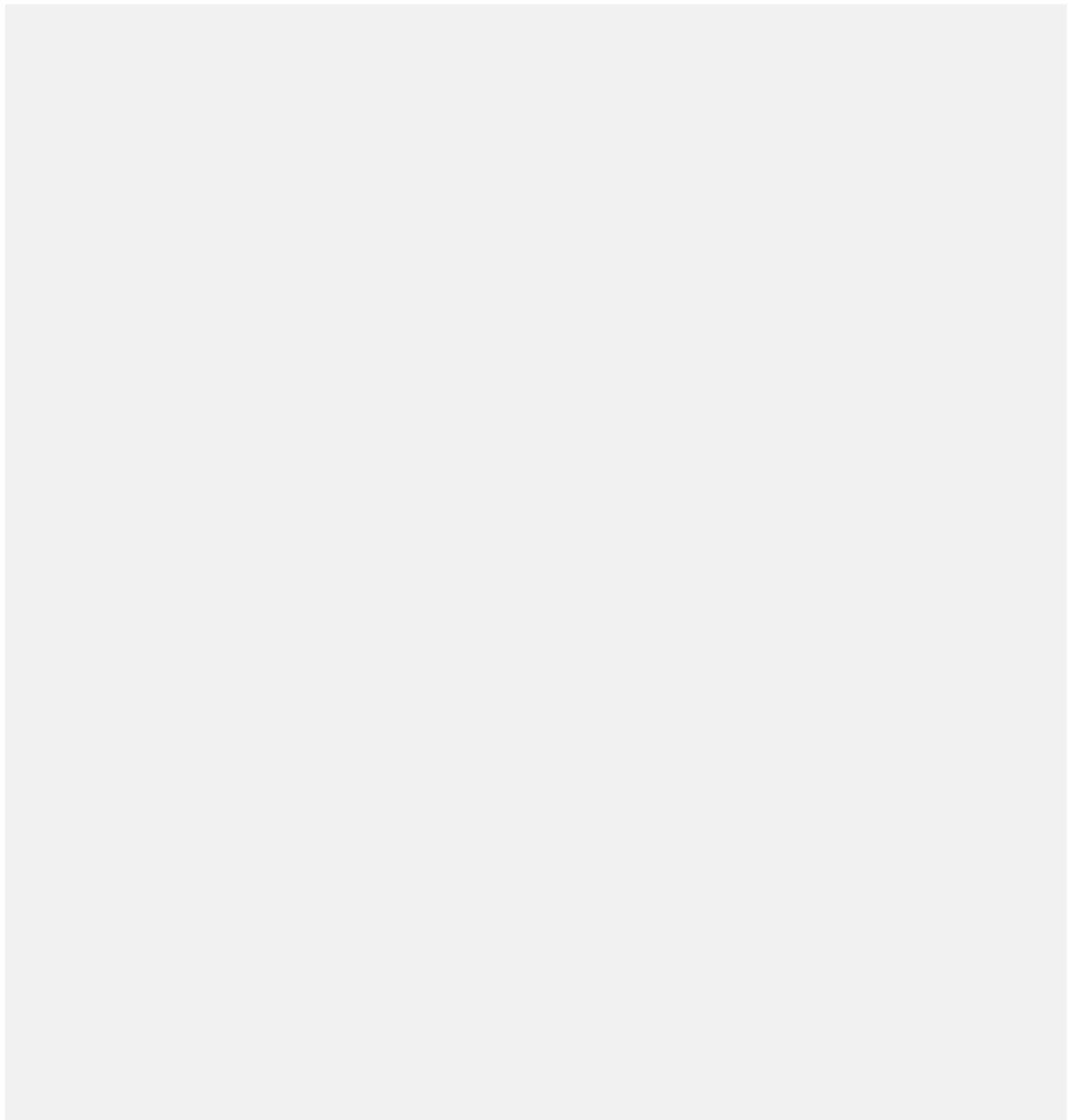




# *Franciscan Federation*

May 2017



*Bonaventure's Journey into God*



*Franciscan Inspiration for the 21st Century*

*Franciscan Federation Annual Conference*

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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

**Registration form available at <http://franfed.org>**

***There are a number of ground transportation options to and from the Buffalo Niagara International Airport. Upon arrival at the airport please follow the signs to ground transportation where you will find taxis and shuttles readily available. At the Adam's Mark, taxi service is the recommended transportation option to the airport.***

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**Because of the AFC, there will be no  
Musings in June. See you in July!**

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## NATIONAL BOARD

Greetings and Blessings to all in our Franciscan Federation! As little children, we all remember this month as a time to celebrate MARY, the MOTHER OF GOD. We had May processions, we placed bouquets of flowers before the statue of Mary and we prayed the rosary at school and in our homes. Remembering is a gift and looking forward is a gift.

We celebrate the Blessed Mother in many and diverse ways. Many of our congregations honor Mary in our Congregational Names. Our foundress Mother Alfred Moes came from Luxembourg to the United States to teach and, in order to establish her mission, she called on our Blessed Mother. With the help of Mary, she first founded the Joliet Illinois Franciscans Sisters of Saint Francis of MARY IMMACULATE and then she founded the Rochester Minnesota Sisters of Saint Francis of OUR LADY OF LOURDES.

Be assured that our prayers go out to each and all of you as we prepare for our Annual Franciscan Federation. We hope to see you there as we continue to deepen our dedication to spread the Good News of the Franciscan way of life. YOU are important to this journey and we hope that you will come with ideas, questions and enthusiasm for our Mission.

The Federation Board and our Co-Directors have also been meeting over the last year and will share with you a possible DIRECTION STATEMENT at the AFC. We look forward to sharing it and hearing your WISDOM.

Another project over the past year: we are working diligently on a second edition of the history of the FEDERATION. We hope to have it ready by this FALL. This edition follows ***A Short History of the Franciscan Federation Third Order Regular of the Sisters and Brothers of the United States 1965 – 1995***, Sister Elise Saggau OSF.

MAY OUR BLESSED MOTHER MARY GIVE YOU PEACE, HOPE and STRENGTH. WE HOPE to see you soon in BUFFALO NEW YORK at our AFC: ANNUAL FRANCISCAN FEDERATION.

PEACE AND ALL GOOD!

Eleanor Granger OSF

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### **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](mailto:franfedofficec@franfed.org)) or Damian ([franfedofficed@franfed.org](mailto:franfedofficed@franfed.org)).

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## FEDERATION NATIONAL OFFICE

### *Chapter IX: Apostolic Life*

*As they announce peace with their lips, let them be careful to have it even more within their own hearts. No one should be roused to wrath or insult on their account, rather all should be moved to peace, goodwill and mercy because of their gentleness.*

As we continue to celebrate the season of the Resurrection, we as a Federation must take a deep breath and take up the task of renewing and reforming our organization. Although many of us are seasoning into wisdom figures, if we look around, we can also see the signs of new growth in the young who are searching for inner peace as well as a formula for achieving a just world. These people are working alongside us in our institutions and being served by us in our ministries. What effect are we having on them? The other day a friar was lamenting to me that there were “so many others who are co-opting our message of ‘pax et bonum’ without understanding the full meaning of the lives of Francis and Clare.”

If we have any doubt of the relevance and need of our message in today’s world, let us look to those who God is emboldening to speak today. They are in need of support and direction, of our experience and long tradition of peacemaking in an un-peaceful world. As we begin to implement our Direction Statement, our task is simple – to let the peace of Christ work through us to inspire others in the way of

Francis and Clare.

Damian Novello OSF

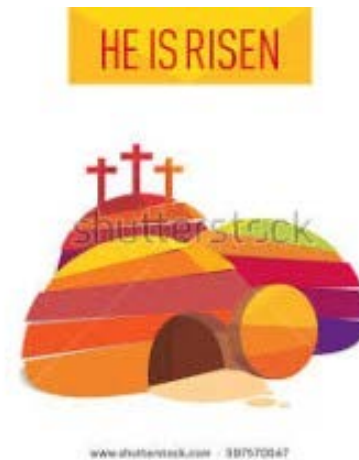
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Please have your Congregation's FACEBOOK PAGE

"FRIEND" and "FOLLOW" us on **Facebook.**

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

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## COMMISSION OF ELECTED LEADERS

Happy Easter Season!

Preparations are being made and finalized for our upcoming AFC meeting in Buffalo. An handout is being prepared for all the commission meetings at the Assembly for implementing the Direction Statement.

Currently we have two nominations for service on the ECCEL committee. We are

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very grateful to those who are willing to submit their names.

The CEL Commission meeting will be on Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. At that time, Frank Scornaienchi will facilitate the election process and Damian Novello will facilitate the Direction Statement discussion implementing overview, table talk and handout tool.

We look forward to being with you in Buffalo.

Margaret Mary Kimmins OSF

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## COMMISSION OF CHARISM SERVICES

Revisiting Bonaventure's "The Soul's Journey Into God" caused me to reflect on the journeys of recent guests into our home. They have brought me a deeper understanding of "catemplation"- more commonly referred to as "contemplation" in spiritual literature. Allow me to share some of my learnings/musings. Clara, a refugee from Kuwait, despite a 26 hour long meandering journey to the United States and fears, embraced the newness of motherhood. Fragile Tilly – lost her life-long significant other, landed in a shelter and now finds her herself in a new safe, quiet environment. She was willing to put aside her fear of strangers and allow herself to be in the presence of others. She is purrfectly satisfied to "gaze upon the things of the earth". Bo -a tail-less breed – rescued from an abusive relationship and imminent death, responds well to positive affirmation and retains his curiosity and youthfulness.

By now, you've caught on that our guests are four legged feline creatures. We provide a short term hospitality foster home for them until permanent homes are secured. They have allowed us into their lives as compassionate caregivers.



Some further insights I've received caring for these kitties: from Clara, the willingness to embrace newness especially in times of great uncertainties and the vulnerability to trust in the goodness of others and God. From Tilly, take time to enter fully into the moment – to simply be with others and enjoy their creatureliness (aka companionship). From Bo, be curious and open to the wide variety of people and personalities.

My local community's own soulful journey is enriched by the intersection of these guests' sacred journey – it is a community. They make us better Franciscans by witnessing to their beauty, creatureliness and by simply being who they are. So with grateful hearts I conclude with "Be Praised, my Lord with all your creatures." On behalf of the CCS Executive Committee – Sr. Nancy Miller, OSF

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## COMMISSION OF REGIONS

In the wake of a Resurrection rush we attentively look forward to the ensuing 50 days celebrating the consoling presence of Jesus in our lives. Standing on this holy ground with eyes wide open we welcome these graced stirrings in our hearts. That steady flow of Divine presence forms us into the people God envisions us to be – people who consciously release the transformational energy of Good News throughout the universe!

The Commission of Regions met on 12 April. The agenda included deliberate ongoing efforts to identify and integrate regional activities that foster deeper relationships and expand awareness of what is needed to move forward. Attention

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was given to encourage AFC attendance.  
Peace of the Risen Jesus to all.

Sr. Jacqueline Motzel, FSM  
COR Executive Committee

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### Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Committee



#### *Resolution on Gun Violence (2016-2017)*

**As we come full circle with the resolution on Gun Violence and move on to another resolution in a month and a half, I ask you to renew our Call to Respond. As all of us are aware, no resolution ever ends, we must keep it constantly in our view. So I ask you to review and renew as Franciscans our call to encourage an end to gun violence. I put before you our response and our call to action for 2016 - 2017.**

#### **Call to Respond:**

Let us, as members of the Franciscan Federation, continue and increase our effort to address the needs of our times, as we respond individually and collectively to the issues of gun violence and the culture of death. May we cultivate in small but key ways the culture of life to which we are called to through our faith. We must be committed to life and offer a vision of hope and a call to action.

### **Members are encouraged to:**

- Respond prayerfully by engaging in prayer services and events with prayers for peace and an end to violence; by offering intercessions during liturgies and on other such occasions, and by holding in contemplative silence victims of gun violence, perpetrators and those responding in various ways to this horrendous injustice.
- Become better educated about the issues of gun violence; teach basic values and conflict resolution and see to it that our children have a safe place to go after school hours. We can encourage our Religious Education programs to provide the values and support that can help people, especially young people, choose life and reject violence.
- Engage in advocacy efforts such as petition and postcard campaigns, calls, letters and visit's to our legislators, letters to the editor, nonviolent marches, vigils and demonstrations, media and other advocacy opportunities as they arise.
- Encourage all church leaders to promote gun control as a life issue and to invite priests and deacons to speak of this topic in their homilies. We are grateful that it has been added under life issues in the Voter's Guide, but urge the bishops to add a reason why they chose to include it as a life issues.

**This resolution was affirmed on June 29, 2016 during the Franciscan Federation Convocation.**

**Submitted by Sr. Marge Wissman  
Oldenburg Franciscan  
Franciscan Federation JPIC chair**



**Franciscans with Americans and Brazilian Sisters (FABS)**

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We happy to announce and share our new website: <http://www.the-fabs.org/>  
The first FABS gathering was held during the Annual Franciscan Federation  
Conference held in Detroit, MI in August of 2003.

FABS is a group of Third Order Franciscan Congregations with Sisters in North  
America and Brazil,  
collaborating to bring about greater inter-cultural awareness and acceptance of  
diversity.

*FABS Member Congregations:*

**Bernardine Franciscan Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis**  
**Franciscan Sisters of Allegany**  
**Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart**  
**Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of the Mother of God**  
**Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate**  
**Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God**

*For more information concerning FABS contact: Sr. Nancy Schramm, OSF, Chair  
of FABS at [rainhanancy@yahoo.com](mailto:rainhanancy@yahoo.com)*



**Franciscan Action Network**

**The Sultan and the Saint**

Franciscan Action Network (FAN) and Unity Production Foundation (UPF) are

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premiering the new film the Sultan and the Saint in various location. Click on the link:

<https://www.sultanandthesaintfilm.com/premieres/> to find a screening near you.

Another source of information on this film and upcoming screenings is the Unity Production Foundation (UPF) Facebook

page: <https://www.facebook.com/unityproductionsfoundation/>

### **About the film:**

During the Crusades, Saint Francis of Assisi risked his life by walking across enemy lines to meet the Sultan of Egypt, the Muslim ruler Al-Malik al-Kamil. This remarkable encounter, and the commitment to peace of the two men behind it, sucked the venom out of the Crusades and changed the relationship between Muslims and Christians for the better.

Featuring dramatic reenactments and renowned scholarship, this amazing story is brought to life. Scholars interviewed include Fr. Michael Cusato, OFM (distinguished professor of Franciscan studies), Fr. Michael Calabria, OFM (director of St. Bonaventure University Center for Arab and Islamic Studies), Sr. Kathy Warren, OSF (Sisters of St. Francis, Rochester, Minnesota), Suleiman Mourad (Smith College), Homayra Ziad, Institute for Christian & Jewish Studies, Paul Moses (The Saint and the Sultan), and others.

This film is a testament to the remarkable spiritual exchange between the Sultan and the Saint, and the great risks they took for peace.

For more information contact: Franciscan Action Network (FAN) office [\(202\) 527-7575](tel:2025277575) or [info@franciscanaction.org](mailto:info@franciscanaction.org)

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## Coalition of Catholic Organizations Against Human Trafficking

CCOAHT is looking to expand membership in its organization. For more information see their website at

<http://www.usccb.org/about/anti-trafficking-program/coalition-of-catholic-organizations-against-human-trafficking.cfm>

or contact Sr. Marie Lucie at FAN (202) 527-7575

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## REGIONS

### Region 1

### **Center of Renewal Retreat & Conference Center**

4421 Lower River Road

Stella Niagara, New York 14144

*(Only 10 miles north of Niagara Falls)*

**(716) 754-7376, Ext. 2**

**NEW WEBSITE:** [www.stellaniagararetreats.org](http://www.stellaniagararetreats.org)

**NEW E-MAIL:** [centerofrenewal@stellaosf.org](mailto:centerofrenewal@stellaosf.org)

*Contact us for detailed fliers & information.*

**June Preached Retreat Week by Fr. Tom Hartle - "I Think, Therefore I am Dangerous".** June 18 - 23. Fee: \$525. Pre register by June 4 w/ \$150 deposit

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**Directed Retreat Week:** August 12 - 18. Directors: Sr. Marian Baumler SSMN; Sr. Nancy Fortkort OSF; Sr. Donna Lord GNSH; Sr. Jean Thompson OSF. Fee: \$575 per person (6 nights). Advance reservations required w/\$150 non-refundable deposit by July 29.

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## *Region 2*

**Franciscan Center**  
**3010 North Perry Avenue**  
**Tampa FL 33603**  
813.229.2695  
[franciscancentertampa.org](http://franciscancentertampa.org)

**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

### **NEW PROGRAM!**

**Centering Prayer Group** Tuesdays, 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm June 6 through August 29

Eileen Strawser and Jill Biebel Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer in which we experience God's presence within us. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship following the practice of Thomas Keating. The group will meet weekly with Eileen and Jill Please email [info@franciscancentertampa.org](mailto:info@franciscancentertampa.org) to attend. There is no cost to attend. Donations are welcome and can be made to the Center. If you have questions "and/ or" are new to centering prayer, you can email them directly: Eileen Strawser [eileenstrawser@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:eileenstrawser@tampabay.rr.com) and Jill Biebel [jillbiebel@aol.com](mailto:jillbiebel@aol.com)

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

**Francis of Assisi's Cosmic Consciousness  
Silent Retreat**

**Rev. Michael Crosby, OFM Cap.**

**June 18-24, 2017**

**\$ 550.00**

**For more information, contact:  
Sister Shaun Kathleen Wilson, OSF  
Director**

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**Pittsburgh PA. 15209**

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Sr. Wilma Kramer, Director .

**The Franciscan Spiritual Center**

**609 S. Convent Rd.**

**Aston, PA 19014**

**fsc@osfphila.org**

**www.fscaston.org**

**Centering Prayer – Group Session of Quiet Prayer**

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from 10:30 to 11:30 AM

Cost: Free will offering

*A group gathering for those who have been practicing centering prayer. In the space of one hour there is a short reading or instruction, a 30 minute period of quiet centering prayer, 10 minute walking meditation, and a 20 minute concluding quiet centering prayer. We close with the Our Father. Prior to or after this hour there can be time for supportive discussion and encouragement around centering prayer for those who wish. For those interested who have never experienced centering prayer, the Franciscan Spiritual Center offers a Fall and a Spring one day introduction to Centering Prayer.*

**Facilitator: Julia Keegan OSF**



**Day Program for Seniors: Play Life! Don't Kill It**

Begins at 10 AM on May 17, 2017 and ends at 3 PM on May 17, 2017

Cost: \$25 (Includes Lunch)

*God wanting us to play? What a strange idea for those of us in the habit of working ourselves to death even if we carry the title, "retired". Even our spiritual life can find us "dead serious" about our salvation, as if our salvation depended completely on our own hard work and not the Spirit of God's work in us. Through the story, "God's Call to Play" we will explore God's invitation to "lighten" up and make space for God's merciful and playful presence in our wisdom years.*

**Presenter: Rose Mary Eve Holter OSF**

**Preached Retreat: Have I not told you, you are my Delight"? "I will never forget" says the Holy One**

Begins at 7 PM on May 19 and ends at 11 AM on May 25, 2017

Cost \$425 (\$75 deposit)

*We are invited to a time of silence to contemplate our relationship with the Holy One through prayer, music and reflections.*

**Presenter: Fr. Tom Hartle OFM** is a member of the Friars Minor of the Holy Name Province and currently resides at St. Anthony Friary in Butler, NJ. In the truest sense, Tom is an itinerant preacher. In addition to offering retreats, he also conducts pilgrimages to Assisi/Rome. Tom has the privilege of being the religious assistant to the Holy Name Federation of Poor Clares.

**Preached Retreat: Deepest Desires Retreat**

Begins at 7 PM on June 16 and ends 15 11 AM on June 22, 2017

Cost \$425 (\$75 deposit)

*Jesus comes to us from the inside. If Jesus wants us to do something, he will give us the desire for it and the love for it. Jesus calls us to look into our center, to look into our deepest desires.*

*Long ago when Jesus looked at the young man who asked: "What must I do to gain eternal life?", Jesus saw in him his deepest desire, that desire for the fullness and the maturity of love. Jesus responds: 'If you want to attain maturity, leave everything you have and come with me. . .'" This poor fellow was frightened of the means and the way, and what would need to be surrendered and was untrue to his center, his deepest desires. Raphael, the angel guide of Tobias, teaches him to be guided by God's light and be transfigured with joy and be true to his desires. Our retreat time will be reflecting on the many women and men throughout salvation history that have experienced Jesus wanting to help them by looking into the deepest part of their beings. That is where God speaks to us, not only through ideas and inspirations, but in our deepest, deepest desires.*

**Presenter: Fr. Jude Michael Krill OFM Conv**, presently ministers as pastor of Holy Cross Parish, Atlanta, Georgia. Fr. Jude has served in various ministries throughout his 30+ years as a friar. He is well known for his ministry at Neumann University, Aston, PA where he served as chaplain and as instructor of English and Theology.

**Mini Sabbath: Rediscovering and Renewing Passion on the Spiritual Journey**

Begins at 7 PM on July 9, 2017 and ends at 11 AM on July 30, 2017

Cost: \$1,800 (all inclusive)

*This 3-week Sabbath time will explore the call to Passion in our lives, especially in light of its importance in the spiritual journey. If the God of Love is also the God of Mystery, how does Passion as a Life-Force bear witness to the Mystery of Love? And how might I both “rediscover and renew” Passion within my life’s journey towards being more alive In-Spirit? Our 3 weeks will include: morning workshops/ presentations; free afternoons/evenings (with options available); suggestions for prayer/reflection; spiritual companionship (direction); daily Eucharist; electives (art, t’ai chi chih, yoga, massage, basketweaving, films). The second week of the Sabbath will be devoted to a guided retreat: “Song of Songs: A Celebration of the Many Faces of Love”. It is hoped that this will aid in ‘depthing’ our theme within a silent contemplative time (which will include daily spiritual companionship).*

**Presenter: Michael Laratonda FMS** a Marist Brother, served as associate director of Wellsprings. An experienced spiritual director and administrator, Michael has offered numerous workshops in journaling, dreams, prayer, sexuality, intimacy and celibacy. Michael is involved in retreat work, spiritual direction, and facilitating programs for various communities throughout the U.S. There are also some guest lecturers.

**Guided Retreat: “Haunted by God: Echoes on the Journey”**

Begins at 7 PM on July 16, 2017 and ends at 11 AM on July 22, 2017

Cost: \$425 (\$75 deposit)

*“After you took leave of my house, I saw on the floor the footprints of God” (American Indian Proverb)*

*Several people have recently asked: “Many of us never made your earlier retreats in past years; would you ever repeat one of them?” Rather than repeat a specific retreat, this silent guided week will ‘touch back into’ various past themes in order to notice:*

*“Where am I today?*

*What is God inviting me to now in my spiritual journey?”*

*We will approach the themes below in ‘refreshed-revitalized’ ways – inviting us to ‘pray anew’ with the God of Love who ‘haunts’ us (in the most profound sense of that word/Word). New prayer suggestions, films, songs, and insights will accent:*

*the calls of God within a prayerful/contemplative life of service;*

*connections between passion and mysticism;*

*the ever-deepening challenges in the Life of Love;*

*links between ‘life-transitions’ and ‘Spirit –transformations’;*

*the ‘love for mercy’ and the ‘mercy of love’;*

*ongoing growth in a compassionate, just, and peaceful life.*

*N.B. Open to all, whether familiar or not with past retreats; please bring a Bible and a notebook/journal.*

**Presenter: Michael Laratonda, FMS**, a Marist Brother, served as associate director of Wellsprings. An experienced spiritual director and administrator, Michael has offered

numerous workshops in journaling, dreams, prayer, sexuality, intimacy and celibacy. Michael is involved in retreat work, spiritual direction, and facilitating programs for various communities throughout the U.S.

### **Directed Retreat**

Begins at 7 PM on August 1, 2017 and ends at 11 AM on August 7, 2017

Cost: \$425 (\$75 deposit)

*This silent retreat offers a contemplative setting and daily spiritual direction with a certified spiritual director. Daily Mass is offered each day in Our Lady of Angels Chapel.*

**Directors: Mary Waslsh, OSF, Mary Killoran OSF -- Mary Walsh OSF**, a Sister of St. Francis of Philadelphia, serves as an associate staff member at the Franciscan Spiritual Center. Her ministry includes spiritual direction, giving retreats, offering workshops in focusing and holistic spirituality. She is certified in Spiritual Direction and as a Focuser Trainer. **Mary Killoran, OSF**, a Sister of St. Francis of Philadelphia, presently serves as a certified spiritual director in the Wilmington/Delaware County area. Mary also coordinates the Alternatives to Violence Program at two state prisons and teaches Bible Study at a women's prison. She has ministered as a teacher and pastoral associate as well as in congregational leadership.

### **Guided Retreat: "Touched by the Holy": Women in Watercolor**

Begins at 7 PM on August 14, 2017 and ends at 11 AM on August 20, 2017

Cost: \$425 (\$75 deposit)

*Using this series of watercolors painted by Sister Doris Klein, CSA, as a starting point, this retreat experience will invite us to explore the stories of several New Testament women who encountered Jesus at significant junctures in their own life journeys. We will pray with these women who were tenderly touched by the Holy One and meet the Jesus who, without judgment, can lead each of us to a place of balance and integration, healing and wholeness by honoring the unique gift of who we are: God's great and wonderful work of art (Ephesians 2: 10).*

**Presenter: Clare D'Auria, OSF**, a Sister of St. Francis of Philadelphia, is an associate member of the Center, having recently completed six years on the congregation's leadership team. For almost half of her forty years in ministry, Clare has served in retreat ministry, offering directed and conference retreats and workshops in Franciscan spirituality. Clare also serves as a staff member of the Franciscan Pilgrimage Programs in Assisi, Italy. With an MA in Theological Studies from the Washington Theological Union, she is a certified spiritual director and supervisor for spiritual directors at Neumann University.

### **T'ai Chi Chih Retreat:**

Begins at 7 PM on August 27, 2017 and ends at 11 AM on August 31, 2017

Cost: \$425 (\$75 deposit)

*This 'Silent Retreat' will focus on Spirituality, since T'ai Chi Chih is a Spiritual Practice. These extended days of retreat will provide time and experience for participants to sink more fully into the essence of Tai Chi Chih. The full TCC form will be taught with special emphasis on the last 10 moves. No prior experience is necessary. The learning experience*

*will encompass instruction, practice sessions, spirituality and reflection. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and soft-soled shoes or socks. Beginners and all levels of experience are welcome.*

**Presenter: Antonia Cooper OSF**, a Franciscan Servant of the Holy Child of Jesus, is an artist, an iconographer, spiritual director, and accredited instructor of T'ai Chi Chih. She currently serves as Councilor to the International General Leadership team of her community. Since 2003 Antonia has traveled nationally and internationally presenting workshops, retreats and conferences in an effort to introduce a holistic approach to life and health, reuniting body, mind and spirit.

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### **Region 3**

#### **Chiara Center**

**A Franciscan place of spirituality**

**4875 La Verna Road**

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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.**

#### **Oldenburg Franciscan Center**

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Website:

[oldenburgfranciscancenter.org](http://oldenburgfranciscancenter.org)

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

### **Jung & Complexes**

Presenters: S. Olga Wittekind, PhD and Claire Sherman, PhD

Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 2017

9:30am – 2:30pm

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

Complexes are psychic entities with strong emotion that can escape our conscious control – money complex, inferiority complex, mother/father complex, etc. Complexes indicate something incompatible and conflicting exists in the psyche. Come and learn how complexes can be the stimulus to greater growth and possibilities!

### **Psyche's Tasks**

Presenter: S. Olga Wittekind (Clinical Psychologist)

Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 2017

9:30am – 2:30pm

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

“Using Robert Johnson’s book “She”, we will drop deeper into our souls to discover more fully which of Psyche’s tasks is leading us to greater wholeness. Come and learn to find new awareness of integrating our feminine tasks that can lead to harmony and individuation.”

## **Portiuncula Center for Prayer**

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

**9263 West St. Francis Road**

**Frankfort, IL 60423**

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

### **Women's Summer Retreat: “COME TO THE TABLE”**

**Dates/Time:** Wednesday, June 21, 5:30 p.m. (Dinner) to Sunday, June 25, Noon (Brunch) Registration 3-5 p.m. Opening session Wednesday, 7:00

p.m. **Fee:** \$385 includes retreat, optional Spiritual Direction, meals, and private room. **Single-Day Option:** Thursday, Friday, and Saturday (June 22, 23, 24) 9:30-5 p.m. includes lunch; group sessions (9:30-Noon and 4-5) with afternoon free. \$65

We will tap into a feast of ideas, reflections, and experiences that can bring us renewal and revitalization even as we find a balance that leads us to a more centered life. Morning presentations will invite you to grow, to stretch, and to imagine new ways of being nourished that engage body, mind, and spirit. The afternoons will offer you personal time to let your own creative spirit lead the way.

**Facilitators: Janice Keenan, OSF, Norma Janssen, OSF, Lisa Lager**

**"THE ART AND HEART OF A SPIRITUAL LIFE" with Father Albert Hasse,  
OFM**

**Date/Time:** Saturday, July 15 (beginning with 5:30 dinner) to Saturday, July 22 (concluding with Noon brunch) **Fee:** \$575 includes all meals, private room, retreat; **Commuter:** \$350 includes opening dinner and session, lunch daily, retreat, closing session and brunch. Registration begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday

Based upon his bestselling book and DVD, *Catching Fire, Becoming Flame: A Guide for Spiritual Transformation*, this retreat focuses upon some of the important elements and attitudes of a vibrant spiritual life: prayer, surrender and trust, confronting temptations, and experiencing God's presence in our everyday, ordinary life and routine. The retreat draws from our rich spiritual tradition and expresses its wisdom in Fr. Albert's inimitable preaching and teaching style.

**Albert Haase, OFM: "Finding God in the Nitty-Gritty"**

**Wednesday, July 19 \* 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

**Auditorium at Franciscan Sisters' of the Sacred Heart Motherhouse  
9201 W. St. Francis Rd., Frankfort, IL 60423.**

God speaks to us each and every day in the events and people we encounter as well as in our deepest feelings and most creative thoughts. Are we listening? How do we hear the voice of God in the nitty-gritty of our daily routines? Loosely based upon Fr. Albert's bestselling book, SAYING YES: Discovering and Responding to God's Will in Your Life. Free will donation accepted.

### **SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT: "Holding the Silence"**

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, July 26 at 5:30 p.m. (Dinner) to Sunday, July 30 Noon (Brunch) Registration from 3:30-5 p.m.; Opening Session at 7 p.m. **Fee:** \$385 (includes room, meals, and individual spiritual direction). A six day retreat may be arranged concluding on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Additional fees will apply. **Single-Day Option:** July 27, 28, 29 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. **Fee:** \$65 per day includes spiritual direction and lunch.

The Directed Retreat promises an environment that fosters silence, solitude, prayer, rest, and renewal as you find yourself surrounded by the beauty of St. Francis Woods. Each day you will have the opportunity to meet with a trained spiritual director and participate in Liturgy as well as spend time in solitude. **Spiritual Directors:** **Janice Keenan, OSF**, Director of Spiritual Ministries at the Portiuncula Center for Prayer; **Father Terry Johnson**, Spiritual Director and leader of retreats and workshops as well as Pastor of St Irenaeus Parish in Park Forest; and **Sue Carter**, a Certified Spiritual Director who serves as the Coordinator of Religious Education at St. Christina Parish.

### **Sisters of St. Francis**

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**Tiffin OH 44883**  
**Ph. 419-443-1485**  
[franciscanretreats.org](http://franciscanretreats.org)

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.

**May, 2017**

***"Who Do You Say That I Am? Exploring the Gospel Portraits of 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.

### **June 2017**

***"A River Runs Through It" Saturday, June 10.*** 9 AM - 6:30 PM. Sr. Edna Michel, pilgrimage leader. A renewal day for active mothers, empty-nest mothers, and grandmothers. Participants will be invited into various reflections on their lives during a 40-mile round trip pilgrimage as we stop at scenic spots along the Sandusky River. Participants limited to 10. Includes a packed lunch and evening meal at Tackle Box II in Fremont. \$35 (does not include cost of evening meal).

### ***"Contemplative Exploration into Evolutionary Christianity" June 11-16***

(Sun. 4 PM - Fri. 1 PM) Sr. Nancy Sylvester, IHM, director. A conference retreat exploring our experience of being evolutionary Christians and the theology that is taking shape within us. This retreat is experiential involving personal reflections, communal contemplation, presentations and process.

Cost: \$480. Commuter \$340. Deadline for registration: May 20, 2017

### **July 2017**

#### ***"Touched by the Holy: Women in Water Color" July 9-16***

(Sun. 4 PM - Sun. 10:30 AM) A conference, experiential retreat. Sr. Clare D'Auria OSF, director. Using the series of watercolors painted by Sr. Doris Klein, CSA, as a starting point, this retreat experience will invite us to explore the stories of several New Testament women who encountered Jesus. Praying with these women can lead each one of us to a place of balance and integration, healing and wholeness.

*Note: Actually creating a watercolor piece will NOT be part of this retreat experience.*

Cost: \$480. Commuter: \$340. Deadline for registration: June 2.



**September 2017**

***"Oasis Day Mini-Retreat" - to be announced***

**October 2017**

***"Love Overflowing: Insights into the Trinity" October 9-12***

3-1/2 day Conference Retreat. (9:30am on Mon. - after Brunch on Thurs.). SFH chapel. Sr. Pat Froning OSF, director. This retreat will help participants explore the dynamic energy in one of our most fundamental beliefs. Discover Trinity anew: always an invitation to surprise.

(Non SFH residents may stay at SFSC) Cost: \$250

**November 2017**

***"The Journey Beyond A Wounded Warrior" November 3-5***

(Friday evening - Sunday after noon meal). This retreat for all veterans and active duty service members is designed to offer healing insights from one of the most beloved saints: Francis of Assisi. We will gain further insight from contemporary authors: Joseph Campbell in *The Hero's Journey* and Harry Moody in *Five Stages of the Soul*. Retreat team: Dr. Greg Massiello, Ph.D. trauma therapist, Fr. Conrad Targonski, OFM, retired Marine Corp chaplain, and Rev. William Reese, Lutheran Minister and Vietnam veteran. Cost: \$190. Commuter \$120. Scholarships available. **Deadline for registration: October 21**

**December 2017**

***"Oasis Day Mini-Retreat" - to be announced***

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**Region 4**

**Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls**

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Little Falls, MN 56345  
(320)632-2981 [www.fslf.org](http://www.fslf.org)**

*The Spirituality of Presence: The Franciscan Way of being Present to Life and Death*

July 21 - 27, 2017

Retreat Director: Darleen Pryds

This retreat uses teachings from the Franciscan tradition—especially from lay Franciscans—and experiential mediations to explore the rich teachings about finding joy in life by looking closely at dying and death. By directly facing the sacred transition from this life to the next, we will discover the tender joy that is inherent in the Franciscan way of life.

For more information, including registration costs, or to register by July 12, 2017, contact the Franciscan Life Center at [\(320\)632-0668](tel:3206320668) or email: [franciscanlife@fslf.org](mailto:franciscanlife@fslf.org); [www.fslf.org](http://www.fslf.org).

**Holy Spirit Retreat Center**

**3864 420th Ave  
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Web: [www.holyspiritrc.org](http://www.holyspiritrc.org)**

***“Wisdom from Francis of Assisi for the 21st Century,” JUNE 24 –30.*** presenter: Sr. Kathy Warren, OSF. This retreat will consider some of the writings of Francis of Assisi to discover an ageless wisdom for our contemporary challenges. We will also consider teachings (by word and deed) from one of the most ardent followers of Francis, Pope Francis. Join us as we seek the timeless insights of St. Francis of Assisi and apply that wisdom to our daily lives, now in this time and place in history.

**Marywood Franciscan Spirituality Center**

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Arbor Vitae, WI 54568  
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For more information on these retreats see [marywoodsc.org/retreats.php](http://marywoodsc.org/retreats.php)

## **Rochester MN Franciscans Assisi Heights**

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## **Shalom Spirituality Center**

(formerly Shalom Retreat Center)

**1001 Davis Street**

**Dubuque, Iowa 52001**

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Call: [563-582-3592](tel:563-582-3592)

Email: [info@shalomretreats.org](mailto:info@shalomretreats.org)

### **The Spirituality Of Spirals**

Presenter: Neal Patten, Shalom Director Of Marketing

**Thursday, May 11, 6:30-8:30 PM**

From the microscopic helix of your DNA to the vast arms of the Milky Way, the shape of the spiral has been observed over and over in the natural world. The rotating body of a hurricane, the cross-section of a head of cabbage, the cardiac muscle fibers of our heart, the florets of a sunflower's head — all flow in a spiral pattern. The spiral is one of the oldest and most extensively encoded shapes throughout the natural world and the universe. The evening will include a presentation about the history of spirals and their recurrence throughout science, mathematics, art, mythology, religion, and culture. Following the presentation, there will be time to discuss the significance and meaning of spirals in our own lives. After discussion, we will explore our own spiral creativity through art & music.

Join us to explore the sacred meaning of this ancient symbol.

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**Offering: \$10.**

**Register & Prepay By Wednesday, May 10.**

**Shalom's Annual Picnic On The Hill**

**Thursday, May 25, Serving From 11:30 AM To 12:30 PM**

Enjoy one of your first picnic lunches of the season in our dining room or outside on our beautiful deck. The "very summery" menu includes hamburgers, brats, potato salad, baked beans, cookies & ice cream, lemonade, and coffee.

**Offering: \$10 for adults. / \$5 for kids (ages 10 and under).**

**Register & Prepay By Tuesday, May 23.**

**Walking The Path Of Beauty: Following Jesus In The Franciscan Spirit**

Facilitator: Sr. Mary Beth Ingham, CSJ

**Thursday, June 1, 5:30 PM— Tuesday, June 6, 9:00 AM**

This preached retreat explores the unique Franciscan path of beauty as a way to follow Jesus in our world today. Morning and afternoon conferences unpack the key insights found in the beauty of Franciscan John Duns Scotus' writings. Includes daily Eucharist.

**Offering:**

**Overnight: \$455. Includes 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches, & 5 dinners.**

**Commuter: \$400. Includes 4 lunches & 5 dinners.**

**\$25 early bird discount if registered by May 1.**

**\$75 Nonrefundable deposit due at time of registration.**

Sr. Mary Beth Ingham, CSJ, after completing her doctoral studies in Medieval Philosophy at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland, taught for 25 years at Loyola Marymount University. She served on her congregational leadership team and is Professor of Philosophical Theology at the Franciscan School of Theology, Oceanside, California.

Sr. Mary Beth is a popular presenter and author of several books and numerous articles on the thought of Franciscan Master Blessed John Duns Scotus. She is currently working on a volume that compares the thought of Scotus with that of Thomas Aquinas.

**Registration Deadline: Thursday, May 25.**

## **Shalom's Summer Breakfast: Spiritual Sustainability**

Presenter: Neal Patten, Shalom Staff Member

**Wednesday, June 7, 7:30-8:30 AM**

Sustain yourself with a nourishing, delicious breakfast while socializing with friends old and new. Following breakfast, reflect upon the spiritual call to sustainable living. In the height of summer, we revel in the beauty of God's creation — from the abundance of wildflowers, and the towering majesty of trees, to the brightness of sunlight by day, and the chorus of insects at night, but it's time to re-evaluate our relationship as humans with all living beings and to begin caring even more deeply for our common home.

**Offering: \$10.**

**Register & Prepay By Monday, June 5.**

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

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### **The Franciscan Spirituality Center**

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

**Silent Directed Retreat**, June 2-7

### **Radiant Woman - A Yoga Retreat**

June 8-11

Thursday, 3 p.m.-Sunday, noon

Presenter: Heather Henry

Investment:

- Full: \$295, includes retreat, three nights' stay and all meals
- Commuter: \$225, includes retreat, dinner on Thursday, and lunch on Friday and Saturday

Limited to 20 participants.

Honor yourself and your body with practices designed to nourish the divine woman within. Allow nature to inform your intentions and daily movement through life, creating an effortless flow that is vibrant and alive. Inhabit more— or all—of your body, instead of living just in your mind. Through practices drawn from yoga and Ayurveda, including gentle postures, breath, meditation and sound, we'll connect with our creative feminine energy, guiding it consciously to manifest the lives we desire. Along the way, we'll develop greater compassion for ourselves, which transposes into greater compassion for all.

### **The Spirit of Golf: A Retreat for Men and Women**

June 9-10

Friday, 7 p.m.-Saturday, 7 p.m.

Presenter: Steve Spilde

Investment:

- Full: \$200, includes retreat, greens fees and golf cart, all meals, 1 night's stay
- Commuter: \$160, includes retreat, greens fees and golf cart, Friday night social, Saturday lunch and dinner

Explore the life lessons to be learned from this beautiful and frustrating game, as we explore insights from the writings of M. Scott Peck, author of *Golf and the Spirit: Lessons for the Journey*. This retreat includes 18 holes of golf, and all skill levels are welcome. In addition to golfing, we'll have time for both personal reflection and group discussions that link golf and spirituality. Enjoy an evening social, good food and great conversation!

### **Icon Writing: Jonah and the Whale**

July 9-15

Sunday, 7 p.m.-Saturday, 10 a.m.

Instructor: Phil Zimmerman

Investment:

- Full: \$625, includes retreat, bedroom, all meals and all supplies
- Commuter: \$505, includes retreat, lunch and supper, and all supplies
- Fee includes a \$150 non-refundable deposit.

Limited to 25 participants.

Icon writing is a meaningful prayer practice and a technical art form with a rich, inspirational history. At this retreat for all levels, we will “write,” or paint, a classic icon of Jonah and the Whale, in the Byzantine style, following ancient guidelines and techniques while using modern artist’s materials. All materials and supplies are provided so that you will finish the week with a beautifully completed icon varnished and ready to display. Each day of the retreat will include prayer and meditation, explanation of the technique, history and symbolism of the icons, and several hours of painting.

*Summer camps for adults:*

### **Put Your Whole Self In! Mind-Body-Spirit Meets Earth-Water-Fire-Air**

June 19-23

Monday, 1 p.m.-Friday, 10 a.m.

Presenters: Greg Lovell, Cynthia (Sam) Licht, Bernice Olson-Pollack and FSC staff; Leader: Melinda Pupillo

Investment:

- Full: \$375, includes meals, four nights’ stay, all program materials
- Commuter: \$250, includes lunches and dinners, all program materials

Summer camp isn’t just for kids! We have created this week with adults of all ages and abilities in mind. As we connect our mind, body and spirit with the earth, water, fire and air, we explore our

five senses and take in the world around us. Just like camp, there will be time during the day to hike, be creative, find time for quiet and even paddle a canoe if you choose. In the evenings, we will hear from different teachers on mind, body and spirit. One evening, we will even sit around a fire and roast marshmallows. Come with your childlike curiosity and a small sense of adventure; you will even get time for a nap or two. Put your whole self in, and you will certainly be blessed!

Included in your registration are three evening opportunities that are also open to the general public (\$10 each for the public):

- June 19 - Monday, 6-8 p.m.

Mindfulness Foundations. Speaker: Greg Lovell

- June 20 - Tuesday, 6-8 p.m.

Devotion Through Body Awareness. Speaker: Cynthia (Sam) Licht

- June 21 - Wednesday, 6-8 p.m.

Film and discussion, *Everything is Spiritual* by Rob Bell

### **Eco-Love: Nurturing Your Human Nature with Creation**

August 7-11

Monday, 1 p.m.-Friday, 10 a.m.

Presenters: Sister Lucy Slinger, FSPA, and Melinda Pupillo

Investment:

- Full: \$375, includes meals, four nights' stay, all program materials
- Commuter: \$250, includes lunches and dinners, all program materials

This week of camp for adults will allow you to explore the created world around you and examine your role as a part of it. As we hike the coulee bluffs, plant and nurture gardens, and make new connections between spirituality and ecology, you are invited to listen and respond to God's command to care for Creation in new ways. Many of the experiences will be held at the FSPA Villa St. Joseph Farm land located 13 miles east of La Crosse.

Sister Lucy Slinger, FSPA ecological advocate, will share her theology of ecology in practice at the new, net-zero water and energy greenhouse and organic garden. Prairie restoration and other FSPA sustainable land management practices will be shared, with a special experience of helping develop a healing herb peace garden for the new greenhouse landscape.

Mornings are flexible for rest, reflection and time on your own. Afternoons will be experiential times of prayer, reflection and getting our hands and feet dirty. Evening offerings provide activities and discussions to examine what it means to live in right relationship with self, others, God and the rest of creation. There will be an opportunity to go canoeing, and we will have a closing bonfire together, marshmallows included! You are invited to participate in this full-day, camp retreat experience, or you may join us for the evening programs alone. This week will open your heart in new ways to celebrate the glory of Creation!

Included in your registration are two evening opportunities that are also open to the general public for \$10 each:

- August 7 - Monday, 6–8 p.m. *I Am*, film and discussion
- August 9 - Wednesday, 6-8 p.m. Theology for Ecology, with a brief look at Pope Francis' *Laudato Si*

**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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## **Region 5**

### **Il Ritiro Franciscan Retreat Center**

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## **Region 6**

### **Franciscan Renewal Center**

**5802 E. Lincoln Dr.**

**Paradise Valley, AZ 85253**

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

To register, call 480.948.7460 ext. 132 or click on the links below.

#### **Sabbaticals**

Make the Franciscan Renewal Center a part of your sabbatical. Spend time in an atmosphere of quiet beauty and a space to develop a stronger sense of spiritual self-awareness and consciousness. Rest and take time for reflection; create your own program from our many workshops, courses and retreats. We are happy to offer you a wide variety of options to nourish your mind, body and spirit. Call 480.948.7460 to plan your stay.

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#### **EDUCATION / FORMATION**

#### **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
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- High school or university students
- Volunteers in Franciscan-based service programs
- Those with a Franciscan heart

Our next conference is June 13-15, 2017

The conference theme is: Mentoring Peacemaking as Franciscans in our World Today.

The conference presenter is Sr. Nancy Schreck, OSF

Visit <http://www.nextgenerationoffranciscans.org> for additional information and a registration form

## **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>

## **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:

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

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