



Franciscan Federation
Annual Conference

AFC 2017

Bonaventure's Journey into God
Franciscan Inspiration for the 21st Century

June 16 - 19

Adam's Mark Hotel

Buffalo NY

Presenters

Andre Cirino OFM

Josef Raischl OFS

Joanne Schatzlein OSF

More information to follow



NATIONAL BOARD

The National Board met on January 9th to continue our planning for this summer's AFC and also to work on the task that was given to us at last year's AFC which is to promote the continuity of the Federation that includes leadership, Commissions and finances. Many have been asking what direction the Franciscan Federation will take for the future. This question has been forefront in the minds of the National Board and, as initial step, we have formulated a Direction Statement utilizing our vision, mission, and T.O.R. Rule. There have been a number of Zoom Video Conferences with the Commissions, Regions, and other Franciscan organizations associated with the Federation. The input from these sessions has been very positive and helpful. Members of the National Board have been diligently working to add congregations to our membership. To date we have 52 congregations, which includes 6 new congregations, as members. In the Direction Statement, we have stated that "our congregations have invited co-workers to join us in serving God's people in making real the dream of our founders." These co-workers "are hungry to learn more about Franciscan life, and we are mentors who have a wealth of wisdom to offer them" and they, to us. Possibly, the Federation is

a place where we can facilitate the exploration and study of Franciscan Evangelical Life and its implications for our time. A subcommittee of the National Board consisting of Frank Scornaienchi, Eleanor Granger, and Joyce Shanabarger will assist our co-Executive Directors, Carol Woods and Damian Novello to strategize steps that could be presented at this summer's AFC to put into action the Direction Statement. Your input in the Direction Statement is very important to us and if you have any comments, please send them to the

National Office.

Planning for the AFC at the Adam's Mark in Buffalo, New York which will be held on June 16 – 19 is proceeding. The theme is "Bonaventure's Journey into God: Franciscan Inspiration for the 21st Century." Our presenters will be Andre Cirino, O.F.M., Josef Raischl, O.F.S., and Joanne Schatzlein, O.S.F. Please plan on joining us in Buffalo for this inspiring event. More information will follow.

Frank Scornaienchi, T.O.R.



NEW FEDERATION DIRECTION STATEMENT

After listening to the discussions and comments of the General Membership at the 2016 AFC, the National Board set about developing a new statement to envision the future of the Federation. After formulating the initial draft, which was composed at the National Board meeting in September, it was sent for editing to the Region chairs, Commissions, Franciscan Mentors and JPIC. We are now presenting it to you for your thoughts and comments. It can be viewed in full on the FranFed website.

Please send all correspondence to Carol (franfedofficec@franfed.org) or Damian (franfedofficed@franfed.org).



FEDERATION NATIONAL OFFICE

“Led by God, let them begin a life of penance, conscious that all of us must be continuously and totally converted. As a sign of their conversion and consecration to gospel life, they are to clothe themselves plainly and to live in simplicity.” TOR RULE, 6.

A favorite expression of mine is “Monkey see, monkey do.” I have used it as an engaging way of telling my Sisters, whose first language is not English, how I find myself doing what I may not want to do. The phrase captures our human tendency to observe and imitate another’s actions, whether, or not, they are worthy of our esteem and mimicking.

Jesus’ “Follow Me” is a call to continuous and total conversion. ‘Desire God alone’ is how our Founder put it. I am sure that other Franciscan Third Order Regular Founders found similar words to capture the Gospel life. To me, both of these phrases prune away some possible choices, as penance, and heighten the impact of others, as witness. Such a phrase encourages a plain and simple response in loving God and loving our neighbors: something others can ‘see’ and ‘do.’

I have become an avid Facebook ‘follower.’ I began a few years ago to keep in touch with my cousins as all of our parents were ailing. In parish work, Facebook became a preferred way of being aware of and promoting Diocesan events and initiatives in the parish. Here at the Franciscan Federation, it has become a way to let others ‘see’ and ‘do’ all that matters to Franciscans in this world. I believe that highlighting that good, rooted in God, like compassion, justice and unity, is a great way of inviting others to do the same.

To model the Gospel, as Jesus and Francis did, means giving a consistently good example. Doing so means developing a style, a wardrobe, a ‘look’ that others can ‘see’ and a ‘life’ that others can ‘do.’ What ‘clothing’ and ‘living’ do Jesus’ invitation, Francis’ example, and your Founders’ encouragement inspire in you? Let us move together as the Spirit inspires and our world needs.

Carol Woods sfma

Please have your Congregation's FACEBOOK PAGE
"FRIEND" and "FOLLOW" us on 

If anyone would like to help 'administer' the Facebook Page for the Franciscan Federation, please message or email Carol at franfedofficec@franfed.org

COMMISSION OF ELECTED LEADERS

The National Board and the Co-Executive Directors have reviewed the feedback that has surfaced from the Direction Statement. The comments and input have been very positive. A sub-committee of the National Board will be working with the Co-Directors to formulate action steps to be presented at the AFC this June in Buffalo, New York.

There will be a CEL position open on the National Board. Members of Congregation Leadership Teams please consider placing your name in nomination for this position. The term would be for two years. As we move the Federation forward we ask that you please be willing to serve on the National Board. Leadership's voice at the board table brings a unique perspective. We as CEL hold some reserved powers, thus the Federation is dependent on our involvement at a certain level. At this time in our history we need to step forward so that the Franciscan voice can step forward and offer our values to a world in need of them. Also there are one or two vacancies on the Executive Committee of the Commission of Elected Leaders (ECCEL). Would you please consider placing your name in nomination for this Committee. If you have any suggestions of sisters or brothers that might be willing to serve, please contact Carol or Damian at

the National Office. Nearly all of our meetings are by Zoom Video Conferences. It requires a desire to support the Federation with your wisdom and a willingness to listen to other members, especially those leading their congregations. The support of leadership is essential if we desire our members to, in turn, have the benefits of the Federation. We have a Zoom meeting about every other month for about an hour. Care to join us? Increasing the membership of ECCEL and keeping our board position filled is one of the goals of ECCEL.

The ECCEL at its next meeting will be setting the agenda for our Commission Meeting at the AFC. Please help us craft our time together in response to your needs. Do you have any topics we should consider? Please forward your suggestions to the National Office. Our second goal is to collect more input from the members of CEL: help us achieve our goal with your responses.

The third goal we have is to continue to review our by-laws and bring suggested, needed changes to you. You hold the reserved power to make those changes. At this time, we are waiting to see what is revealed in the rolling out of the directional statement in order to determine and articulate any required by-law changes. Now is the time to let us know.

Peace and all good to you!

Joyce Shanabarger, OSF

COMMISSION OF CHARISM SERVICES

Imagining

Imagine for a moment convening the following people in a comfortable living room in Smalltown, USA: Clare of Assisi; Donald Trump - President of the U.S.; Francis – the Pope and Francis of Assisi; Brianna - a teen-age girl forced into human trafficking; Luiz - a garment worker with no documentation, and his 3-year-old daughter Maria who is a U.S. citizen; Sister Mother Earth; Malala Yousafzai – a Pakistani teen and the youngest Nobel Peace Prize Laureate; Michelle Obama -

former First Lady; Jesus of Nazareth; Osama bin Laden – founder of Al-Qaeda;
Ellen DeGeneres – TV talk show host and yourself.

The ground rules for this gathering are: everyone gets to speak their truth;
everyone listens to the other's perspective; everyone withholds judgment;
everyone tries to respect the others; and everyone works toward a common goal.

Imagine it – close your eyes and imagine it. Imagine the diverse
perspectives. Listen to what surprised you. Listen to what invoked anger within
you. Listen to what invoked hope for you. After hearing from everyone, imagine
what you would say. Reflect on what you are willing to do to make this common
goal happen – or could a common goal even be reached in your imagination? Or
was the image that people from divergent perspectives and Sister Mother Earth
could even gather together peaceably become the very common goal worth
pursuing?

Imagine convening your own people in real life. Who needs to be there? Imagine it
happening. As Franciscans we are called to build relationships and be
peacemakers. So use your imagination and dream big. As Maria Montessori said
so well, "Imagination does not become great until human beings, given the
courage and the strength, use it to create." Carl Sagan offered this insight,
"Imagination will often carry us to worlds that never were, but without it we can go
nowhere."

So as we dream and imagine, let us commit ourselves daily to pray, and to work
for national and international unity, healing, and protection for our vulnerable
people and Earth. Let us be on our way.

Peace and all good,

Sr. Nancy Miller, OSF
on behalf of the CCS Executive Commission

COMMISSION OF REGIONS

COR met in January and is hoping to do a reminder to all regions and clusters of members to renew their membership. Discussion also focused on spreading the information about the Franciscan Federation. Use of today's technology to "spread the word" was also discussed and encouraged. Send stories, Information and pictures to Damian and Carol for the Franciscan Federation web site, and/ or our Facebook Page..

- Wilma Kramer OSF

Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Committee

Gun Violence in Chicago

I am writing this in January. We have already had 36 deaths from gun violence since the beginning of the year. The image of Chicago is "stay away – too dangerous."

I live in Chicago. This is not true. There is danger, but there are wonderful people here as well. Some studies have shown that the violence comes from escalation of spats. The availability of guns along with this escalation is a volatile combination.

There was a program in the Englewood neighborhood that seemed to be helping. It is called Ceasefire. This program uses former gang members and other neighborhood people to "interrupt" the violence. You may have seen the

documentary several years ago called "The Interrupters." It was done by Steve James, the director of Hoop Dreams, and Alex Kotlowitz, the Chicago journalist and author. It has been called the Boston Miracle since it dramatically reduced violence in Boston.

In 2015 during the July 4 weekend there was NO violence in Englewood. This is usually a very statistically high time of violence and gun deaths.

Then Illinois did not pass a budget. (It has been two years.) One of the cuts that the city of Chicago made was to stop funding Ceasefire, but increase the number of police. For reasons you are all aware of, there is fear of police in Englewood and other neighborhoods predominantly of people of color. There is some concern among the police superintendents that Ceasefire provides an alternative to police and might promote that fear. Ceasefire is made up of former felons who have walked the walk and have street cred to help young people stop the cycle of violence.

It works. The McCormick Foundation did a study to see if its grant money was getting results and they did see reductions of from 16 -28% (Sun-Times 8/5/2016 O'Shea)

"Gun violence is deeply embedded in Chicago thanks to decades of racism, weak gun laws, gang fragmentation, an abundance of lethal weapons, political dysfunction and woefully inadequate police accountability." James O'Shea Sun-Times 8/5/2016

As Franciscans, let us continue to promote those programs that help to reduce violence in our cities and in our world. Ceasefire is just one of those programs. Let us not automatically go to militarization of our neighborhoods. As believers in conversion we know that former felons can be future saints.

Dorothy Pagosa SSJ-TOSF

Franciscan Action Network

**Please consult the attached link for vital information
from FAN**

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1/#inbox/15a1352f6964be6e>

REGIONS

Region 1

Syracuse NY

We Are Called to be an Alternative to Ruin

Fr. Tom Hartle ofm: Saturday, March 4, 2016 9am-3pm

St. Daniel's Parish Hall, 3004 Court Street, Syracuse, NY 13208

The future is ours to form and shape. How can we be a transformative presence in a world broken and fractured? Our Franciscan charism has and will continue to challenge and inspire in this journey.

For brochure contact Sr. Rose Raymond Wagner: rwagner@sosf.org 315-560-9282

Region 2

Reading PA

McGlenn Conference & Spirituality Center

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I Am God's Dwelling Place: Making It Real

A Lenten Day of Reflection for Vowed Women and Men

Presenter: Patrice Marie Klausing, OSF

Saturday, March 4, 2017

9:30 am – 3:45 pm 4 pm: optional Liturgy

\$ 40 includes lunch

Soul Searching with St. Teresa of Calcutta

A Lenten Afternoon of Reflection

Presenter: Jean Jacobchik, OSF

Sunday, March 12, 2017 1 – 4 pm

\$20/person includes light refreshments

Region 3

Chicago IL

Duns Scotus Franciscan Study Day - March 18 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

William Short OFM

Commemorating the 500 Anniversary of the first formal division of the Franciscan Order

and its effects and consequences for the whole Franciscan family.

CTU Academic & Conference Center

5416 South Cornell Ave.

Free for all Franciscans in initial formation and Formation Directors

\$20 for all others includes lunch and coffee.

For more info or to register, contact Edward Foley OFM Cap. at foley@ctu.edu



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

Franciscan Institute at St. Bonaventure's

Information on Courses for Summer 2017
For further info, please use the following link

<http://www.sbu.edu/academics/schools/franciscan-studies/summer-2017-conferences>

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T'ai Chi Chih

Presenter: S. Claire Whalen, OSF (T'ai Chi
Chih Instructor)
Wednesday's Feb. 1st – March 1st, 2017
2:30-4:00pm
\$75 for 5 sessions

"T'ai Chi Chih is a series of 19 movements and
1 pose. When practiced on a regular basis it

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For more information on these retreats see
marywoodsc.org/retreats.php

Holy Spirit Retreat Center

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Shalom Spirituality Center

(formerly Shalom Retreat Center)
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Dubuque, Iowa 52001
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Days of Quiet & Prayer: A 4-Session Series
February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, 9:30am-2:45pm

Description: Each session will begin with coffee and rolls at 9:30am. We will continue with prayer, and each participant will be given a booklet to aid personal reflection throughout the day. Faith-sharing

affords a sense of balance and harmony in the midst of daily living, an inexpensive do-it-yourself alternative to stress relieving drugs.”

Cosmology, Christ and Us

Presenter: Ed Kinerk, S.J. Jesuit priest and Director of Sacred Heart Retreat House in Sedalia, CO.

Saturday, February 18th

9:30am – 2:30pm

\$45 includes lunch \$65 CEU's and lunch

This retreat will use the extraordinary findings of modern physics and cosmology to reflect on God's Word and on our place in creation. We will examine revelation and how Christ's actions bring all things to fulfillment in God. Presentations will include non-technical descriptions of modern cosmology, understandings of human freedom, grace, and the place of Christ in our lives.

Lenten Series on Matthew's Gospel

Presenter: S. Barbara Leonhard, OSF (Retreat & Spiritual Director)

Thursday's March 16th – April 6th 2017

6:30pm -8:00pm

\$15 per session/ \$55 for all

“Our Lenten series will be a look at the gospel of Matthew and its unique telling of the story of Jesus. Since we will be listening through the lens of our own history and needs, we will pay close attention to how this gospel comforts and challenges us.”

The Universe & You!

Presenter: S. Claire Whalen, OSF

Saturday, March 18th 2017

9:30am – 3:30pm

\$45 includes lunch

and prayer will conclude each day. The book selection for this program is "The Rebirthing of God: Christianity's Struggle for New Beginnings" by John Philip Newell

Offering: \$85 for series, includes the book, program, materials, coffee & rolls, lunch, and a private room
Registration Deadline: Monday, January 30

Shalom's Annual Valentine Evening For Married Couples

Sunday, February 12, 6:00-8:00pm, Sunday Liturgy at 5:00pm

Description: Bring your Valentine for a delicious candlelight meal in our cozy dining room!

Offering: \$48 per couple

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, February 7

Wellness Day

Wednesday, February 15, 9:00am-3:30pm

Description: Come for a day enjoying two 30-minute holistic services of your choice, a private guest room, delicious lunch, walking the labyrinth, adult coloring, and space to just be.

Choose two services from the following:

- + Massage
- + Reflexology
- + Essential Oil Consultation
- + Success Coaching
- + Spiritual Direction

Offering: \$85

Registration Deadline: Friday, February 10

Substance Use Disorders & The Family

Tuesday, February 21, 6:30-8:00pm

"Experience your ancestral roots of stars and single-celled life as you tell the story of the universe unfolding through your own body movements. Sister Claire Whalen connects Earth and Life emergence with T'ai Chi Chih movements from Earth's potential at the time of the "big bang" through humanity's presence on planet Earth. No pre-requisites."

Evening Prayer for Families

Presenters S. Margie Niemer, OSF & S. Patti Zureick, OSF

Sunday, March 19th 2017

5:00pm – 6:00pm

Freewill Offering

"Come to family evening prayer followed by pizza and salad! Bring your families of all ages! This evening can be a welcome addition to your family's Lenten activities. Please RSVP with the number attending by March 17th."

Women of Faith

Presenter: Shakila Ahmad, (Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati)

Saturday, March 25th 2017

9:30am – 2:30pm

\$45 includes lunch

\$65 CEU's & lunch

Join us for a day of learning and discussion with women of other faiths. Topics of discussion will include religious beliefs, stereotypes and common misconceptions as well as the role of women in their communities. Learn how we as "Women of Faith" can work together.

Women's Day: Women of Courage

Description: This presentation will include signs and symptoms of substance abuse disorders and the effects of these disorders on the family system, as well as things you can do and resources available. The evening will include time for sharing, processing, and questions.

Offering: Free Will Offering. Co-sponsored with Mercy Medical Center.

Registration Deadline: Monday, February 20

Create A Brighter Future Workshop

Thursday, February 23, 6:00pm-9:30pm

Description: The workshop is designed for people in transition. In contemplating a career move or considering what to do in retirement, participants will discover ways you want to be and how you want to impact the world.

Offering: \$35 includes materials and snacks.

Registration Deadline: Thursday February 16

Lenten Retreats

Facilitator: Fr. Mike Crosby, OFMCap

Two Options:

Option 1 - One Day:

Ash Wednesday, March 1, 9:00am - 4:00pm

Option 2 - Three Days:

March 1, 9:00am - Friday, March 3, 1:00pm

Option 1

Today's Challenge of Conversion: Learning from Francis

Francis of Assisi's writings offer us various approaches to conversion that speak to our times. Michael Crosby will probe these themes and show how they have relevance in our lives today.

Option 2

Presenters: S. Barbara Leonhard, OSF, S. Ann Vonder Muelen, OSF, Jane Schaefer, Associate Director

Saturday, April 1st

9:30am – 3:00pm

\$45 includes lunch

“On this April Fool’s day, it seems appropriate to celebrate the ‘foolishness of the gospel’. As women of courage, we are called to a ‘gospel foolishness’ to discover the inner paradox of joy and courage. Come and remember people who have blessed you with their ‘sacred foolishness’ and the times when you found yourself pulled to live with a new kind of courage.

Teaching Your Child/Grandchild to Pray

Presenter: S. Patricia Zureick, OSF Pastoral Counselor

Saturday, April 29th 2017

9:30am – 2:30pm

Time to Grow in Our Discipleship

Pope Francis stresses the need for all followers of Jesus Christ to become "missionary disciples." What does this mean in the Church today? What kind of faith develops the heart of a "missionary disciple?" How is compassion a key sign of one? Father Crosby will address these and related themes. Includes daily Eucharist.

Fr. Mike Crosby, OFM Cap, is a Franciscan priest, retreat presenter and author. He currently ministers in Milwaukee and has given retreats in many countries, including the Middle East. He has authored over 20 books. His most recent book is *Fruit of the Spirit: Pauline Mysticism for the Church Today*.

OPTION 1: Ash Wednesday Retreat Day Offering:

\$50, includes lunch

No early bird discount available for one day retreats

OPTION 2: 3-Day Retreat Offering:

Overnight Guest: \$140, includes 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners

Daily Commuter: \$105, includes 3 lunches & 2 dinners

\$10 early bird discount if registered by February 1

\$50 Nonrefundable deposit

Registration deadline: February 22

Wholiness Retreat

Facilitators: Margie Hosch OSF and Mary Catherine Harris

Thursday, Apr 20, 9:00 am - Sunday, Apr 23, 4:00 pm

\$45 includes lunch

"Does your child pray? Come explore developmentally appropriate and creative prayer experiences to enhance your child's prayer. You'll leave this workshop with hands on activities to share and encourage your child's experiences in prayer."

Sisters of St. Francis

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Note: Private retreats or individually directed retreats can be scheduled for 1-8 days in length. For more information regarding available directors, accommodations or cost, contact St. Francis Spirituality Center.

Meditation classes and day-long retreats are also periodically available. See the website for current offerings.

March, 2017

"This Mystery Called Grace" Oasis Day:
Saturday, March 4, 2017 9:00 AM – 12 PM
This mini-retreat will focus on the role of grace in our spiritual journeys. God is

This retreat will help the individual work through the life transitions of aging, health, losses, relationships, faith and successes and help each person develop a renewed sense of inner strength. Individual and group counseling, spiritual direction, and creative art are offered. Includes Sunday Eucharist. Limit of 6-8 participants. Visit the website: www.wholinessretreats.org.

Sr. Margie, M.A. is a Marriage and Family Therapist, retreat presenter and spiritual director. Currently living in South Carolina, Sr. Margie has offered this retreat numerous times and has presented the retreat on six annual visits in Zambia, Africa.

Mary Catherine Harris, M.Ed. is a former teacher and school counselor and currently is a spiritual director. She has teamed with Sr. Margie in presenting the retreat in South Carolina and Zambia.

Offering:

Overnight Guest: \$180, includes 3 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners

Daily Commuters: \$125, includes 4 lunches & 3 dinners

\$10 early bird discount if registered by March 20

\$50 Nonrefundable deposit

Registration deadline: April 12

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guiding us with moments of insights, words of wisdom, and encounters of beauty. What role does the mystery of Grace play in your life?

The morning reflection will include input, quiet time for prayer and sharing. Join us as we open the gift of this mystery together. Sr. Roberta Marie Doneth, presenter. Greccio Room. \$12 retreat; \$22 retreat and noon meal.

April, 2017

“Assisi Within” April 23rd – April 29th, 2017 (Sun. 5 PM – Sat. mid morning)

Guided Retreat

Facilitators: Sr. Roberta Doneth, OSF & Sr. Patricia Froning, OSF. Pilgrims experience sacred spaces and open their hearts to the grace of God stirring within them. This retreat is meant for both those who have been to Assisi, Italy and those who have not. We will visit the special places in the lives of Francis and Clare, participate in rituals that reinforce the movement of God the early Franciscans experienced, and share our insights and reflections. There will be input but also time for individual prayer and reflection. Pack your bags, bring your picture albums and join us for this Franciscan journey. Cost: \$480; Commuters \$340. Deadline for registration: April 8, 2017.

May, 2017

“Community in Acts; Acts in Community” - 3 ½ day Conference Retreat. **May 1-4:** 9:30 AM on Mon. – after brunch on Thurs.) SFH chapel. Fr. Michael Sergi, CSsR, director. Two conferences per day. The community of believers was of one heart and one mind. (*Acts 4:32*) How does our life mirror that of the early Christian community? This retreat will explore the gifts and challenges of living community today. (Non-SFH residents may stay in SFSC) Cost: \$250.

“Who Do You Say That I Am? Exploring the Gospel Portraits of

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- **(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.

Jesus” Oasis Day: Saturday, May 20, 2017 9:00 AM - 12 PM (registration at 8:30) Sr. Shannon Schrein, OSF, Ph.D.

The Gospels record that Jesus asked his disciples the question “Who do you say that I am?” (Mark 8:29) As committed Christians we must answer this question for ourselves. This mini-retreat will examine the images of Jesus that emerge from the Gospels and together, we will consider our own image of Jesus and the way it has been shaped by our lives. Greccio Room. \$12 retreat; \$22 retreat and noon meal.

Chiara Center

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Chiara Self- Guided Retreats

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. Visit web site for brochure.

Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls

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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:

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

The programs all take place at Graymoor, Garrison,
NY

The contact information is;

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Psalms - Prayers of Gritty Honesty

Monday, Jan. 16 - Friday, Jan. 20
Fr. Chuck Faso, OFM

For more information, including registration costs, or to register by January 5, 2017, contact the Franciscan Life Center at [\(320\)632-0668](tel:3206320668) or email: franciscanlife@fslf.org; www.fslf.org.

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**Movement as Prayer: A Yoga Retreat
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Sister Jolynn Brehm, FSPA, March 19-24

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Hershey, April 28-29

Icon Writing: The Holy Face with Phil
Zimmerman, May 21-27

Silent Directed Retreat, June 2-7

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11

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Brothers in Peace and Prayer Retreat
Thich Nhat Hanh and Thomas Merton:

Contemplative Peace Makers

Friday, March 10—Sunday, March 12

Tom Stella and Jerry Braza

This retreat, consisting of presentations, meditation, reflection, dialogue and prayer, will focus on social justice and prayer in light of the lives and teachings of these two great masters of the spiritual life who continue to influence the contemplatives and activists of our time. Fee, including all meals: Commuter \$140; with lodging \$225 single; \$175 double per person. Pre-registration required.

The Holy Spirit in the Spirituality of Saint Francis

Friday, March 17—Sunday, March 19

Fr. Steven McMichael, OFM, Conv., Ret.

Explore the dynamic and transformative role of the Holy Spirit in the writings and spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi. You'll pay particular attention to the prayer which is part of the "Epistle to the Entire Order" as well as the Admonitions and other writings of St. Francis. Personal Spiritual Direction will be available. Fee, including all meals: Commuter \$140; with lodging \$225 single; \$175 double per person. Pre-registration required.

Holy Week

Retreat

Sunday, April 9—Wednesday, April 12

Sr. Joanne Schatzlein, OSF and Fr. William Cieslak, OFM Cap

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Mindful Meditation

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January 12, 7:00pm-9:00pm

Exploring Wisdom in Our Night Dreams

Facilitated by Sr. Georgene Wilson, OSF

January 14, 9:00am-4:30pm

The Gospel of John

Matt Pozen with Sr. Glenna Czachor, OSF

January 16, 7:00pm-8:30pm

Explorations in Centering Prayer

Facilitated by Sr. Pat Irr, OSF

January 21 & 28, 9:30am-12:00pm

The Enneagram of Holy Ideas

Facilitated by Sr. Pat Irr, OSF

January 27 at 7:30pm

Taizé Prayer Service

January 30, 7:00pm-8:30pm

Open Centering Prayer

Facilitated by Sr. Pat Irr, OSF

January 31, 7:00pm-8:30pm

Zentangle Inspiration Circle

Facilitated by Sr. Glenna Czachor, OSF

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HOLY WEEK RETREAT: The Women of The Passion Wed., April 12 (5 pm) – Sun., April 16 (9 am) Reverend Anthony Carrozzo, OFM Sister Anne Dougherty, OSF Sister Carol Beevers, SSJ Revised topic: Feb 7, 2017 The Women of The Passion We will learn of the women who accompanied Jesus during his last days and were there as he endured his agony and death on the cross and his resurrection. Some are well known, like Mary, the Mother of Jesus, Mary Magdalene to name a few. Their stories will call us to draw near and discover for ourselves the life-changing effect of meeting Jesus ourselves. Please register early with a non-refundable deposit \$50. Balance due April 5th. Fee: \$244/Single, \$238/Double/Religious, \$139/Commuter

Silent Directed Retreat Fri, June 16, 2017, 5pm – Fri, June 23, 2017, 1pm During the silent directed retreat, participants meet daily with a spiritual director. The rest of the day is spent participating in daily Mass, time for prayer and contemplation, walking the grounds or Labyrinth, creating art, listening to music, and resting. Please register by May 31. Fee: \$448

Other Retreat Programs in March – a full description and information to register is online – franciscancenter.tampa.org

Ash Wednesday: The Light Of Lent
March 1, 2017 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Reverend Anthony Carrozzo, OFM

Women In Spirit – Celebrating Catholic Sisters – Mass Presentation and Film *Women in Spirit* Sun, March 5, 2pm – 4pm

Women's Retreat Day Saturday, March 11, 2017 10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sister Anne Dougherty, OSF

Lunch and Learn "What Went On In The Desert? Thoughts On The Lenten Experience" Tuesday, March 14, 12:00 p.m. Arlene McGannon, D.Min

**8th Annual Women's Interfaith Prayer
For Peace** Friday, March 17, 2017 12:00 p.m.
– 1:00 p.m. Special reflection given by Gayle
Sierens, former broadcast journalist and
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service will include prayers, and sacred
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