



National Board

A JOY-FILLED NEW YEAR TO ALL ~~

LET US PRAY that 2016

BE A YEAR OF PEACE, BLESSINGS and LISTENING

Dear Franciscan Sisters and Brothers,

As we look forward to this year of FIFTY YEARS of our FRANCISCAN FEDERATION, we thank God for the Franciscan women who listened to their hearts. They gathered Franciscans from across the country to come together and we continue to do this as we lift up our hearts in JOY, ENTHUSIASM and HOPE for the future. Regions, clusters and groups of Franciscans are now looking at our FUTURE. Let us take the time to LISTEN as our God speaks to us as we move forward:

“Teach me to LISTEN, O God, to those nearest me, one another, our families, our friends, our co-workers. Help us to be aware that no matter what words we hear, the message is, “Accept the person I am. Listen to me.”

Teach me to LISTEN, my caring God, to those far from me– the whisper of the hopeless, the plea of the forgotten, and the cry of the anguished. Teach me to listen, O God my Mother, to myself. Help me to be less afraid to trust the voice inside – in the deepest part of me.

Teach me TO LISTEN, Holy Spirit, for your voice – in busyness and in boredom, in certainty and doubt, in noise and in silence. Teach me, Christ Jesus, to listen.”

(This prayer was composed by

John Veltri, S.J., Canadian spiritual director.)

The Planning Committee for **Celebration 2016, June 17-20**, enthusiastically came together to do initial planning for our time together at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center, Milwaukee, WI. Look for more information in the months to come. Be assured that it will

be challenging, interesting and enjoyable. Your presence will make it ever more a gift to all.

Our world needs us to be the voice of hope, enthusiastic doers of the gospel as well as listeners to words of Pope Francis. We will be the recipients of the wisdom, energy and Franciscan hearts of Margaret Carney OSF, President of Saint Bonaventure University in St. Bonaventure New York and Giles Schinelli TOR, past president of the Federation, scholar, and director of San Pedro Center in Winter Park Florida, and David Couturier OFM Cap, the Executive Director of the Franciscan Institute at St. Bonaventure University.

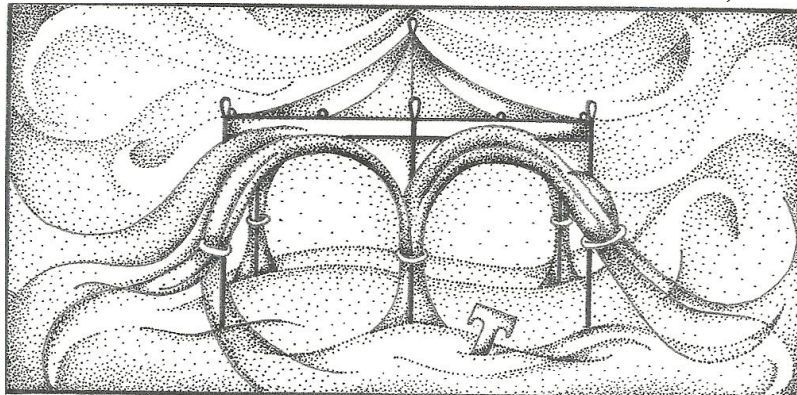
May 2016 be a year of MERCY, JOY, and THANKSGIVING for the wonderful history of the Federation. Your Franciscan Federation Board keeps you in our prayers and we are grateful for yours.

Peace and all good,
Eleanor Granger OSF
Franciscan Federation Vice-President

“Dare To Image!”

"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.

Artist: Michelle Corliss, OSF



Franciscan Federation - Dare to Image

**" Mary, kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart....."
- Luke 2**

Here we stand on the doorstep of another new year. Like Mary, we may find ourselves pondering what had been and what is yet to be for us and our world. We would do well to live the example Mary provides for us in making time to ponder, reflect and consider where we have walked with God in 2015.

We might like to ask ourselves, before too much time has elapsed, what were the personal challenges faced over the days that turned into weeks in 2015?

What of the joys that lifted our spirits and brought delight to our weeks that turned into months? And how does the mixture of challenges and joys lend themselves in naming our hopes for 2016?

We all need, like Mary, and as Francis told us himself " to always have a Dwelling Place for the Most High God".

In 2015, we were all encouraged by the Dare To Image Committee to create Sabbath in our all too busy lives. We were asked to claim Sabbath not as a luxury, but as a necessity in order to have a Dwelling Place for the Most High God. Sabbath assists us in creating a space large enough to truly cease from over engagement, rest in the love of God, be embraced by those who encircle our lives and feast in celebrating the life that is ours.

In this new year of 2016, we as a Federation will celebrate our 50th Anniversary of striving to foster and strengthen our Franciscan identity and to share our blessedness with the world. As a Federation, we face together the challenge of maintaining our Franciscan roots while also allowing those roots to grow wider and deeper into the lives of others and our cosmos.

Encouraging the extension of our charism through contemplative Sabbath, may we share the joy of seeing the next generations on fire with a love for those who are poor, pleasure in a simple lifestyle, openness to ongoing conversion of heart and with a burning desire for a deep loving relationship with our God.

If our hopes are to come to fruition, let us, like Mary, continue to welcome Sabbath in our lives.

Marilyn Trowbridge, sfp
Dare to Image Committee Member

Federation National Office

Franciscan Federation Executive Director Search

The Franciscan Federation of the Sisters and Brothers of the Third Order Regular of the United States is searching for an Executive Director to begin duties on July 1, 2016.

The mission of the Franciscan Federation is to promote the exploration and study of the TOR charism through national and regional programming. The Executive Director will work closely with the National Board, whose Ad Hoc Dare to Image Committee is preparing a proposal for the future of the Franciscan Federation to be presented at Celebration 2016 in Milwaukee in June. To achieve this important work, and the beginning of a new era in the life of the Federation, the Executive Director must be able to work creatively and collaboratively with a variety of groups. The Executive Director also assists the Board in creating policies and maintaining various communications media, including the monthly *Musings* newsletter and the Federation Web site. The Office of the Federation is located at the discretion of the Executive Director, with the approval of the National Board.

A full job description may be obtained from the Franciscan Federation website, www.franfed.org or from the address below. Letters of application and résumés are to be submitted by **March 1, 2016** to:

Sister Kathie Uhler, OSF
President, Franciscan Federation
190 Prince Street
New York, NY 10012
Tel (W) 917-520-7487
kathieuhler@earthlink.net

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At the office we have many of these beautifully boxed Gold San Damiano cross and chains for \$1.00 plus shipping and handling. The crosses are 1 1/4 inches tall and 1 inch wide.

We can accommodate any number you might need. On my Christmas break, I had three different occasions when people asked about this cross that I was wearing, at the hairdresser, in the airport and on the plane. This is a good way to witness our Franciscan and Christian life. Orders can be made by phone - 202-529-2334 - or email - franfed@aol.com.

Dianne

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I wish to thank all of you who remembered me in the Federation office during this Christmas Season with good wishes, promises of prayer and donations in the name of the Federation. I enjoy hearing from you.

Dianne

Note: For those of you having trouble finding the updates on AFC 2015 and avoiding links to old materials try the following fix: type www.franfed.org into your browser on the line at the top of the page where the browser address appears. When Franciscan Federation comes up, **click on the main title and not the subtitles** which are old material.

Commission of Elected Leaders (CEL)

As we begin this New Year, our world continues to be faced with the same challenge that Mary and Joseph faced so many years ago. Families are standing before us begging for shelter, for compassion, for the face and voice of love. As Franciscans, we are called to be this voice for the poor, for the immigrants, for those seeking shelter. May we continue to hold them in prayer and do what we can to extend God's mercy to them.

During our November meeting, we received information on **Celebration 2016**. The theme of the conference will be **"50 Years of Responding to God's Love and Mercy."** Breakout sessions will focus on "Laudato Si, Franciscan Communities in Transition, the Year of Mercy, and the Next Generation of Franciscan Mentors. Mark your calendars now to join us June 17 – 20, 2016 in Milwaukee!

We continue to challenge each of you to discern prayerfully how you might be called to serve the Franciscan Federation as a member for the Executive Committee or the National Board. You have gifts to share – are you willing to say YES to the call?

Peace and all good!

Theresa Darga, OSF
Chairperson, ECCEL

Commission of Regions

Glory to God for the blessings of 2015!

Praise God for the expected and unexpected graces to come in 2016!

May all Franciscans bless and be blessed with peace in the days ahead.

What a unique place Franciscans have in this Year of Mercy and forgiveness.

Like Francis willing to meet the Sultan, let us challenge ourselves during this year of mercy, this year of sabbatical, to stretch a bit more to reach out, to forgive, to manifest mercy in our local communities and beyond. If not us, Franciscans, then who?

Kay Klackner, OSF
Chairperson ECCOR



Commission of Charism Services (CCS)

Resting from the CCS Executive Committee

Rita Goedken is a Sister of St. Francis of Dubuque, Iowa and currently serves in Morton, Mississippi. She works with the economically poor as a Project Coordinator for the EXCEL Community and Learning Center. She shares an insight into Resting from the people with whom she ministers.

Conversations with chicken plant workers in the Morton, Mississippi area often indicate they're working six or seven days a week for weeks on end. Their work is tedious, and in the case of those who de-bone chicken, it is physically demanding. I have often wondered, "Do they ever truly have time to rest?"

Many of the Vietnamese in this area operate huge chicken farms. Their work days are long, and their responsibilities are 24/7. Each year the cycles repeat – receive the chickens from the company factory, feed the prescribed kind and amount of grain, be ready to sell when it's time. I have wondered, "How do they rest?"

I don't presume to know the answers to the above questions, but what I've observed makes me think. For example, the Vietnamese community in Forest, MS, a nearby town, often has a community meal in the parish center after the Sunday evening Mass. One can hardly miss their robust conversation as they gather, eat, and clean up. There is delight in one another's company, a wonderful ability to visit, and a sense of humor that erupts in chuckles or outright laughter. People of strong faith, they come together for prayer and for socializing.

In those hours, I believe, people experience Rest. Not because they're not "on the job" at the moment but because they're truly present, and the experience of being, eating, relaxing together feeds their spirits. People of strong faith, they have come together for worship and for support. Now Rest descends on them. And Rest descends on me too. We go home still hoping for better tomorrows, but we are strengthened in the Incarnate One who walks with us.

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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

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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.

Suzanne M. Kush, CSSF

Chairperson of the CCS Executive Committee

JPIC 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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Wake up the World! Reflections with Pope Francis

You are invited to prayerfully spend time with the following quotations and reflection questions and share your insights and these materials with others.

[From Laudato si': On care of our common home](#)

(O)ur common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us..... This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her. We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will. The violence present in our hearts, wounded by sin, is also reflected in the symptoms of sickness evident in the soil, in the water, in the air and in all forms of life. This is why the earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor...(1-2)

[From the Joy of the Gospel](#)

It is essential to draw near to new forms of poverty and vulnerability, in which

we are called to recognize the suffering Christ...There are other weak and defenseless beings who are frequently at the mercy of economic interests or indiscriminate exploitation. I am speaking of creation as a whole.... God has joined us so closely to the world around us that we can feel the desertification of the soil almost as a physical ailment, and the extinction of a species as a painful disfigurement. (210, 215)

[For reflection and discussion](#)

- When have you personally experienced creation itself as poor and vulnerable? What feelings or actions did such experiences evoke in you?
- How does understanding Earth and all creation as "weak and defenseless," "abandoned" and "maltreated" expand our understanding of our Christian identity and mission?
- What would it mean for us to "wake up" personally and societally to the pain of creation? To what transformation of mind, heart and relationships is our species now being called?

(From Holy Cross International Justice Office, Notre Dame, IN; www.holycrossjustice.org)

Franciscan Federation History

Fun Facts

Did you know:

"The decade of the 80's was a period of great energy for the Federation. It directed its activities primarily toward educating about and promoting the new Rule and toward encouraging involvement of Franciscans in social justice activity. The leadership of the Federation was involved also in a great number of other activities, [*Monographs on a Global Perspective*," *The World is our Cloister*]"Workshop, Spanish Rule and Commentary, Secular Franciscans were welcomed into associate membership. 1986] which carried its vision in many directions. We note that financial anxieties lurked in the background of the impressive activities, and there is the suggestion that membership enthusiasm was diminishing. One notes that toward the latter part of the decade, the Newsletter began to lose some of its edge as it carried fewer and fewer articles of substance and more and more advertising for programs and resources. With the election of Sister Marian Blodis, OSF (Whitehall, PA), as President in 1989 on the eve of the organization's twenty-fifth anniversary (1990), the time had become ripe for a renewal effort. The anniversary would provide a privileged moment for a new turning."

(From *A Short History of the Franciscan Federation* by Elise Saggau, OSF, p. 18-20)

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 **Margaret Carney, OSF, Giles Schinelli TOR, and David Couturier, OFM Cap.** Margaret and Giles 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 wish

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.

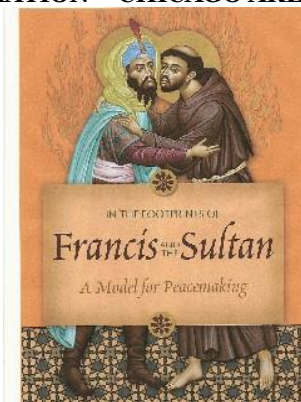
AFC 2015

Responding to God's Love: A Franciscan Moral Vision

On the Franciscan Federation website <http://www.franfed.org> is a summary of the presentations of AFC 2015 written by Margaret Magee OSF. If you wish to order the DVDs or CDs of the presentations, there is also an order blank on the Annual Conference tab

Region 3: Chicago Area Cluster

FRANCISCAN FEDERATION— CHICAGO AREA CLUSTER Presents:



Featured speaker: Sr. Kathy Warren, OSF

March 19, 2016

St. Francis Woods,

9201 St. Francis Road
Frankfort, IL 60423

Schedule: 9:30— 10:00 a.m. Registration

10:00 a.m.—Opening Prayer

10:15—12:30 DVD Presentation/Table Conversation

12:30 p.m. — Lunch

1:30—2:45 p.m. Inter-religious Hopes for Our Time

2:45— Closing prayer 3:00 p.m. Departure

Registration Deadline: February 29, 2016

“In the Footprints of Francis and the Sultan: A Model for Peacemaking”

Name: _____ Address: _____

_____ Email: _____ Phone _____

Number: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____ Registration fee: \$20.00/person

(lunch included) (Please make check payable to **Franciscan Federation Region 3.**)

Mail Check and Registration to: Sr. Doris Recker, OSF 4130 W. 147th St. Midlothian, IL 60445

Position Opening

St. Mary Mission

Tohatchi, NM (Diocese of Gallup)

Seeking two individuals interested in being part of a team which ministers to the Native American people on the Navajo Reservation in northwest New Mexico.

Pastoral Administrator - responsible for all operations of the parish office, payroll and general accounting using Quickbooks, producing weekly bulletins and other documents with Microsoft Office, updating website and Facebook pages, handling general inquiries and supporting other team members and their ministries. Qualified candidates must be efficient, self-motivated, able to handle a flexible schedule and adaptable to the cultural practices of the parishioners. **Preferred start date: February 1, 2016**

Pastoral Minister - responsible for overseeing the RCIA and religious education programs, participate in home visits and outreach ministry, coordinate volunteer group schedules and plan liturgies for outlying mission churches. Qualified candidate will have a minimum of a bachelor's degree and some experience in ministry.

For both these positions: compensation appropriate to a mission diocese. Housing and food allowance provided. Send resume and cover letter via email; office@stmarytohatchi.org or snail mail: Pastor, PO Box 39, Tohatchi NM 87325. Check website for parish history and staff: www.stmarytohatchi.org.

The Christine Center

W8303 Mann Road
Willard WI 54493

IL RITIRO Franciscan Retreat Center

P.O. Box 38 ~ 7935 St. Francis Ln.

christinecenter@tds.net

www.christinecenter.org

Praying with Sacred Sound

January 22-24

**With Cecilia Corcoran, FSPA,
PhD and Wendy Kohlhaas, ICS,
CSAC, LPN**

Two practices make up the framework of this retreat. One practice cultivates deep listening and the other is a response that may be as subtle as a breath or as lovely as a word. [Learn More](#)

Mandala-Making: Open Studio

January 27-31 (Wednesday-Sunday)

With Gabriele Uhlein, OSF, PhD

Come for as many days as you wish, for up to 5 full days of Mandala-making. Commuters are welcome! The program is designed to offer a practical and fun experience of working with Mandalas as both a creative and spiritual practice. Daily from 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you opt to stay overnight, we'll offer a special evening session. [Learn More](#)

Active Hope: How to Face the Mess

We're in Without Going Crazy

February 5-7

With Kathleen Rude

We live in challenging times. How can we respond in a way that makes a difference?

We can choose to practice Active Hope. [Learn More](#)

Stillness Calls You

**February 28-March 2 (Sunday-
Wednesday))**

**Guides: Henrita Frost, SSND and
Johanna Seubert, FSPA**

This silent retreat will offer you a time of solitude, prayer, rest and an optional opportunity to meet with a trained spiritual director, as well as group sharing and meditations. [Learn More](#)

**Marywood Franciscan
Spirituality Center**

Dittmer, MO 63023

636-274-0554 ~ www.il-ritiro.org ~ il.ritiro@gmail.com

**Celebrating the Gifts of Our
LGBT Community**

Saturday, January 30, 2016

9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Presenter: Sr. Marge O’Gorman, FSM

**Female Body, Female Soul
The spirituality of being a woman**

Saturday, February 20, 2016

9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Presenter: Kathleen Davis

**For more information or to register
check out our website www.il-ritiro.org;
call us at 636-274-0554 or email us:**

il.ritiro@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/il.ritiro.5

Register early for cheaper registration fees.

Private Retreats can be scheduled anytime

Scholarships

IL RITIRO offers scholarships to help those in difficult situations care for their spiritual lives. Call us at 636-274-0554

Oldenburg Franciscan Center

812-933-6437

Email: center@oldenburgosf.com

Website: oldenburgfranciscancenter.org

oldenburgfranciscancenter.org

Blog: www.peaceandgood.wordpress.com

[wordpress.com](http://www.peaceandgood.wordpress.com)

Praying Our Dreams: Discovering God’s Messages

Presenter: S. Olga Wittekind, PhD

Saturday, February 13th, 2016

9:30 am – 2:30 pm

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

Our dreams are messages from God. Dreams open us to our inner lives and can help us grow spiritually.

Women’s Day: Women of Joy

S. Norma Rocklage, OSF – Keynote Speaker

S. Ann Vonder Meulen, OSF – Breakout session

3560 Hwy 51 North
Arbor Vitae, WI 54568
715-385-3750
marywood.center@gmail.com
www.marywoodsc.org

Directed Retreats

1) January 31-February 6, 2016

Register by January 1

Retreat Director: Janet Mallak, SSND

2) June 5-11, 2016: Register by May 13
Sunday 5:30 p.m. to Saturday 10:00 a.m.

Retreat Director: Janet Mallak, SSND

3) August 12-18, 2016: Register by July 12
Friday 5:30 p.m. to Thursday 1:00 p.m.

Retreat Director: Joyce Heil, FSPA
Affiliate

Private Directed Retreat

March 6 to March 13, 2016

Retreat Director: Elizabeth Amman, OP

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

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

Vacation with a Purpose:

Watercolor Retreat

May 29-June 3, 2016

Director: Karen Kappell, FSPA

Watercolor for Beginners: Vacation with Purpose

June 26- July 1, 2016

Instructor: Karen Kappell, FSPA

Retreat: Praying the Psalms

July 8-12, 2016

S. Andre Burkhardt – Breakout session

Saturday, March 5th, 2016

9:30 am – 3 pm

\$45 a person includes lunch / or bring a friend 2 for \$80

Finding God in Silence and in One Another

Friday, April 8th at 7 pm to Sunday, April 10th, at Noon

Presenter: S. Donna Graham, OSF

\$215 single room

\$130 commuter

We will enter the sacred space of silence with each retreatant
resting in the heart of God in their own time and space.

**Individual time with the facilitator will be available
for those who wish.**

Transforming Our Inner Critic

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

Saturday, April 30th, 2016

9:30 am – 2:30 pm

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

Pope Francis: On Care of Our Common Home

Presenter: S. Olga Wittekind & S. Donna Graham

Saturday, June 4th, 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 25th, 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

Friday 5:30 p.m.-Wednesday 1:00 p.m.
Presenter: Marla Lang, FSPA

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

Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls

116 Eighth Avenue Southeast
Little Falls MN 56345
320-632-2981

*The Franciscan Heart of Thomas
Merton: An Exploration of the
Franciscan Spirituality and
Theology Through the Life and
Writings of Thomas Merton,*

Monday, January 11 (9:30 a.m.) –
Friday, January 15, (4 p.m.) 2016,
St. Francis Convent, Little Falls,
Minnesota.

For more information, including
registration costs, or to register by
January 4, 2016, contact the Franciscan
Life Center at (320) 632-0668 or
email: franciscanlife@fslf.org; www.fslf.org

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Ol Mission San Luis Rey

Pat Julian

Director of Retreats and Programs

760-757-3659 x123

pat@sanluisrey.org

January 12-March 1, 2016

7:00 pm-8:30 pm

“Grief Recovery”

Bro. Kevin Dismiss fsp

Fee: \$75 for 8 classes plus the book *Grief
Recovery*

January 22-24, 2016

Serenity Retreat

Fr. Tom Weston, SJ

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 1-4, 2016 Michael Cusato, OFM

November 8-11, 2016 Dan Horan, OFM

The programs all take place at Graymoor, Garrison, NY

The contact information is;

Ron Pecci, OFM

frrjpp@gmail.com

301/434-3400 ext. 910

Sisters of St. Francis

St. Francis Spirituality Center

200 St. Francis Ave

Tiffin OH 44883

www.tiffinfranciscans.org

“When Winter Blooms”

A reflection on the journey and relationship of Naomi and
Ruth.

Oasis Day: Saturday, March 5, 2016 8:30 AM – 12 PM Sr.
Edna Michel, presenter. Greccio Room. \$10 retreat; \$20
retreat and noon meal.

“Clare of Assisi: Standing Tall in Truth” -

Guided Week-long Retreat. March 13-19 (Sun. – Sat.)

Srs. Bobbie Doneth & Pat Froning, retreat

directors. During this retreat participants will discover

the strength, courage and fire of compassion that led

Clare and her sisters in living the Gospel, and how that

pertains to our life in the 21st century. Sunday 5 PM –

Saturday 11:30 AM. Cost: \$460; Commuter: \$320.

Fee: single \$240; shared \$190; \$135
commuter
Check-in: 4-6 pm

March 18-20, 2016

Spring into Serenity

A weekend for women in Al Anon

Fee: SPECIAL DISCOUNT if paid in full
by Nov. 1, 2015.
Shared occupancy \$165 pp & Single
occupancy \$215 p/p



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.

“Learning How to Live a Peaceful Life in a Hectic

World: a retreat for the soul” Friday, March 18th 9:30

AM – 2:30 PM

**Jere Delany, RN & Janine Miller-Delany, LPCC., Upper
Sandusky Counseling and Life Coaching.**

Cost: \$35, includes main noon meal.

“Recovering a Sense of the

Sacred: Conversations with Thomas Berry”

Saturday, April 9th. Lial Renewal Center, Whitehouse, OH 9

AM – 3:30 PM. (Note: This is a collaborative initiative with St
Francis Spirituality Center.

**Presenter Carolyn Toben, the founder of the Center for
Education, Imagination and the Natural World at
Timberlake Earth Sanctuary. For more information, go
to www.timberlakeearthsanctuary.org.**

Cost: \$45 includes lunch. To register: 419-877-

**0432 mdpahler@toledosnd.org; online: www.lialrenewalcenter.org
OR 419-443-1485 peace@franciscanretreats.org**

Directed Retreat April 24th – 30th, 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 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

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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 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

individual direction session. Cost: \$460. Commuter \$320.

"The Burning Bush"

Guided week-long Retreat, **July 10-17th**

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

"Journey Into God"

An individually Directed Retreat.

September 18-25th

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 1/2 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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Take and Eat

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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**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)

**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

Jan. 28, 2016

"Pass the Bread"

Presenters: Dan and Sherry Frachey

**Theme: Bread, as symbol of global
solidarity, means promise and struggle.**

**Dinner at 6:00 pm with reservations:
\$20 per person, \$35 per couple**

Spirituality in Recovery: Pitfalls & Opportunities

Feb. 19- 21, 2016

Visit web site for a brochure

Food and Faith Dinner Series

"Spirituality and Breadmaking"

**Presenter: Father Dominic Garramone,
the Bread Monk**

March 11, 2016

**Dinner at 6pm with reservations
\$20 per person, \$35 per couple**

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.

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Message from the Mystics

July 17-22, 2016

Facilitator: Kathleen Davis

**Messages of Julian of Norwich, Francis of Assisi,
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August 8-14, 2016
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January 7: Taizé Prayer at 7pm

This contemplative prayer hour includes sung repetition of short refrains led by area musicians, a Scripture reading, intercessions, and shared silence. Registration not required. Freewill offerings accepted.

January 18: Centering Prayer at 7pm

Join others in quiet & meditative prayer, discussion, and support. Newcomers are always welcome! Registration not required. Freewill offerings accepted.

January 25: Bridges To Contemplative Living: Writing Yourself into the Book of Life at 7pm — The first in an eight-part series.

During this series, we will reflect together in faith sharing for Lent, using a book titled Bridges to Contemplative Living with Thomas Merton. The book's subtitle is "Writing Yourself into the Book of Life." \$40 offering for the 8-session series

begins with prayer and morning session. Optional group gathering for discussion offered each evening. This is a silent retreat.

Cost: \$500, Massage available, additional fee

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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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The Christ of Thomas Merton and His Spirituality of Creation

January 20, 10:00-11:30 AM

Presenter: Jeanne Williams OSF

Please register with advance payment \$15 by January 18. Fee: \$15

Men's Retreat: "Faith Takes Blindness to See"

January 27 (5 PM) - 31 (11:30 AM)

Presenter: Lawrence Gillick SJ

Please register in advance with a non-refundable deposit of \$50, balance due January 19.

Fee: \$172/Single, \$140/Double

Pilgrimage into the Last Third of Life

February 3, March 2 - 10:00-11:30

Presenter: Anne Dougherty OSF

Please register by February 1.

Fee: Donation

(includes book and weekly snacks). **Must register by January 18 to attend.**

January 26: Writing Life Stories at 2pm

The first in a four-part series. Designed to remember and record life stories 1) for the fun of it, 2) for the enjoyment of posterity, and 3) to reflect on what has shaped one's life thus far, the series offers direction and tips for writing life stories. Anyone who can tell a story can write a story. Guaranteed to be enjoyable — and a little work! \$40 offering for the 4-session series. Must register by January 21 to attend.

January 30: A Choice Beyond Stress For Retirement from 9am to 5pm

We will examine generational stress and reframing stereotypical viewpoints to look at the freedom and creativity of a lifestyle change. This workshop will offer a variety of resources for our personal affirmation and social support including: spiritual insights, mental will power tips, and monastic wisdom and guidance for personal tranquility. \$40 offering to attend (includes lunch and snacks). **Must register by January 26 to attend.**

February 2: Reading That Matters Book Discussions from 7 to 8:30pm

Ongoing discussions of books that can impact how we look at our world and the people in it. Tuesday, February 2 selection: "The Shade Tree Choir" by David Nelson. Please Read book in advance of discussion. A quick read that ends with forgiveness, it is a true story of a young man who ultimately rose above the trappings of his situation. Offering: \$6/for the session. **Register by Monday, February 1 to attend.**

Ash Wednesday: Our Roads to Conversion

February 10, 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM (noon)
Presenter: Anthony Carrozzo OFM
Please register early with advance payment of \$25 by February 5. Fee: \$25 (Includes simple lunch)

Women's Retreat: Radical Trust

February 13 (9 AM) - 14 (11:30 AM)
Presenters: Jeanne Williams OSF
Jill Biebel
Please register early with a non-refundable deposit of \$50; balance due February 5.
Fee: \$80/Single, \$75/Double, \$55/Commuter

Holy Week Retrest

Weep for yourselves (Luke 23:28)

March 23 (5 PM) - 27 (9 AM)
Presenter Anthony Carrozzo OFM
Register early with a non-refundable deposit of \$50; balance due March 18.
Fee: \$244/Single, \$232/double/Religious, \$137/Commuter

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 franciscancenter.tampa.org, or call 813-229-2695

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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

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 21st 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 at the Monastery

Series of Organ concerts continues
Sunday, January 10, at 4:00 pm in the
Monastery Church.

Series on Consecrated Life

The last presentation in our year long
series on Consecrated Life, "**Claiming
our Future,**" will be Tuesday
evening, **January 12, at 7:00 PM.**
Speaker is **Sister Mary Dolores
Keating.**

Christian Unity

Evening Prayer Service for Christian
Unity will be held, Sunday
afternoon, **January 17 at 4:00
PM** followed by a reception.

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