eyes looking out to the world and perhaps also allow others to see what is inside. The wind is so beautifully expressed and reminds me that this is really the work of the Spirit and the Spirit moves us all. The Tau representing the Franciscan Charism is sitting outside the tent, reminding me that the Franciscan charism is for the world. The tent represents home but walls are open and free flowing.

Peggy Quinn OSF

Member of Dare to Image Ad Hoc Committee

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***"This is a transformative moment in the life of the Franciscan Federation. Through the Spirit alive among us, we want to breathe new life into the Franciscan Federation through an evolving organic process...that continues with an effort to encourage reflection, to deepen the spirit of "Dare to Image," and to broaden involvement. The basic premise: We're a Franciscan family and you're invited to "Widen the Space of your Tent" to give Franciscan witness and voice.***

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**Federation National Office**

**Franciscan Federation Executive Director Position**

The National Board of the Franciscan Federation has hired co-directors for this executive position. They are Carol Woods SFMA of Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Assisi and Damian Novello OSF of the TOR Franciscan Brothers of Brooklyn. They will assume their positions July 1, 2016. They will be presented to the assembly at Celebration 2016.

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**Be sure to check all the way to the end of the Retreat and Educational opportunities. New retreats and programs have been added.**

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## ***Announcing ... The Franciscan Common Ground Conference on Migration***

**This conference will take place from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm on Saturday, May 21, in the San Damiano Hall at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi at 129 W. 31st Street (between 6th and 7th Avenues), New York, NY.**

**Migration and immigration** are controversial issues that have divided many people. These twin concerns have provoked both favorable and hostile reactions toward the immigrant population here in the United States.

As followers of the poor man of Assisi, we cannot remain idle and noncommittal in light of these burning issues.

**Franciscan Common Ground will be a one-day conference on migration and immigration where members of the Franciscan Family and their partners-in-ministry will gather for a dialogue to firm up a collective call-to-action regarding these controversial issues.**

For more information visit the US Franciscans website at: FRANCISCAN COMMON GROUND

<http://usfranciscans.org/2016/02/29/franciscan-conference-on-immigration/>

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## **Commission of Elected Leaders (CEL)**

"We are Penitents from Assisi-Coming Home"

This year our annual conference celebrates the 50<sup>TH</sup> anniversary of the Franciscan Federation.

Among the presenters, Sr. Mary Elizabeth Imler and Edna Michel will offer reflections on the past and present of the Franciscan Federation and TOR life and charism. David Couturier, OFM Cap will share some of his reflections on Franciscanism in today's world and its importance for the future.

In light of this jubilee year, it is truly fitting that the **Franciscan Pilgrimage Program** has announced a new pilgrimage celebrating the richness of our TOR heritage and Rule and Life.

The pilgrimage is created around the core values of the Third Order Regular Rule: **Contemplation, Humility, Poverty and Conversion** with the common thread of *Fraternitas*.

The pilgrimage is scheduled for November 7-15, 2016 and is open to Associates and co-workers in the sponsored ministries of the Third Order Regular sisters and brothers.

Many of our sisters and brothers have made a pilgrimage and can attest to the many spiritual blessings that come from such an experience. They long to return home to Assisi. Many others have yet to go home to where it all began. The pilgrimage staff hopes to provide a leisurely and contemplative pace, dwelling a bit longer on the most significant holy places, celebrating the work of the Holy Spirit in and among us.

Consider joining this pilgrimage or offering the opportunity to your sisters and brothers as well as Associates and co-workers. Please contact Sister Mary Elizabeth Imler, osf at [mimler@stfrancis.edu](mailto:mimler@stfrancis.edu) . To allow for a meaningful experience, space will be limited.

Sr. Marie Puleo, mfic  
Member of the ECCEL

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## **Commission of Regions**

There is new life among the commission of Regions - as Psalm 118 says:

*This is the Door to Life; those who know Love shall enter through it.  
I give thanks to You, O Beloved, who answer our prayers*

*and invite us to new LIFE...*

*We welcome You into our hearts as Loving Companion Presence.*

Our recent meeting focused on NEW LIFE in our Regions. ECCOR members eagerly listened to our regional chairs speak to what was beginning to happen regarding CLUSTERS in each of the regions. Some Regions are very large so the possibilities of clustering will take some time, in others the process of clustering is beginning slowly. The present chairs agreed to work with their members and report the next steps or the decisions from their Region regarding clusters.

*CLUSTERING in the regions is a sign of new life and the ECCOR will be ready to give a summary report at Celebration 2016.*

The Commission of Regions has been served with great zest and energy by the members of the ECCOR. Now is the time for a new ECCOR representative for Pam Falter, OSF who will be leaving the executive committee in July. **Please consider stepping up and giving of your Franciscan energy to this important Commission. For further information you can reach Sister Kay at [kklackner@gbdioc.org](mailto:kklackner@gbdioc.org).**

Peace and all good,  
Eleanor Granger, OSF  
ECCEL member and vice-president of National Board

## Commission of Charism Services



### CCS)

The fourth practice in the series on Sabbath is **feasting**. And while food is a vital element to a feast, Sabbath feasting includes every aspect of our being – physical, intellectual, social, emotional, spiritual – and we also feast with music, beauty, food and

affection.

The Eucharist is the ultimate feast. It is the time we come together to pray, meditate, profess and be filled with God's spirit of love.

Many of us live extremely busy lives. And this busyness can be seen as a badge of honor for some, but it also can become a spiritual illness that has become so prevalent in our culture, in the church, and in our communities. This idea of busyness has become so common that we've been lulled into accepting it as "normal." But it's not.

Technology is in part to blame for this. The ease of access now means that work can appear right in your pocket. It is almost too difficult to resist and we often feel pressured to respond at all hours of the night or day, any day of the week.

If we are too busy to cease, rest, embrace, and feast, then we are certainly too busy to remember what God has done and is doing for us today. We may need to look deeper in how we live out our Franciscan vocation and ministering to God's people and care for Creation.

*WE all need Sabbath FEASTING.*

*Sabbath Feasting is taking time in the journey to live in gratitude for the greatest gift of all—the love of God in Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.*

*In the culture of overworked and ever-working Americans, the concept of a Sabbath in the midst of all this busyness can be a challenge.*

*We can reconnect by actively participating in Sabbath Feasting.*

*Let us praise God for the gift of Sabbath!*

Annie Dougherty OSF  
Member of ECCCS

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N.B. The CCS Executive Committee invites you to engage in Sabbath Keeping as we dare to image new ways to promote and live out a Franciscan way of life.

Nancy Miller, osf on behalf of the CCS Executive Committee

*Check the CCS Recourses on the webpage. Retrieve materials by going to the main page of the Franciscan Federation Website under organization to the CCS and click twice on the Franciscan Materials link.*

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**Sister Margaret Pirkl OSF  
July 7, 1928 - March 19, 2016**

**We extend our sympathy to the Franciscan Sisters of Rochester.**



The Franciscan Sisters of Rochester MN and the Federation have lost a special person. Sister Margaret Pirkl (Sister Cortona), 87, a Franciscan Sister of the Congregation of Our Lady of Lourdes, Rochester, MN, died March 19, 2016.

Margaret was part of many Federation endeavors:

Tampa: "Seeding a New Hope"

Winona: "Facing the Christ Incarnate"

Rye Beach: writing *Lineanemta* Response.

She published in The Cord, "Conversion with our Sister, Mother Earth" – Oct 1989; "Grieving for Earth" – Sept 1990, as well as a remarkable tract in the Franciscan Global Perspectives Series, "Francis' Attitude toward Our Sister Mother Earth: A Gift for our Age"

Vol 3, No 1 1989. Margaret was the initiator, coordinator and energizer behind the Franciscan Global Perspective Series which was published by the Franciscan Federation. Margaret was on the Spirit and Life Committee of the Franciscan Federation for six years. In 1989 she received the Franciscan Peacemaker Award at the Federation's national meeting.

Margaret also gave a special session on her design of an integrated curriculum for higher education, "Design for Choice Makers", fostering intellectual, personal and spiritual growth for Neumann College's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 1990. She was active with the Minnesota local chapter of FRANCISCANS INTERNATIONAL.

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**2015 AFC Resolution**



Be it resolved that we, as persons of faith in relationship with all of Creation, and in a privileged position of faith leadership within our society as members of the Franciscan Federation, are called to personal and communal reflection that leads to action to sustain our one planet Earth, so that all creation may share in the generous gifts of Earth provided by our Creator and Sustainer God. Climate change, especially those changes caused by human ignorance, indifference and greed, calls us to be prophets of change – to act in prophetic ways to halt human-induced abuse of Earth's resources that are given to be shared by all. As followers of St. Francis of Assisi we are called to right relationship with our Sister Mother Earth, our home.

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## **Franciscan Federation History Fun Facts**

### **Did you know:**

The Third Order Franciscan Federation has a long history of collaborating with other branches of the Franciscan Family. Sometimes the Federation began the process and at other times the Federation joined with other branches in establishing an organization. This collaboration began in 1971 with the Wheaton Conference, a week-long conference of Franciscan men and women in prayer and discussion. In 1983, the Federation was a part of the group that established the First Permanent Franciscan TOR organization – the CFI. In the late 80's, the Federation was again instrumental in the establishment of Franciscans International. In 94-95, there was a joint conference with the Friars. 1998 saw the establishment of Franciscan Family Council of which the Federation was a part. With this history of being involved in Franciscan activities, the Federation was also a part of the establishment of Franciscan Action Network in 2007. Then in the fall of 2013, the National Board of the Federation began the assessment for forming one Franciscan Family. This led to the establishment of the Dare to Image Committee out of the meeting in Chicago in April 2014.

What now is to become of all of these efforts? We have the ability to take the next steps.

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## **Region 2**

Sister Sandra Lyons shares Region 2 Steering Committee's efforts to enhance Federation membership and attendance at Celebration 2016. Steering Committee members who made the trip to Jamaica, West Indies: Sandra Lyons, Bernardine Franciscan Sisters, Pat Brennan, School Sisters of St. Francis and Chris Tenn, Franciscan Sisters of Allegany. This is the third installment of three.

Update from 1/5/16 from Region 2 members of Franciscan Federation:

On 1/4/16 we traveled by bus with students from Siena College in New York for a tour of the prominent sights around Kingston, Jamaica: International University for all of West Indies Islands, hospital, Freedom Park, embassies, and visited residents of several ghetto areas where Sr. Grace Yap OSF ministers.

We traveled on 1/5/15 to Montego Bay, west side of Jamaica, by commercial tour bus (filled to capacity) to stay with the Compassionate Franciscan Sisters of the Poor – indigenous Filipinos and a congregation started by another Franciscan Sister of Allegany

in the Philippines. Unfortunately, she became ill and is no longer mentoring them. They reside in a convent that had been passed on to them by the Allegany Franciscan Sisters. We passed palatial all-inclusive hotels on the Caribbean Sea with easy backyard access to beaches.

The sisters minister in a hospice and a general clinic, both of which we visited while meeting many clients of the hospice. Two of us dipped into the Caribbean Sea for refreshment! Info on sisters at: [www.crosscatholic.org/0361](http://www.crosscatholic.org/0361). Over one supper meal we introduced the four sisters, including Sister Joy, the new General Superior, to the Franciscan Federation, including the Next Generation Mentors program, as she, Sr. Joy, admits that they are floundering as a small congregation from lack of Franciscan resources – mostly exposed to other spiritual traditions during retreats and presentations. She now plans to order the Franciscan Prayer Book for her small group of sisters as one way to augment their lives in “FrancisClarian” traditions; is very interested in formator theological/spiritual education.

The sights and sounds of our return to Kingston on Thursday included visits to the rain forest areas of Dunns River Falls and Turtle River Falls and Gardens, including an Aviary, all of which filled our hearts and souls with beauty and inspiration and exercised our bodies to their heights of exhaustion – steps, steps and even more steps!

We fly out of Kingston tomorrow with an 8-hour layover in Atlanta and then arrival in Allentown.

Edit from the update of 1/5/16: the crayfish soup we had at the Porziuncula Farm was janga soup, not ganga (marijuana) soup- sorry about the scandal!

In summary, it is the hope of the Region 2 Steering Committee that there may be new membership in the Franciscan Federation and several Jamaican Sisters participating in the AFC 2016!

Their interest was encouraging.

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## **Next Generation Franciscan Mentors**

We sponsor an annual conference for those who are helping form our next generation of Franciscans. This conference is for you if you help in the formation of

- Franciscan vowed religious
- Secular Franciscans
- Associates/affiliates/co-journers
- High school or university students
- Volunteers in Franciscan-based service programs

- Those with a Franciscan heart

The conference is June 14-17, 2016. The theme is: **Mentoring: Meeting the challenges and changes of our world today.**

The conference presenter is Franciscan Fr. David Couturier, OFM, Cap., Dean of the School of Franciscan Studies at St. Bonaventure University

The annual conference is held at the Portiuncula Center for Prayer (The Port), 9263 W. St. Francis Road, Frankfort, IL 60423.

Note this conference is scheduled so participants can easily travel from this conference to the Franciscan Federation conference in Milwaukee WI.

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## **The Christine Center**

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Willard WI 54493  
[christinecenter@tds.net](mailto:christinecenter@tds.net)  
[www.christinecenter.org](http://www.christinecenter.org)

**Aging into Higher Consciousness:  
*Awake the Potential to Shape Aging*  
April 13-15 (Wed.-Fri.) Begins at 7 pm  
With Delmarie Gibney, FSPA  
and Lucia Leck  
Tuition: \$150, plus meals and lodging.**

During this interactive workshop, we will awaken to new ways of engaging in our aging process, including life review, forgiveness work, issues surrounding our mortality, and the essential role of spiritual development in our later years, including serving others and leaving a legacy.

**The Compassionate Heart  
May 1-4 (Monday-Wednesday)  
With Henrita Frost, SSND and  
Johanna Seubert, FSPA, DMA  
Tuition: sliding scale \$75-\$150, plus meals  
and lodging.**

Discover the power of the human heart for compassion. Empowered by the practice of Loving Kindness Meditation allow yourself to engage in a

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## **Oldenburg Franciscan Center**

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Website: [oldenburgfranciscancenter.org](http://oldenburgfranciscancenter.org)  
Blog: [www.peaceandgood.wordpress.com](http://www.peaceandgood.wordpress.com)

**Transforming Our Inner Critic  
Presenter: S. Olga Wittekind, PhD & Claire Sherman, PhD  
Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
9:30 am – 2:30 pm  
\$45 includes lunch / \$65 CEU's & lunch**

journey with compassion. Sense it flowing from your experience of self-compassion and moving to embracing all beings and the environment with an all-inclusive loving kindness – omitting none, as we offer healing to the Global Community. Finally, we will take time together to weave compassionate actions. Surprise yourself with your capacity for love and compassion. Reflections about *The Charter for Compassion International* will aid us as we journey with compassion.

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### **St. Anthony Spirituality Center**

**300 E Fourth Street  
Marathon, WI 54448  
715-443-2236  
info@sarcenter.com  
www.sarcenter.org**

#### **Praying Three Ways**

April 22-24

with Sr. Jolynn Brehm, FSPA

This retreat will explore and practice of three types of prayer: praying with icons, Visio Divina and creating mandalas. Learn more at <http://sarcenter.com/calendar/>

#### **Nature as a Spiritual Practice**

April 29-May 1

with Mark Mehlos, spiritual director

This retreat is about remembering. Separated as we have been from the natural world for generations, relearning our shared language with creation is a slow but essential prayer that draws memories back into the present. Nature, of which we are a part, draws ancient memories and wisdom into the present through a language of its own. Learn more at <http://sarcenter.com/calendar>

#### **St. Clare of Assisi: Standing Tall in Truth**

June 12-17

with Sr. Roberta Doneth and Sr. Patricia Froning,  
Sisters of St. Francis

Join us as we reflect on the strength, the courage and the fire of compassion that led this woman and her sisters in following the Gospel. Together we will consider the gifts Clare leaves us and what it may

#### **Pope Francis: On Care of Our Common Home**

**Presenter: S. Olga Wittekind & S. Donna Graham**

Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016

9:30 am – 2:30 pm

\$45 includes lunch

We will reflect on the pastoral of Pope Francis, *Laudato SI' On Care of Our Common Home*, looking at the challenge it presents to us.

#### **Transitions: Crossing Life's Thresholds**

**Presenter: S. Olga Wittekind, PhD & Claire Sherman, PhD**

Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016

9:30 am – 2:30 pm

\$45 includes lunch / \$65 CEU's & lunch

We go through many transitions in our lives that can be compared to stepping through a door, or crossing a bridge into someplace new.

Come learn how liminal changes can bring about growth and new life

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### **Inter-Franciscan Formation Programs**

This program gathers Franciscan men and woman in formation (all levels) twice a year at Graymoor in Garrison, NY. Workshops are presented on Franciscan themes led by Franciscan men and women. The next program:

**November 8-11, 2016 Dan Horan, OFM**

**March 7-10, 2017 Sr. Kathy Warren, OSF**

The programs all take place at Graymoor, Garrison, NY

#### **The contact information is;**

Ron Pecci, OFM

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mean for us today in the 21st century. Learn more  
at <http://sarcenter.com/calendar>

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## Marywood Franciscan Spirituality Center

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[www.marywoodsc.org](http://www.marywoodsc.org)

### **Mary: A Second Look through Art, Literature and Faith**

April 29-May 1, 2016  
Friday 5:30 p.m. to Sunday 10:00 a.m.  
Facilitators: Lee Ann Niebuhr, Joyce Heil and  
Elizabeth Amman, OP  
Register by Friday, April 22.  
Fee: \$285.00 with a private room in a shared cabin  
on the shores of Trout Lake.  
Commuter: \$185.00. Deposit: \$100.00.

### **Seeing With the Heart: Haiku Meditation Experience**

May 13-14, 2016  
Friday 7:00-9:00 p.m. -  
Saturday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
Presenter: Tom Roberts  
Register by Monday, May 2.  
This is a meditation retreat, not a poetry class. Fee:  
\$150.00 includes private room in a shared lakeside  
cabin and all needs.

### **Vacation with a Purpose: Watercolor Retreat**

May 29 - June 3, 2016  
Director: Karen Kappell, FSPA  
Register by Tuesday, May 3.  
Classes will run from 9 to 3 Monday thru Friday.  
Bring tube watercolors, brushes, misters, palettes  
and any watercolor supplies. Materials will be  
available for use and purchase. Details will be sent  
when you register.  
Fee: commuters: \$250.00, residents \$450.00 with  
private room, arrival in the afternoon of May 29.

### **Directed Retreat**

June 5-11, 2016  
Sunday 5:30 p.m. to Saturday 10:00 a.m.

## Sisters of St. Francis

St. Francis Spirituality Center  
200 St. Francis Ave  
Tiffin OH 44883  
[www.tiffinfranciscans.org](http://www.tiffinfranciscans.org)

### **Directed Retreat April 24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 “With a Listening Heart”**

**Directors:** Sr. Breta Gorman, RSM Fr. Tom  
Bishop, Sr. Pat Froning, OSF, Sr. Roberta  
Doneth, OSF

Cost: \$470 full retreat; \$350. Commuter.

To register: [peace@franciscanretreats.org](mailto:peace@franciscanretreats.org) or 419-  
443-1485.

### **“Meeting the Merciful God”**

3 ½ day Conference Retreat. **May 1-5 (Sun –  
Thurs)** – SFH chapel Fr. Nick Weibl,  
director. This retreat will focus on God’s gracious  
mercy, not only in this Year of Mercy, but  
always. 4 PM Sunday – after brunch on Thurs.) –  
2 conferences per day (Non-SFH residents may stay  
in SFSC) Cost: \$250.

### **“Praying with Laudato Si”**

Guided Retreat, **June 24 – July 1 (Fri.-Fri.)** Fr.  
Vince Peterson, OFM, Conv.,  
director One conference per day,  
including prayer/ritual and optional opportunity  
for individual direction  
session. Cost: \$460. Commuter \$320.

### **“The Burning Bush”**

Guided week-long Retreat, **July 10-17<sup>th</sup>**  
**Presenter:** Sr. Margaret Mach, SC,  
One conference per day, plus optional daily ritual.  
As a potter, Sister Margaret believes the process of  
centering, opening and firing serve as metaphor for  
our spiritual journey. 4 PM Sunday – 10 AM  
Sunday. Cost: \$460; Commuter \$320.

### **“Opening To God”**

An individually directed retreat: **July 24-31** Sr.  
Joanne Mary Frania, SND & Sr. Ellen Lamberjack,  
OSF, directors.

Retreat includes a daily personalized session with a  
director and an optional prayer/ritual at the close

Retreat Director: Janet Mallak, SSND  
Register by May 13.  
Include a \$100.00 deposit (refundable if reservation is cancelled by register-by date).  
Fee \$550.00, includes spiritual direction and all needs, plus lodging in a private room in a shared lakeside cabin.

**Watercolor for Beginners: Vacation with a Purpose**

June 26 - July 1, 2016  
Instructor: Karen Kappell, FSPA  
Register by Tuesday, June 7.  
Monday thru Friday, 9:00 - 3:00  
Quality paints and soft watercolor brushes are important. If you are not sure what supplies to purchase, you are advised to wait until after or during the workshop. More details will be sent when you register. Limit of 8.  
Fee: commuters: \$250.00; residents \$450.00 to arrive by 5 p.m. June 26.

**Retreat: Praying the Psalms**

July 8-12, 2016  
Friday 5:30 p.m. to Wednesday 1:00 p.m.  
Presenter: Marla Lang, FSPA  
Register by Monday, June 13.  
You will receive the book, Spirituality of the Psalms by Walter Brueggemann at the retreat. Spiritual direction will be available as part of the retreat.  
Fee: residents \$375.00 includes all needs and a private room in a shared lakeside cabin. Include a \$100.00 deposit (refundable if reservation is cancelled by June 13). Commuters \$170 .00 (deposit \$50.00).

For more information on these retreats see [marywoodsc.org/retreats.php](http://marywoodsc.org/retreats.php)

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of the day. 4 PM Sunday – 10 AM Sunday. Cost: \$470; Commuter: \$350.

**“Journey Into God”**

An individually Directed Retreat.

**September 18-25<sup>th</sup>**

Sr. Mary Dean Pfahler, SND & Sr. Edna Michel, OSF, directors. Retreat includes a daily personalized session with a director and an optional prayer/ritual at the close of the day.  
4 PM Sunday – 10 AM Sunday. Cost: \$470; Commuter: \$350.

**“Eucharist: Diamond in our Midst”**

3 ½ day Conference Retreat, **October 16-20** SFH chapel

Sr. Edna Michel, director.

4 PM Sunday – after brunch Thurs. 2 conferences per day  
(Non SFH residents may stay at SFSC) Cost: \$250.

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**Chiara Center**

A Franciscan place of spirituality  
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Web: [www.chiaracenter.org](http://www.chiaracenter.org)

**Directed Retreat: June 19-24, 2016**

A time of prayer, silence and solitude with daily opportunity to meet with spiritual director  
Cost: 3 days (Sun. - Wed) \$369  
4 days (Sun. - Thurs.) \$463  
5 days (Sun- Fri.) \$556

Includes guest room, food and spiritual direction

Massage: available for additional fee.

Visit web site for brochure

**Message from the Mystics**

July 17-22, 2016

Facilitator: Kathleen Davis

Messages of Julian of Norwich, Francis of Assisi, Hildegard of Bingen, John of the Cross, Teresa of Avila, Thomas Merton and more will be explored. Each day begins with prayer and morning session. Optional group gathering for discussion offered each evening. This is a silent



## Franciscan Pilgrimage Programs

### TOR Pilgrimage

**“We are Penitents of Assisi - Coming Home”**

#### The Franciscan Pilgrimage

**Program**, experiencing incredible gratitude and yes, the ongoing conversion that unfolds in Assisi's journey, is pleased to ANNOUNCE a new pilgrimage

- **Assisi, November 7-15, 2016**
- **Cost: from NY \$3600.00**
- Leaders: **Mary Elizabeth Imler OSF**
  - **and Giles Schinelli TOR**

**This** Pilgrimage will celebrate the richness of **TOR heritage and Rule and Life**. It particularly **WELCOMES** all TOR Franciscans together with their Companions, Associates, Cojourners AND co-workers in sponsored ministries.

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## Holy Spirit Retreat Center

3864 420th Ave  
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Phone: 507-234-5712

E-mail: [retreat@frontiernet.net](mailto:retreat@frontiernet.net)

Web: [www.holyspiritrc.org](http://www.holyspiritrc.org)

### Quiet Retreat

**Dates: 5:30 pm dinner Sunday, June 5, 2016  
to Sunday June 12, 2016 noon brunch**

**Directors: Ss. Charlotte Hesby, JoAnn  
Haney, Monique Schwirtz**

This is an opportunity for a private, meditation, or

retreat.

**Cost: \$500, Massage available, additional fee  
Visit web site for brochure**

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Chiara center can help create sacred time away by providing resources from trusted spiritual leaders. Choose your retreat journey at Chiara Center using the audio or DVD series to create your own retreat. Retreat must be a minimum of three days and two nights. Arrival times flexible. **Cost: 3 days, 2 nights: \$240 inclusive of guest room, meals, retreat resources including CD/DVD player. Each additional day is \$65 inclusive of meals.**  
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## Franciscan Center

3010 North Perry Avenue  
Tampa FL 33603  
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813-229-2695

### Silent Directed Retreat

June 23 (5 PM) - 30 (1 PM)

Please register by May 31.

Fee: \$448

### Conscious Contact Women's Retreat:

#### Emotional Sobriety

July 22 (5 PM) - 24 (11:30 AM)

Presenter: Linda Fischer ASC

Please register early with a non-refundable deposit of \$50, balance due July 11.

Fee: \$174/Single, \$139/Double

For more information and to register please visit [franciscancentertampa.org](http://franciscancentertampa.org), or call 813-229-2695

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## School of Franciscan Studies St. Bonaventure University 2016 Summer Courses

### Francis: His Life and Charism - July 4-15

Dr. Joshua Benson

### St. Bonaventure on Truth, Beauty and Goodness - July 4-22

Dr. Anthony Murphy

directed retreat -- you decide what your heart needs at this time. We will provide meals and the quiet of our peaceful lakeside setting along with optional daily group prayer, meditation times, liturgy and group sharing of experiences and questions in meditation practice. Our experienced spiritual directors will be available for one-to-one sessions for those who wish. This is **your time** to plan and use as best suits you.

**Franciscan Retreat:  
"Reflecting the Mirror"**

Presenter: Sister Ramona Miller, OSF

Dates: Monday, June 27, 5:30 dinner to Sunday,  
July 3, noon brunch/ lunch

Clare of Assisi was introduced to the world in 1228 by Thomas of Celano, he named seven virtues of Clare that have a contemporary ring. During this retreat we will illustrate how these qualities were operative in Clare's life, and how they remain vital for us in today's spirituality. Two conferences a day with Liturgy and time for personal prayer and reflection, silence and beautiful setting to be with nature.

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## **The Franciscan Spiritual Center**

**609 S. Convent Rd.  
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[fsc@osfphila.org](mailto:fsc@osfphila.org)  
[www.fscaston.org](http://www.fscaston.org)**

**Mini-Sabbath:**

**Rediscovering and Renewing Passion on the  
Spiritual Journey  
July 10-31, 2016**

Michael Laratonda FMS, Guest presenters  
\$1,800 (all inclusive)

**Summer Retreats:**

**Preached Retreat: Praying the Psalms in  
Liturgy and Life  
May 23-29, 2016**

Fr. Charles Faso OFM  
\$425 (\$75 deposit)

**Anti-Catholic Bias in America-Yesterday  
and Today: A Franciscan Perspective - July  
4-15**

Kyle Haden, OFM

**Women and Gender in Islam: From  
Revelation to Revolution- July 4-15**

Michael Calabria, OFM

**Clare and Franciscan Women - July 11-29**

Dr. Jean Francois Godet-Calogeras

**Survey of Franciscan History - July 11-29**

Dominic Monti, OFM

**Development of the Franciscan Person -  
July 11-29**

David B. Couturier, OFM, Cap

**Franciscan Women's Conference - July  
12-15**

Dr. Marco Bartoli  
Florence Deacon, OSF, PhD  
Dr. Amy Koehlinger

(The organizers seek to bring together women and men who are living the Franciscan tradition in various ways - as members or associates of the three Franciscan orders, coworkers in Franciscan institutions, etc. - with academic scholars who want to bring their research into a mutually enriching conversation with a broader audience.)

**The Newly Discovered Life of Francis by  
Celano - July 14, 2016, 7:30 PM**

Jacques Dalarun

**Secular Franciscan Conference - July  
25-29**

Julie McElmurry, MS

For further information, please contact :

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**Preached retreat: "Do Not be Afraid of  
Tenderness, Mercy, Love."**

**June 13-19, 2016**

Fr. Anthony Ciorra

\$425 (\$5 deposit)

**Guided Retreat "Song of Songs: A  
Celebration of the Many Faces of Love"  
and July 17-23, 2016**

Michael Laratonda FMS

\$425 (\$75 deposit)

**Directed Retreat**

**July 25-31, 2016**

Mary Walsh OSF, Mary Killoran OSF

\$425 (\$75 deposit)

Sister Julia Keegan, OSF

609 S. Convent Road

Aston, PA 19014

Email: [jkeegan@osfphila.org](mailto:jkeegan@osfphila.org)

**Guided Retreat: The Long and Winding  
Road: "Journeying Through the Gospel of  
Luke"**

**August 8-14, 2016**

Clare D'Auria

\$425 (\$75 deposit)

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**Shalom Spirituality  
Center** (formerly Shalom Retreat Center)

**1001 Davis Street**

**Dubuque, Iowa 52001**

**[www.shalomretreats.org](http://www.shalomretreats.org)**

**(563)-582-3592 [Ext. 20]**

**Centering Prayer April 2016**

Date & Time: Monday, April 18, from 7 to 8pm

Registration not required.

Freewill offerings accepted.

**T'ai Chi Chih**

Instructor: Marian Klostermann OSF

> Marian has practiced and taught T'ai Chi for more  
than 26 years.

Date & Time: A 6-session series on Wednesday

## **Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls**

**116 Eighth Avenue Southeast**

**Little Falls,**

**MN 56345**

**2981**

**org**

**(320)632-**

**www.fslf.**

**Retreat: *Following Jesus: Reading the  
Gospels through the Franciscan Lens,*"**

**Date:** Friday, August 5 (7 p.m.) – Thursday,  
August 11 (12 noon), at St. Francis Convent, Little  
Falls.

**Presenter:** Sister Mary Beth Ingham,

**Retreat cost:** \$490 includes room and board,  
three meals a day, snacks and the presenter's  
fee. **Commuter Rate:** is \$130.

For more information, or to register by July 25 with  
a \$50 non-refundable deposit, contact (320)632-  
0668 or

email: [franciscanllife@fslf.org](mailto:franciscanllife@fslf.org); [www.fslf.org](http://www.fslf.org).

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## **PORTIUNCULA CENTER FOR PRAYER**

[www.portforprayer.org](http://www.portforprayer.org)

**9263 West St. Francis Road**

**Frankfort, IL 60423**

**[info@portforprayer.org](mailto:info@portforprayer.org)\*815.464.3880**

**AN AA RETREAT: LIFE BEYOND  
ADDICTION**

**Date/Time:** 10:00 a.m. Saturday, June 11 to  
Noon Sunday, June 12

**Fee:** \$135 (includes program, meals, private room)  
\$85 for Commuter (program & meals)

This weekend we will tap into the wisdom of the  
late counselor and author, Ernie Larsen, who  
described two major Stages of Recovery:

Abstinence and REbuilding

**Facilitator: Linda Fisher, ASC** has been a  
grateful recovering alcoholic for the past 20 years

**WOMEN'S RETREAT: LIVE LIFE FULLY –  
COLOR YOUR LIFE**

**Dates/Time:** Wednesday, June 22, 5:30 p.m.  
(Dinner) to Sunday, June 26, Noon

(Brunch) Registration 3:00-5:00 p.m. Opening  
session Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

**Fee:** \$350 includes retreat, optional Spiritual  
Direction, meals, and private room.

**Single-Day Option:** Thursday, Friday, and  
Saturday (June 23, 24, 25) 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

mornings, begins April 20, from 8:30 to 9:30am.  
Continues April 27, and May 4, 11, 18, & 25.  
Offering: \$45 for the 6-session series.  
Register & prepay by Friday, April 15.

### **Leading Like Francis: Building God's House**

Presenter: Carl Koch

Date & Time: Sat., April 23, from 9am to 3pm

This day of retreat will be based on Carl's book, **Leading Like Francis — Building God's House**. Jesus and St. Francis of Assisi call us to be servant leaders. By the end of our day together, we should all understand our calling to be servant leaders in the footsteps of Jesus, Francis of Assisi, and now Pope Francis.

Offering: \$40, includes lunch and snacks.

Register by Tuesday, April 19.

Koch's book is available in the Shalom gift shop.

### **Praying With Poetry**

Presenter: Rhonda Miska

Date & Time: Sat., April 30, from 9am to 4:30pm

Offering: \$40 includes lunch.

Register & prepay by Tuesday, April 26.

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## **Rochester MN Franciscans**

Assisi Heights

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mail: [ahsc@rochesterfranciscan.org](mailto:ahsc@rochesterfranciscan.org)

<https://www.rochesterfranciscan.org/what-we-do/spirituality-center-ahsc.html>

Retreat fee: \$450 (Includes meals and lodging).

Commuter discount rate: \$250.

### **Our Franciscan Response to a World in Need**

*Sunday, May 22, 6:30 p.m. — Saturday, May 28, 10:30 a.m.*

Sister Joanne Schatzlein, OSF and Fr. Marty Pable,  
OFM Cap

includes lunch; group sessions (9:30-Noon and 4:00-5:00) with afternoon free. \$60

### **Thursday, June 23: "Live Fully in the Circle of Life"**

Thursday morning we will tap into the wisdom of the Lakota Medicine Wheel and gain insights from the colors associated with the seasons, values, and all aspects of creation we encounter on the unwinding path of our ordinary and fruitful lives. **Facilitator: Sister Janice Keenan, OSF**

### **Friday, June 24: "Chakras and the Rainbow Bridge"** **We will build a "Rainbow Bridge" between earth and heaven as we journey with the spirituality of the**

**chakras. Facilitator: Sister Norma Janssen, OSF** is Director of the Poverello Holistic Center on the grounds of St Francis Woods where she works as both a massage therapist and spiritual director.

### **Saturday, June 25: "Mindfulness Meditation and Yoga"**

Please wear comfortable clothes. This class is suitable for all levels of yoga practitioners, including beginners.

**Facilitator: Emily Miller** graduated from Moksha Yoga Center's teacher training program in 2009

## **FRANCISCAN RETREAT**

### **A CANTICLE OF SISTER WATER FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY**

**"Christ is never without water" (Tertullian)**

**Dates/Time:** Saturday July 9, 5:30 p.m. (Dinner) to Saturday, July 16 to Noon (Brunch) Registration begins at 2:00 p.m.

**Fee:** \$510 (retreat, private room, meals)

**Commuter:** \$310 (retreat and lunch)

**Facilitator: Anne Amati, OSF** is a Sister of St. Francis of Philadelphia.

### **SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT: BE IN TOUCH WITH THE SILENCE**

**Dates/Time:** Wednesday, July 27, 5:30 p.m. (Dinner) to Sunday, July 31 Noon (Brunch)

Registration from 3:30-5:00 p.m.; Opening Session at 7:00 p.m.

**Fee:** \$350 (includes private room, meals, and individual spiritual direction) A six day retreat may be arranged concluding on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Additional fees will apply.

**Single-Day Option:** July 28, 29, 30

During this retreat Sr. Joanne Schatzlein and Fr. Marty Pable will explore various dimensions or themes that emerge as we ponder our Franciscan response to the many challenges and needs in our world today. Through conferences, art, music and readings retreatants will be invited to plumb the depths of our Franciscan spirituality and consider ways to “do what is ours to do.”

***Wisdom from Francis of Assisi for the  
21<sup>st</sup> Century***

*Sunday, June 5, 6:30 p.m. – Saturday, June 11,  
10:30 a.m.*

Sister Kathy Warren, OSF and Fr. Jim Russell  
This retreat will consider some of the writings of Francis of Assisi to discover an ageless wisdom for our contemporary challenges. We invite you to join us as we seek the timeless insights of St. Francis of Assisi and apply that wisdom to our daily lives here in this time and place in history.

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**Music @ the Monastery** continues **Sunday, April 10 at 4:00 PM** in the monastery church. Washington DC organist Carolyn Booth presents a program of works by Matthias Weckmann, Louis-Nicolas Clerambault, Louis Vierne, G.T. Thalben-Ball and Percy Whitlock.

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July 5-8: Dr. Michael Guinan, OFM

from 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

**Fee:** \$60 per day includes spiritual direction and lunch.

The Directed Retreat promises an environment that fosters silence, solitude, prayer, rest, and renewal as you find yourself surrounded by the beauty of St. Francis Woods.

**Spiritual Directors:** **Janice Keenan, OSF, Father Terry Johnson, and Sue Carter,** a Certified Spiritual Director.

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**The Franciscan Spirituality  
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**2016 Retreats:**

**Silent Directed Retreat**

April 15-20  
Presenters: FSC spiritual directors

**Quiet Prayer: A Brush Meditation Retreat**

April 22-24  
Presenter: Tom Roberts

**The Sacred Art of Listening: Weekend  
Retreat**

April 29-May 1  
Presenter: Kay Lindahl

**Icon Writing: The Myrrh-Bearing Women  
(Advanced)**

May 15-21  
Instructor: Phil Zimmerman

**Wheels of Time and Place: Art Nature  
Journaling**

June 9-12  
Presenters: Janet Moore and Jan Wellik

**The Spirit of Golf: A Retreat for Men**

June 17-19  
Presenter: Steve Spilde  
Includes 45 holes of golf over 3 days

**Icon Writing: St. Irene of Chrysovalantou or  
St. Thérèse of Lisieux** (choose one) (All Levels)

July 10-16

**Creation, Justice, and the Human Role:  
Biblical Foundations of the Franciscan  
Vision.**

July 11-15: Dr. William Short, OFM  
**Saint Francis and His Love of Creatures**

July 18-22: Dr. Thomas Herbst, OFM  
**Theology of Creation in Bonaventure**

July 25-29: DR. Darleen Pryds and Donna Foley,  
OFS  
**Enduring Presence: The Integral Ecology of  
Franciscan Life**

For more details visit our [Continuing  
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**Center of Renewal Retreat &  
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- **(2016) Fr. Michael Crosby, OFM  
Retreat Week:** June 19-24, 2016. **“Fruit  
of the Spirit: Pauline Mysticism for  
the Church Today”**. Each retreatant will  
receive an autographed copy of Fr.  
Crosby’s new book of the same title as  
retreat. Fee: \$525 per person (5

Instructor: Phil Zimmerman

**Yoga Retreat: Balancing Heaven and Earth  
Within**

July 21-24

Presenter: Heather Henry

**The Soul’s Story: Writing Through the Ego’s  
Chatter**

August 12-14

Presenter: Theresa Washburn

**Dreams: Touching the Sacred**

September 23-25

Presenter: Janet Mallak, SSND

**Midlife: What Do I Do? Where Do I Go?**

October 14-16

Presenter: Tom Roberts

**When Life Throws You a Curveball**

November 11-13

Presenter: Tom Roberts

**Biblical Spirituality for Spiritual Directors**

November 18-19

Presenter: John McHugh

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nights). Advance reservations required w/\$150 non-refundable deposit by 6/5/16 @ 3:00 pm.

- **(2016) Directed Retreat Week:** August 22-28, 2016.
- Spiritual directors for this retreat: **Sr. Marian Baumler, SSMN; Sr. Nancy Fortkort, OSF; Sr. Donna Lord, GNSH; Sr. Kathleen Murphy, OSF; Sr. Jean Thompson, OSF.** Fee: \$575 per person (6 nights). Advance reservations required w/\$175 non-refundable deposit by 8/8/16 @ 3:00 pm.
- **(2016) Advent Retreat Weekend by Fr. Tom Hartle, OFM:** December 1-4, 2016. Fee: \$295 per person (3 nights). Advance reservations required w/\$90 non-refundable deposit due by 11/17/16 @ 3:00 pm.
- **(2017) Easter Triduum Retreat by Fr. Michael Crosby, OFM:** April 12-15, 2017. Fee: \$325 per person (3 nights) with possible added stay-over through Easter Sunday. Advance reservations required w/\$95 non-refundable deposit by 3/29/17 @ 3:00 pm.
- **(2017) Directed Retreat Week:** August 21-27, 2016. Fee: \$575 per person (6 nights). Advance reservations required w/\$175 non-refundable deposit by 8/7/17 @ 3:00 pm.

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