



January 27, 2015

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The 2015 Franciscan Federation Conference will be held June 19 – 22, 2015 at the JW Marriott Hotel, 10 South West Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. This year's theme is ***Responding to God's Love: A Franciscan Moral Vision***. The Franciscan tradition offers the church an aesthetic moral vision in which humanity is called to reflect the beauty and goodness of God. Franciscanism is an artistic expression. Francis, the herald of the Great King, Francis, the troubadour. The tradition advocates not simply solidarity with the poor, but also a unique and humble ethical practice of reform and community building that grants "power to the powerless".

Our presenters for the conference are: Mary Beth Ingham CSJ, Thomas Nairn OFM and Joseph Chinnici OFM. The conference schedule will provide opportunity for contemplation and sharing on the theme and input from the presenters.

The banquet on Sunday evening, June 21<sup>st</sup> will once again include an opportunity for each Congregation to honor one of its members. The criteria for selecting your honoree are based on this year's conference theme: ***Responding to God's Love***.

The honorees are TOR Franciscan Sisters and Brothers within a Congregation or a Province. They exhibit one or more of these qualities:

- A Franciscan who reflects the beauty and goodness of God through artistic expression (music, poetry, drawing, flower arrangements, etc.)
- Someone with artistic expression who is able to bring "power to the powerless".

All attending the Conference will be able to share in the lives of the honorees through a DVD presentation which will be displayed throughout the Conference. Detailed instructions for submitting materials for the DVD are included with this letter.

A form requesting information about your Congregation's honoree is also enclosed with this mailing. Please return the completed form to Dianne Kaimann, OSF at the National Office, PO Box 29080, Washington DC 20017 by **March 15, 2015**.

We look forward to your participation in this very significant part of the annual Conference. It is an invitation to participate in the New Creation (2 Cor. 5:17) that means a transformation of ourselves and the whole earthly cosmos itself. Thank you and we hope to see you at AFC 2015.

Peace and every good,

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ENC: Honoree Form  
Instructions for Submitting Digital Information