



National Board/Dare to Image Ad Hoc Committee

[This month we are combining the report from the National Board and the Dare to Image Ad Hoc Committee following our combined January meeting.]

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

At the "Dare to Image" meeting held in Chicago in April 2014, the participants formulated the following statement:

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 begins with:

- ***an active Sabbath plan to revitalize, refocus, and redesign the Federation***
- ***increased inclusivity – beyond TOR, beyond AFC attendees, encompassing those with a Franciscan heart.***

The members of the Dare to Image Ad Hoc committee have been holding, reflecting and working with this mandate through a process of contemplative discernment focused on the feedback analysis from the participants of the June 2015 AFC. Meeting in November 2015, the Ad Hoc committee drafted priorities and goals for "next steps" from this analysis. This information was sent to the Members of the Board in preparation for a combined meeting of the National Board and Dare to Image which was scheduled for January 25-28, 2016 at Our Lady of the Angels Convent, Aston, PA.

Unfortunately, Mother Nature, a snowstorm named "Jonas", and many cancelled flights prohibited us from meeting face-to-face. Undaunted by these challenges, the members convened the meeting on January 26 and 27, via Zoom teleconferencing. This technology enabled us to have the needed dialogue while reviewing the ad hoc committee draft of priorities and goals and clarifying the "next steps" for both the National Board and Dare to Image.

The National Board and the Ad Hoc Committee have scheduled meetings to continue the work of each

group. We have also planned another combined teleconference meeting to prepare a united presentation during the Federation's 50th Anniversary Celebration, June 17-20, 2016 in Milwaukee, WI.

All felt energized and blessed that we were able to meet and continue this process together despite the challenges of weather and distance. We continue in our desire to vision together for a more inclusive expression and gathering of those who embrace the life and values of Franciscan Spirituality. We know we cannot be too concrete in planning a clear or specific outcome if we truly desire the collaboration and commitment of others within and beyond the Franciscan family. As we enter this Lenten season may we be attentive to the movement and invitation of the Spirit to see and hear deeply the desire of God for us and for the Franciscan Federation.

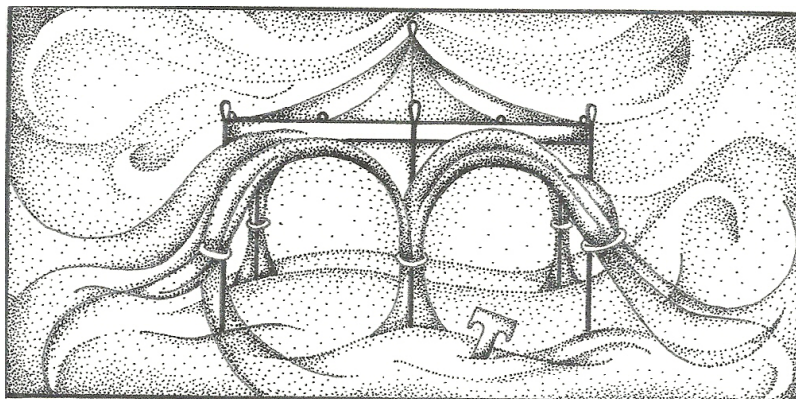
Margaret Magee OSF
Dare to Image Ad Hoc Committee

Diana White OSF
National Board Member

“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

To read an article about Sabbath - "All I ever really needed to know about sabbath keeping I learned in Mr. Rogers Neighborhood"- click on

<http://jdwalt.seedbed.com/2007/04/27>

Federation National Office

Franciscan Federation Executive Director Position

Open for Candidates

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.

Stipend package of \$45,000 includes benefits. The location of the Franciscan Federation office is at the discretion of the Executive Director with approval from the National Board. The Executive Director may hire a part time assistant.

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.

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

Be sure to check all the way to the end of the Retreat and Educational opportunities. New retreats and programs have been added.

A new look for the Franciscan Federation website is coming soon. So, if you click on the website and see an entirely different appearance, you are on the correct site. I will now be able to get information for Celebration 2016 on there. Be sure to keep checking.

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)

This year is Leap Year. Donna Henes, an internationally renowned ritual expert, award winning author, popular speaker and workshop leader, suggests that *"perhaps we might use this year as a sort of reality check."* As members of the Federation we are indeed doing that as we prepare to celebrate **"50**

Years of Responding to God's Love and Mercy."

Donna also suggest that we, "*use this extra day to check out this amazing universe we live in. To contemplate and celebrate the workings of our world ...*" This can also be related to the Federation --- it is an amazing organization that we are a part of as we reflect on and celebrate the workings of it over these past 50 years and as we Dare to Image its future – a future that may appear magnificently mysterious to us but we know God is the one leading us!

On February 8th (our next meeting), we look forward to hearing the plans of the Board and Dare to Image Committee for the AFC Presentation. We will also be doing our own planning for the AFC and discussing the openings we will have on the National Board and on the Executive Committee of Elected Leaders. We are asking you to prayerfully consider how God is leading you to serve the Franciscan Federation in the future.

Mary Jo Mattes, OSF
ECCEL Member

Commission of Regions

As we begin 2016 we venture ahead in this the 50th Anniversary of the Franciscan Federation with a "Dare to Image" Sabbath, clusters, technology, and the significance of this Year of Mercy. We are grateful for the past and hope as Franciscans that we can bring to all of creation the goodness of God. Let's support and find ways to save our Mother Earth, spend "time out" with the Lord, and learn new technologies to spread the Good News of the Gospel.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Zwigart, OSF
Member of COR Executive Committee

Commission of Charism Services CCS)

Over these past months the Franciscan Federation has been observing a time of Sabbath. We have been reminded that Sabbath is a time of ceasing and resting. As we begin the month of February we are now focusing on another element, embracing. The word embracing suggests an accepting or supporting an idea with enthusiasm.



During the winter months as we *gaze* upon nature, whether it is a barren tree or the fallow earth, all seems to be dormant. In reality what seems to be lifeless is being renewed, replenished and being prepared to embrace a time when new life will once again be manifested. This image is reminiscent of the contemplative stance we are challenged to live. This is a time when we allow ourselves to go to that inner place and to be attentive to who we are and what we are called to be. It is in such moments that we consider what is at our very core, what we have learned from the past, what we truly treasure and what is the pulsing energy within, so that we can focus and embrace the new life that will be brought about and live it with passion.

In this process one is called to be engaged in a radical shift to bring about a transformation.

“Presentencing,” a word coined by Otto Sharmer, senior lecturer at MIT and Founding Chair of the Presentencing Institute, captures two actions. “Presence” which calls to consider what of our past has served us well and now needs to be let go. The second action is “sensing” which will connect us with and allows new possibilities to emerge. This process also calls us to face our fears and what binds us from moving forward. It is the new possibilities that we are called to embrace.

Presence calls us to contemplate the ordinary that we often take for granted. The foundational essence that is our call, of who we are intended to be. The events of the years, the desires for that which is other than who we are causes doubt, frustration and an unknowing. The being present brings us to the now and assists us in a clarity of desire and embracing our true reality. While we take time to consider the future we need to check with one another. What is the deeper story that we hope to share? What is the other saying? What is the future that we will shape together?

As nature is witnessing to us we will come to a time when new life will emerge and we will be transformed through the embrace of our preferred future.

Suzanne M. Kush CSSF

Chairperson, CCS Executive Committee

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N.B. 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

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.

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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.

Franciscan Federation History

Fun Facts

Did you know:

"In 1988 the Federation put into place a new model of governance. (Sister) Rose Cecilia Case had been president for five years, a clear departure from the two-year terms that had preceded hers. This long tenure was needed at a time of financial crisis and a diminishment of leadership energy. A basic re-organization was demanded. The Statutes were revised to meet the new requirements. A five-person board, two members appointed and three elected, would eliminate the need for an annual nominating

committee and cut down on some operational overhead. The President would serve for one year and then be succeeded by the first Vice-President, who in turn would be succeeded by the second Vice-President."

(From *A Short History of the Franciscan Federation* by Elise Saggau, OSF, p. 19)

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,

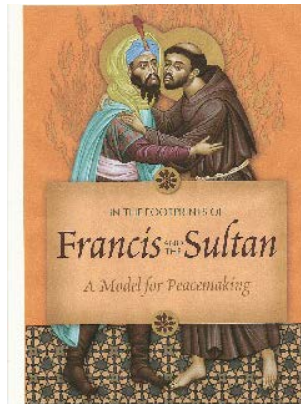
to honor the power of the present, and

to grasp fresh possibilities for the future.

Our honorees for our celebration will be the past Presidents and Executive Directors.

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

Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities 23rd Annual Central New York Franciscan Experience

Francis and The Sultan

The presentation focuses on the too-little known 13th century Middle East peace initiative that occurred between Francis of Assisi and Sultan Malek-al-Kamil.

Presenter: Kathy Warren, OSF

Date: March 5, 2016

Place: St. Daniel Parish Hall
3004 Court Street
Syracuse NY

**Cost: Before February 16 - \$25.00 per person, \$35.00 for couple
After February 16 - \$30.00 per person, \$40 for couples**

Registration fee includes all materials, lunch and refreshments.

Send Registrations to: Franciscan Experience

Attn: Sr. Pat Larkin
Franciscan Villa
6900 Buckley Road
Syracuse NY 13212

More information: Sister Eileen Kernan. 315-634-6985, ekernan@sosf.org

Region 2

Sister Sandra Lyons shares Region 2 Steering Committee's efforts to enhance Federation membership and attendance at Celebration 2016. Steering Committee members who made this trip: Sandra Lyons, Bernardine Franciscan Sisters, Pat Brennan, School Sisters of St. Francis and Chris Tenn, Franciscan Sisters of Allegany. This is the first installment of three.

12/31/15

"Franciscan Federation Region 2 Steering Committee Members have gathered in Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies, the southern-most part of Region 2, first for a retreat that began on December 26th and secondly, to meet with sisters of various Franciscan Congregations to introduce them to the Franciscan Federation and to invite them to become members. We are residing at the Allegheny Franciscans' Immaculate Conception Convent, formerly a hotel built in 1930, getting to know many Franciscan Sisters of Allegheny, most of whom are indigenous Jamaican women. We share morning and evening prayer, daily Eucharist, meals and much conversation intimately with one another. Our retreat master is Dennis Mason, a Conventual Franciscan.

Tidbits: Oxtail for supper; 7-inch lizard co-habitated my bedroom two nights in a row until evicted by a broom and spray; car we travelled in on a tour of Allegheny Franciscan ministry sites side-swiped by a truck in Kingston (no one injured-car damaged); drive on the left side of the roads; driver drives in right side of car.

Stay tuned for next week's pilgrimage of Franciscan ministries and experiences throughout the island."

The Christine Center

W8303 Mann Road
Willard WI 54493

christinecenter@tds.net
www.christinecenter.org

**Mindfulness Meditation and Yoga Retreat
February 12-14 (Friday-Sunday)**

IL RITIRO

Franciscan Retreat Center

P.O. Box 38 ~ 7935 St. Francis Ln.
Dittmer, MO 63023

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

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

With Susan Mickel, MD, PhD and Pam Eyden

Come learn two traditions in one weekend: yoga postures and mindfulness meditation. Lots of opportunities to ask questions, have group discussions, and talks to integrate the two practices with day-to-day life. No prior knowledge of either tradition is necessary. [Learn More](#)

Yoga Nidra: The Healing Power of Extreme Relaxation and Effortless Meditation

February 22-23 (Monday-Tuesday) Begins 2 pm on Monday through Lunch on Tuesday.

With Roberta Hodges

Yoga Nidra is the most powerful relaxation technique known. It means conscious deep sleep. Experience supreme relaxation of body and the most profound stillness of mind helpful in treating diseases and exhaustion caused by stress. [Learn More](#)

Inside Out: Poetry, Music, and Meditation February 26-28 (Friday-Sunday)

With Jonathan Jones and Johanna Seubert, FSPA

The ecstatic poetry of Kabir has been treasured around the world for five centuries. Join us for a weekend of poetry, meditation, music and sacred dance. [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

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

Directed Retreats

**Saturday, February 20, 2016
9:00 am – 3:30 pm
Presenter: Kathleen Davis**

“LAUDATO SI, Practical Living”

Saturday, March 19, 2016

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Sunday Mass at 4:00 p.m. (Optional)

In this workshop we will consider the ways we might change our lives, and the need for each of us to make those changes. We will reflect upon the spiritual and theological content of *Laudato si*, but we will also consider in concrete terms the sorts of changes Francis is inviting us to make in our daily habits so that we each can contribute to a healthier planet. Together, we will explore practical, sustainable living for individuals, families and faith communities.

Presenter: Br. Edward Tverdek, O.F.M.

Registration fee is \$24 (\$40 for two) before February 20, 2016 and \$34 (\$60 for two) after February 20th. Registration is non-refundable. Lunch is included. Scholarships are available. To Register please call 636-274-0554 or email us at il.ritiro@gmail.com

Receive a 15% discount on overnight accommodations in conjunction with this program.

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

il.ritiro@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/il.ritiro.5

Oldenburg Franciscan Center

812-933-6437

Email: center@oldenburgsf.com

Website:

oldenburgfranciscancenter.org

Blog: 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.

1) June 5-11, 2016: Register by May 13
Sunday 5:30 p.m. to Saturday 10:00 a.m.
Retreat Director: Janet Mallak, SSND

2) 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**

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
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

Women's Day: Women of Joy

S. Norma Rocklage, OSF – Keynote

Speaker

**S. Ann Vonder Meulen, OSF – Breakout
session**

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.

- **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.

Holy Spirit Retreat Center

3864 420th Ave
Janesville, MN 56048
Phone: 507-234-5712
E-mail: retreat@frontiernet.net
Web: www.holyspiritrc.org

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 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.

Come learn how liminal changes can bring about growth and new life

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

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

The programs all take place at Graymoor, Garrison, NY

The contact information is;

Ron Pecci, OFM
frrjpp@gmail.com
201/456-2055

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.

"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

The Franciscan Spiritual Center

609 S. Convent Rd.
Aston, PA 19014
fsc@osfphila.org
www.fscaston.org

Mini-Sabbath:

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
\$425 (\$75 deposit)
Sister Julia Keegan, OSF
609 S. Convent Road
Aston, PA 19014
Email: jkeegan@osfphila.org

Guided Retreat: The Long and Winding
Road: "Journeying Through the Gospel of
Luke"

August 8-14, 2016

Clare D'Auria
\$425 (\$75 deposit)

Shalom Spirituality Center

(formerly Shalom Retreat Center)
1001 Davis Street

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 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.

Dubuque, Iowa 52001
www.shalomretreats.org
(563)-582-3592 [Ext. 20]

Title: Dying With Christ, Rising With Christ

Facilitator: Fr. Donald Goergen, O.P.

Two Retreat Options:

Option 1: One Day Retreat — on February 10,
from 9am to 4pm

Option 2: Three Day Retreat — from
Wednesday, February 10, 9am to Friday,
February 12, 1pm

Description: Lent is an opportune time to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ. What does new life in Christ mean for us? Lent prepares the way. Easter celebrates the gift. If we do not die with him, we will not be raised with him. We gather to contemplate the mystery together.

Includes daily Eucharist.

Option 1 (Ash Wednesday Retreat, One Day)
Offering: \$50 — includes lunch.

Option 2 (Three-Day Retreat) Offering:
Overnighters — \$140
Commuters — \$105.

Includes 3 lunches & 2 dinners.

Additional overnight stay on Friday night with
Saturday breakfast: \$42.

Register by Friday, February 5.

\$50 nonrefundable deposit required.

Indicate choice of 1-day or 3-day retreat at
registration.

Women Along The Way Of The Cross: A Prayerful Reflection

Leader: Mary Lechtenberg OSF

Date & Time: Tuesday, February 16, from 7 to
8:30pm

Description: Jesus walked the way, but not alone. We will recall the women who were there on the way with Jesus. We also will reflect on how women today walk with people in need. This session will include Scripture and other readings, time for reflection, and sharing.

Freewill Offering.

“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 ½ day Conference Retreat, **October 16-20**
SFH chapel

Sr. Edna Michel, director.

4 PM Sunday – after brunch Thurs. 2
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Feb. 19- 21, 2016

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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

Register by Monday, February 15.

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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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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, Hildegard of Bingen, John of the Cross, Teresa of Avila, Thomas Merton and more will be explored. Each day 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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Pilgrimage into the Last Third of Life

March 2 - 10:00-11:30

Presenter: Anne Dougherty OSF

Please register by February 1.

Fee: Donation

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

Music @ the Monastery continues **Sunday, February 14th at 4:00 PM** with an organ recital by Russell Joseph Weismann, director of liturgy and music at St. Jane France de Chantal parish, Bethesda MD. Works by Bach, De Grigny, Cholley and Boulanger will be featured.

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July 5-8: Dr. Michael Guinan, OFM
Creation, Justice, and the Human Role: Biblical Foundations of the Franciscan Vision.

July 11-15: Dr. William Short, OFM
Saint Francis and His Love of Creatures

July 18-22: Dr. Thomas Herbst, OFM
Theology of Creation in Bonaventure

July 25-29: DR. Darleen Pryds and Donna Foley, OFS
Enduring Presence: The Integral Ecology of Franciscan Life

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Holy Week Retreat

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 franciscancentertampa.org, or call 813-229-2695

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Dr. Joshua Benson

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Dr. Anthony Murphy

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Kyle Haden, OFM

Women and Gender in Islam: From Revelation to Revolution- July 4-15
Michael Calabria, OFM

Clare and Franciscan Women - July 11-29
Dr. Jean Francois Godet-Calogeras

Survey of Franciscan History - July 11-29
Dominic Monti, OFM

Development of the Franciscan Person - July 11-29
David B. Couturier, OFM, Cap

Franciscan Women's Conference - July 12-15
Dr. Marco Bartoli

- **(2016) Fr. Michael Crosby, OFM Retreat Week:** June 19-24, 2016. **“Fruit of the Spirit: Pauline Mysticism for the Church Today”.** Each retreatant will receive an autographed copy of Fr. Crosby’s new book of the same title as retreat. Fee: \$525 per person (5 nights). Advance reservations required w/\$150 non-refundable deposit by 6/5/16 @ 3:00 pm.
- **(2016) Directed Retreat Week:** August 22-28, 2016.
- Spiritual directors for this retreat: **Sr. Marian Baumler, SSMN; Sr. Nancy Fortkort, OSF; Sr. Donna Lord, GNSH; Sr. Kathleen Murphy, OSF; Sr. Jean Thompson, OSF.** Fee: \$575 per person (6 nights). Advance reservations required w/\$175 non-refundable deposit by 8/8/16 @ 3:00 pm.
- **(2016) Advent Retreat Weekend by Fr. Tom Hartle, OFM:** December 1-4, 2016. Fee: \$295 per person (3 nights). Advance reservations required w/\$90 non-refundable deposit due by 11/17/16 @ 3:00 pm.
- **(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.

Florence Deacon, OSF, PhD

Dr. Amy Koehlinger

(The organizers seek to bring together women and men who are living the Franciscan tradition in various ways - as members or associates of the three Franciscan orders, coworkers in Franciscan institutions, etc. - with academic scholars who want to bring their research into a mutually enriching conversation with a broader audience.)

The Newly Discovered Life of Francis by Celano - July 14, 2016, 7:30 PM

Jacques Dalarun

Secular Franciscan Conference - July 25-29

Julie McElmurry, MS

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March 18-20, 2016

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