



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

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More information to follow



NATIONAL BOARD

**The TOR Charism Today:
From an Interview with Margaret Carney, OSF**

“The Providence of God is in this!” exclaimed Margaret Carney, president emeritus of St. Bonaventure University, in a video-taped interview in December. (*Please see link below.) Margaret was referring to her journey with cancer during this past year, of her nothing-short-of-miraculous progress at the hands of scientists. As the interview continued, her thoughts broadened to issues of the day. In effect, for this viewer, she began to sort out our TOR role in this dramatically shifting world.

Margaret is exceptionally skilled to lead this discussion since she, along with Thaddeus Horgan, SA, co-authored the ***Commentary on the TOR Rule*** (Washington, DC, Franciscan Federation, 1997). The “charism statement” of the Third Order Regular, they noted (p. 37), is found in the second article of our TOR Rule. The key element is continuous conversion of heart or *metanoia*; it flowers forth in poverty, minority and contemplation.

Moving along in the interview, the general election came quickly to Margaret’s mind. She began, if you will, an exercise in continuous conversion: What is really going on here? What is ours to do as TOR Franciscans?

Margaret zeroed in on her own reality – and this is step one for each of us – her level of commitment to the university. The winning Trump populist results, she remarked, seemed to pit college-educated vs. “un-college” people; the image of collegians as elitist, uncaring of small town needs. Yet, Bernie Sanders, also a populist, pledged free college for all. Margaret wondered, “Where is your head, America?”

This is where the TOR charism kicks in. In our mission and ministries, Margaret urges, we need to put out the message that higher education leads to better job opportunities, not to unfeelingness. That a liberal education does not make one a snob but gives a fundamental understanding of the issues of the day, e.g., climate change, the value of empirical evidence, where people get information to get past post-truth and false news. (+ Margaret recommends the article by Carol Quillen on liberal arts education. The link is given below.)

Yes, Providence is in this, too! Today, our TOR charism impels us to the conversion or re-casting of our values – in Margaret’s words -- “to raise the alarm!”

Peace and All Good in raising the alarm in your reality in the New Year!

Kathie Uhler, OSF

President, National Board

*Interview with Sister Margaret Carney, OSF by Adam Miller of the Olean Times Herald, Dec. 19, 2016. http://www.oleantimesherald.com/news/i-will-always-be-a-part-of-st-bonaventure/article_3bba9422-c60e-11e6-a94e-4bcc179d37d6.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share

+Article, "Liberal arts education in the Age of Trump," by Carol Quillen: https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/grade-point/wp/2016/12/30/liberal-arts-education-in-the-age-of-trump/?utm_term=.8a571f03773d



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

Let the sisters and brothers be gentle, peaceful and unassuming, mild and humble, speaking respectfully to all in accord with their vocation. Wherever they are, or wherever they go throughout the world they should not be quarrelsome, contentious, or judgmental towards others. Rather, it should be obvious that they are "joyful, good-humored," and happy "in the Lord" as they ought to be (cf Ph 4:4). And in greeting others, let them say, "The Lord give you peace." (Rule Chapter 5).

How straightforward and simple this passage is! How clear and concise! Our life as Franciscans calls us to make "greater efforts" to en flesh our Rule. As twenty-first century members of American society, we see an ever increasing need for gentleness, peacefulness and respectful speaking. In all our ministries, motherhouses and retirement centers, we must continue to be centers of joy and encouragement for a world in great need.

We are not called to stand silently by the roadside but, in this age of grand gestures whose only purpose is to divide and antagonize the other, our part is to act in a way that gets across the Gospel message with respect and clarity. We are to be the little voice of Francis among the Crusaders who calls for dialogue and the calming influence amidst the voices of unrest and violence.

And don't forget the joy and good humor – we are troubadours of the Great King!

Happy New Year.

Damian Novello, OSF

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COMMISSION OF REGIONS

Happy New Year 2017!

God, thank You for a fresh beginning. You know what's ahead in 2017, so as I walk with You through this coming year there will be no surprises. You have already been there and will help me navigate every challenge and every joy.

Have you made those New Year's resolutions? How about a few Franciscan resolutions? Here's a few to consider:

- Invite someone to become engaged in the Franciscan Federation
- Check the Franciscan Federation Facebook page once a month
- Contribute a picture or article to the Franciscan Federation website
- Plan to attend AFC 2017 and invite a friend to join you
- Make contact with a Franciscan community living near you to join the Federation activities
- Pray daily for peace

Peace and all good to you in this new year!

Kay Klackner OSF

COMMISSION OF CHARISM SERVICES

We have just celebrated the great solemnity of the Incarnation. As we settle back into our daily routines, we can easily forget the significance of the Incarnation. For Francis of Assisi, Christmas was the greatest of all feasts. God has become one of us experiencing fully what it means to be a human being. It is in this act of extravagant love that we each come to know our dignity as a human person. Franciscan Spirituality accentuates the goodness of all of creation. The significance of God coming to dwell among humanity draws attention to the Prologue of the Third Order Rule. The message of the *Letter to the Faithful* is the universal message of the Gospel "All who love God with their whole heart, with their whole soul and mind, and with their whole strength and love their neighbor as themselves ..." This introduction speaks of an encounter with God and that we are to also encounter our sisters and brothers with the same love as God has embraced us. We are to see Christ in each person. Thomas Merton stated: "If we believe in the Incarnation of the Son of God, there should be no one on earth in whom we are prepared to not see, in mystery, the presence of Christ."

The challenge is to live the prophetic call of the Gospel. The prophetic call challenges us to break open the Scriptures, listen contemplatively as God allows us to be immersed in the Word, and to understand its meaning as needed for today, and to

have the courage to proclaim this message to society. Is this not what Francis did in his time? He challenged power and advocated for humility and *fraternitas*; challenged the desire for wealth with poverty; challenged discrimination of the have and have nots by showing the dignity of each person by doing and being mercy and compassion; challenged desire for conquering violence with a peaceful heart. The circumstances of the 13th Century are not much different than today. We live in a world that experiences tension, violence, lack of concern for the poor and marginalized, and lack of respect for the dignity of each person. Consider the world's refugees who left all behind; those without clean water; those without basic necessities due to natural disasters; those whose lives are endangered due to violence and war. It is in the midst of this suffering that Christ is found.

As the followers of Francis and Clare of Assisi we are to contemplate the Word and express our response in words and actions that show a total love of God and neighbor.

The Incarnation calls us to leave behind our preferences and self-centeredness to heal the brokenness around us. We are challenged to live a more generous life with a love that is generous, patient and constant. It is only then that the Christ Incarnate truly lives in our midst.

Suzanne Kush CSSF

Franciscan Action Network

The Franciscan Action Network invites you to consider the following:

We have heard a great deal of anti-Muslim rhetoric during the presidential campaign including a registry requiring Muslims to register. History reminds us that much of this is the same language that the Nazis used in requiring Jews to register during their rise to power. As the Holocaust Museum reminds the world in their statement about this

issue, language was the first thing used to dehumanize others.

As Franciscans, we are called to be more than observers and bystanders. When we see injustice, we are called to action.

Let us remember the story of our Franciscan Friar, St. Maximilian Kolbe. He refused to sign the Deutsche Volksliste, which would have given him rights similar to those of German citizens in exchange for recognizing his German ancestry. He spoke out against the Nazis and helped protect Jewish children. For this, Kolbe was arrested and sent to Auschwitz. We hope and pray that our nation never comes to the point of actually creating a Muslim registry, but we do have to be prepared to act if the unthinkable occurs.

As Franciscans and Franciscan-hearted people who attempt to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, St. Francis of Assisi and St. Maximilian Kolbe, please sign a commitment to stand up and say, "Do not take my brother, my sister, who is Muslim. Take me, a Franciscan instead. I will sign the registry in their place." Please click on the link for more information and to sign up on the FAN website. FAN will use this information to make our government officials aware of what Franciscans all over the country are doing and why. *Your contact information will be kept completely confidential and will not be used outside of the Franciscan Action Network.*

<https://franciscanaction.org/franciscan-commitment-resistance-muslim-registry>

Sister Mary Ann Mueller, CSSF

REGIONS

Region 3

Chicago IL

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

Commemorating the 500th 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

Region 6

Colorado Springs CO

WOMAN'S STORY ANNUAL RETREAT

MARIETTA SPENNER O.S.F.

Retreat Facilitator

**“TO BE IS A BLESSING. . .
TO LIVE IS HOLY”.**

Date & Time: Saturday January 28, 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

**Place: Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Hall
at Mount Saint Francis, Colorado Springs, Colorado**

Registration Fee: \$45.00 [includes lunch] Limited scholarships available upon request. Limited overnight accommodations available at the Franciscan Retreat Center for an additional fee. Phone them at [719-955-7025](tel:719-955-7025) and tell them you are with the Woman's Story Retreat. Payment is made directly to the FRC separately from your registration fee. For your comfort consider bringing your own pillow and dress in layers.

Pre-registration and pre-payment for the retreat is required by January 18, 2017

For a brochure and/or registration contact:

Evening: Sister Marilyn Uhing [719-955-3783](tel:719-955-3783)

Day: Women Partnering Inc. [719-577-9404](tel:719-577-9404)



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

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Dream Retreat: Our Dreams Are Messages from God.

Presenter: S. Olga Wittekind,

PhD Jungian Analyst

Saturday, January 14th

9:30am – 2:30pm

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

Dreams open us to our inner lives and can help us grow spiritually. Learn about the archetypal themes in our dreams. Dreams can be wisdom guides for our lives. Following a Jungian approach, S. Olga will provide techniques to help us work with our dreams and to grow in wholeness on our personal journeys with God. Alchemy will be viewed as a metaphor for our inner transformation. (Beginners and advanced dreamers welcome!)

Mindfulness Retreat with the Dali Lama & Rev. Desmond Tutu

Presenters: Claire Sherman & S. Olga

Wittekind, OSF Clinical Psychologists

Saturday, January 28th

9:30am – 2:30pm

\$45 includes lunch \$65 CEU's and lunch
Join us for a day of Mindfulness Meditation

Shalom Spirituality Center (formerly
Shalom Retreat Center)
1001 Davis Street
Dubuque, Iowa 52001
www.shalomretreats.org

Centering Prayer At Shalom

Monday, January 16th, 7:00pm-8:00pm

Description: Quiet, wordless prayer and reflection on a provided reading with the theme of contemplation.

Offering: Free

Registration Deadline: Registration Not Required.

**Discovering The Wisdom Of The Seasons Through
Yoga: Winter Mini-Retreat**

*Saturday January 14, 8:30am-1:00pm, Check-in begins
at 8:00am*

Description: This mini-retreat will include yoga practices such as gentle physical movement, restorative yoga, meditation, journaling, and time for reflection.

Offering: \$30, includes a lunch

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, January 10

Bridges To Contemplative Living

*January 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20,
7:00pm-8:30pm*

Description: Based upon the works of Thomas Merton, we will reflect on and share our understandings of the contemplative spiritual life.

Offering: \$40 for the 8-session weekly series; includes booklet, beverages and snacks

Registration Deadline: Thursday, January 26

Reading That Matters Book Discussions

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

practice. Mindfulness is a practice that helps us pay attention to the present moment. Drawing from the insights of the Dali Lama & Desmond Tutu, we will explore the benefits of Mindfulness for reducing stress and the clutter of our minds. Come and experience the joy and the inner peace this brings! Our day will consist of a variety of meditation practices to usher in the New Year!

**Weaving Your Own Family Bread
Basket**

Presenter: S. Janet Born, OSF Pastoral
Minister

Saturday, February 4th

9:00am – 5:00pm

\$45 includes lunch

We will tell our stories, mention our hopes and dreams as we weave the strands of our baskets. We will bless our families, especially our daughters. (Bring them with you!) We will bless and pray over our baskets and fill them with special bread from the Sisters' bakery to take home. No experience necessary!

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.

Description: Discussions of books that can impact how we look at our world and the people in it. The January book selection is "Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion" by Gregory Boyle

Offering: \$6 per session

Registration Deadline: Monday, January 30

Simple Practices For Befriending Stress

Saturday, February 4, 9:30am-11:30am

Description: Learn practical ways that can be used to deal with stress, so that we can grow in kindness towards ourselves and others. An integrative approach of body-mind-spirit will be offered during this.

Offering: \$10, includes a snack

Registration Deadline: Thursday, February 2

Grieving the Loss Of A Loved One

Monday, February 6, 7:00pm-8:30pm

Description: If you are grieving the loss of someone dear to you, we invite you to join us for this evening of supportive learning and sharing.

Offering: Free

Registration Deadline: Friday, February 3

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 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

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www.fslf.org

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

Description: This presentation will include signs and

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 for Women with Heather Henry, January 27-29

Enough: Overcoming Our Fear of Vulnerability with Sister Karen Lueck, FSPA, and Steve Spilde, February 3-4

Loving the Crucified Christ in the Spirit of Francis and Clare, Lenten retreat with Sister Jolynn Brehm, FSPA, March 19-24

Triduum Retreat with Father Dan Crosby, O.F.M. Cap, April 13-16

Silent Directed Weekend, April 21-23

Finding Your Sanctuary with Terry Hershey, April 28-29

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.

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

Silent Directed Retreat, June 2-7

Yoga Retreat with Heather Henry, June 8-11

Golf Retreat with Steve Spilde, June 9-10

Icon Writing: Jonah and the Whale with Phil Zimmerman, July 9-15

Silent Directed Weekend, September 22-24

Serenity Retreat with Tom DeZell, Steve Spilde and Deb Hansen, October 6-7

Women and Resilience with Tom Roberts, November 10-11

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Option 2

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

Tau Center

26W171 Roosevelt Road

Wheaton, IL 60187

[630-909-6805](tel:630-909-6805)

www.taucenter.org

January 9 & 23, 7:00pm-8:30pm

Mindful Meditation

Hosted by Tau Center and The Awakening Heart Sangha

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

Harris

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

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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- **(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.

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

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