

## **National Board**

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

On behalf of the Federation board members and our Executive Directors we wish each of you a very happy and peace-filled Thanksgiving celebration.

We have just finished the celebrations of All Saint and All Souls which provides a special opportunity to remember all those people who have touched us and have become the fabric of our lives in many ways. I was reminded of our Franciscan Federation 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration in June and am so grateful to all those who have gone before us. These women and eventually men were open to the Holy Spirit as they began to envision something new. This vision became the Franciscan Federation of the Third Order Regular with the purpose of bringing us together to grow more deeply in our Third Order Charism. Over the years it has evolved and changed in many different ways. And once again we are facing the need to evolve into something that will meet the needs of our members, communities and the world as we look to the future.

The National Board has been commissioned to streamline the organizational components of the Federation to meet the needs of members and communities in 2016. In order to do this justice we need your input to know what your needs and desires are for the future of the Federation. I invite you to ponder the following questions and send your reflections to Carol and Damian in National Office.

- What does the Federation mean to you today?
- What is the something new we are being called to do in the future?
- What is your vision for the Federation as we begin the next 50 years?
- What ways can you see the Federation addressing the needs of the world today?

The board will be grateful for any insights you can share with us.

I leave you with the words of a song we used at the June celebration  
by Joyce Johnson Rouse because it speaks to where we are now;

We are standing on the shoulders of the ones who came before  
us

We are stronger for their courage, We are wiser for their  
words

We are lifted by their longing for a fair and brighter  
future

We are grateful for their vision, for their toiling on this Earth.

We are standing on the shoulders of the ones who came before  
us

We are honored by their passion for our  
liberty

We will stand a little taller, we will work a little  
longer

And our shoulders will be there to hold the ones who follow us.

May God give you Peace,

Eileen Golby,

OSF

Secretary of National Board

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*Franciscan Federation Annual Conference*

**AFC 2017**

**Inspiration for the 21st Century -**

**Bonaventure's Journey into God**

**June 16 - 19**

**Adams Mark Hotel, Buffalo**

Presenters -

Andre Cirino OFM, Josef Raischl OFS  
& Joanne Schatzlein OSF

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**FRANCISCAN FEDERATION NATIONAL  
OFFICE**

*Everywhere and in each place, and in every season and each day, the brothers and sisters are to have a true and humble faith. With all that they are, let them adore Him because “We should pray always and not lose heart”(Lk. 18:1) . . .(they) should manifest their special dedication to God and celebrate the Father’s love for the world. – TOR Rule 3:1-2*

There are many times (sometimes daily) when we are thrown off balance by circumstances in our lives and in our world. There is a pessimism and sense of fatality that manage to creep into the lives of the most positive people among us. The heaviness of the changing seasons can multiply these effects. It is at these times, when our thoughts become fixated on the darkness around us and within us, that the words of our Rule provide a beacon of light. If we are convinced of God’s love for the world, then the changing of the vivid colors of Fall into the stark monochrome of Winter is just another manifestation of the Plan. Just as we string lights to challenge the darkness, we must also marvel at the Creation that will soon again spring forth in new light. And there is nothing we can do but praise God’s mystery in our world as well as in our own lives. Happy Thanksgiving!

*“All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well” – Julian of Norwich*

Damian Novello OSF

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friend us on

Facebook

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**COMMISSION OF ELECTED LEADERS**

Autumn beauty surrounds us – this fall has been an incredible burst of color! Thanksgiving Day will soon be here – may our hearts burst with gratitude for all that is ours as gift from our God. The everyday miracles of our life shower us with blessings, signs of God's love for us. We can only stand in wonder and awe, giving praise to our God. We are compelled to echo the words of Francis, "*Most high, all powerful, all good Lord, all praise is yours, all glory, all honor, all blessings!*"

At our recent Zoom conference call for ECCEL, we talked about the great need for increasing membership of this committee. (We are currently a team of three members – one former member recently completed her term; another resigned because of being named to a position in Rome for her congregation.) Is the Spirit nudging you or another

member of your Leadership Team to be involved? Think about your gifts – how can you share them so that the Federation continues to grow and thrive? If you are interested, please contact the National Office.

Let us keep alive the energy of the Spirit giving life to our charism and values, inviting us to embrace the future with hope.

Sister Theresa Darga, OSF

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## **COMMISSION OF REGIONS**

A BLESSED THANKSGIVING to one and all as we enter into the month of November! The Board and Commission of Regions give thanks to our REGION LEADERS! You are faithful and dedicated Franciscan women and men.

In the past year we have met bi-monthly with Conference Calls led by Sister Kay Klackner our COR leader. During these calls, the regional chairs, Executive Directors and representatives from the Board share the good news of the last months in each region and assist one another in finding ways to deepen our Franciscan life collectively.

We acknowledge that we have limitations including lower numbers in our congregations as well as less energy to travel long distances to attend regional meetings. The Good News is that, with technology, we can continue to “be with one another” through Skype or ZOOM. Those of us who use ZOOM have the advantage of seeing the members on screen; this allows us to get to interact even more deeply.

Last month the Commission of Regions members shared the unique ways we celebrated the Feast of Francis of Assisi. Not only was this a delightful sharing, it also gave us new ways to celebrate in the years to come. Many regions are reorganizing both in leadership and places and times to meet.

If you have questions or ways of deepening our Franciscan Spirit, please share them with us by writing to Brother

Damian email: [franfedofficed@franfed.org](mailto:franfedofficed@franfed.org) or Sister Carol at email: [franfedofficec@franfed.org](mailto:franfedofficec@franfed.org).

Peace and all good,  
Sister Eleanor Granger OSF  
Commission of Regions

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## **COMMISSION OF CHARISM SERVICES**

### *Daring to Image Living Mercy*

It's has been a year since Pope Francis proclaimed an "*Extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy*, calling for "This is the time for mercy. It is the favorable time to heal wounds, a time for all those who are waiting to see and to touch with their hands the signs of the closeness of God, a time to offer everyone the way of forgiveness and reconciliation." In *Misericordiae Vultus*, he beckoned all people to, "Open our hearts to those living on the outermost fringes of society...How many are the wounds borne by the flesh of those who have no voice because their cry is muffled and drowned out by the indifference of the rich! (*art.15*).

This past summer at the AFC we were invited to *Dare to Image* a new Franciscan entity characterized by the Franciscan values of radical hospitality, inclusivity and collegiality. Recently, in Pope Francis' *Message on World Day of Prayer for Creation*, he clarified that "human life itself and everything it embraces" includes *care for our common home*...As a corporal work of mercy, care for our common home requires 'simple daily gestures which break with the logic of violence, exploitation and selfishness' and 'makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world" (*Laudato Si'* 230-231). As we know our country, world, neighborhoods and families are in desperate need of healing, mercy, reconciliation, and of mended relationships. The Year of Mercy officially ends in November, but *living Mercy* and committing to new works of mercy is needed now more now than ever. Each one of us can seek ways to live mercy by "simple daily gestures which builds a better world," for that is ours to do. Networking together, practicing active nonviolence, and promoting radical hospitality and inclusivity, is what Franciscan hearted people are called to give to our world.

Nancy Miller, OSF

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## **JPIC**

### **2016 NATIONAL VIGIL TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE DECEMBER 14 – 18, 2016**

This event was originally called **December Sabbath to Prevent Gun Violence**. Four years ago on December 12, 2012, twenty children and six staff were killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. They were gunned down by a young man who was mentally ill and got the guns from his mother's house. He also shot his mother and eventually himself. Every year since then an organization called Newtown Foundation, joined by other organizations, has initiated a vigil on this weekend to remember not only those killed at Sandy Hook but the 120,000 Americans killed by gun violence throughout the United States and to pray for an end to gun violence.

Since the tragic Sandy Hook shooting:

- Over 400,000 Americans have been killed or injured by guns;
- Nearly 200 school shootings, according to Everytown for Gun Safety (<https://everytownresearch.org/school-shootings/>)
- Over 1400 mass shooting incidents (defined as four or more people shot in an incident), according to the Mass Shooting Tracker (<https://www.massshootingtracker.org/data>)
- There has been no congressional action to #EndGunViolence with three failed gun violence prevention votes in the Senate and no votes in the House of Representatives.

If you wish to participate in this event, go to the website [www.decembersabbath.org](http://www.decembersabbath.org) and you will be signing up with many across the country praying to end violence.

Marge Wissman, OSF  
Justice, Peace Integrity of Creation Committee

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## **REGIONS**

### **Region 4**

#### **Rochester MN**

Franciscan Federation Region 4 invites you to  
**“Relationality”**

A workshop using David Courturier’s 2016 Annual Federation Conference Presentation. Facilitated by Sister Ramona Miller, OSF  
**Saturday, November 19, 2016** - 10am-Noon  
Assisi Heights Spirituality Center  
1001 14th Street NW | Rochester, MN  
\$15 includes lunch following the program.

David Courturier, O.F.M. Cap., is dean of the School of Franciscan Studies and executive director of the Franciscan Institute, at St. Bonaventure University as well as the Executive Director for “Franciscan Connections: The Cord – A spiritual Review.” David’s Presentation at AFC was well received: “Poverty Beyond Our Means: Millennials and the Hopes for a New Franciscan Economy.” His hope for Franciscan life is that it can inspire hope and build exciting partnerships between Franciscan communities and the Millennial generation.

Sister Ramona Miller has extensive experience in pastoral ministry in parishes, retreat centers and congregational leadership. She has served as president of the Franciscan Federation and has a passion for teaching the Franciscan legacy.

Assisi Heights Spirituality Center  
1001 14th Street NW | Rochester, MN 55901-2525  
[www.rochesterfranciscan.org](http://www.rochesterfranciscan.org) | 507-282-7441

To register: [www.rochesterfranciscan.org](http://www.rochesterfranciscan.org)  
or call Angie Grimm at 507-280-2195.

#### **Clinton IA**

This **ADVENT RETREAT** is an opportunity to deepen your understanding of what living mercy means in everyday situations. “Living Mercy” will be held **Saturday, December 3** at 8:30 a.m. at The Canticle, home of the Sisters of St. Francis of Clinton, Iowa. To register, email [office@clintonfranciscans.com](mailto:office@clintonfranciscans.com) or call [563-242-7611](tel:563-242-7611). For more information see our website [www.clintonfranciscans.com](http://www.clintonfranciscans.com) or call [563-242-7611](tel:563-242-7611).



Thank you,

Kate Marlowe  
Director of Congregational Communications  
Sisters of St. Francis  
843 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
Clinton, Iowa 52732  
563-242-7611

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***Region 6***

**Colorado Springs CO**

**2017**

**WOMAN'S STORY ANNUAL RETREAT**

MARIETTA SPENNER O.S.F.

*Retreat Facilitator*

**“TO BE IS A BLESSING. . .**

**TO LIVE IS HOLY”.**

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

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

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

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

*For a brochure and/or registration contact:*

*Evening: Sister Marilyn Uhing 719-955-3783*

*Day: Women Partnering Inc. 719-577-9404*

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## **Next Generation Franciscan Mentors**

We sponsor an annual conference for those who are helping form our next generation of Franciscans. This conference is for you if you help in the formation of

- Franciscan vowed religious
- Secular Franciscans
- Associates/affiliates/co-journers
- High school or university students
- Volunteers in Franciscan-based service programs
- Those with a Franciscan heart

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## **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Chaplain Positions Available**

Holy Family Memorial invites you to consider an exceptional opportunity as a Chaplain within our Network. We currently have two open positions:

- Full-time 40 hour per week
- Part-time 20 hour per week

### **Job Description:**

These individuals will serve as health care ministers who can provide religious and spiritual care and support to patients, families, and staff throughout the Network, and to the community at large when needed, regardless of faith persuasions.

### **Educational Requirements:**

- Master's degree in theology, divinity, religious studies, pastoral ministry, pastoral studies, or spirituality required.
- Must be able to provide current endorsement of or confirmation of good standing in accordance with the requirements of own faith tradition.
- Certification by NACC or APC required; may accept candidates eligible to complete requirements within one year of hire.

**Experience:**

Prior experience as a Chaplain in a healthcare setting strongly preferred. On-call availability required.

**About Our Organization:**

- Holy Family Memorial is a nationally recognized, award-winning healthcare organization comprised of a community hospital and a multi-specialty group with approximately 90 providers.
- Manitowoc is located in Wisconsin on the breathtaking shores of Lake Michigan and is a family-friendly community that offers excellent schools, a multitude of activities, and a tremendous number of outdoor recreational opportunities.
- Forbes rated Manitowoc as one of three top cities in America to raise a family due to: solid average incomes, good educational prospects, low costs, short commute times and a high rate of home ownership.

**How to Apply:**

**Interested candidates should apply online at [www.hfmhealth.org/careers](http://www.hfmhealth.org/careers). Feel free to contact us directly at [recruiter@hfmhealth.org](mailto:recruiter@hfmhealth.org) or (920) 320-4031 with any questions.**

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**WHEATON FRANCISCANS**

**Position Announcement – Director of Liturgy**

The Wheaton Franciscan Sisters are seeking a Director of Liturgy to serve our Motherhouse and growing faith community. The Wheaton Franciscans are a small community of vowed women religious and covenant men and women located in Wheaton, Illinois. The Director of Liturgy is responsible for facilitating the faith life of the Wheaton Franciscan community by providing for and coordinating quality liturgical experiences which celebrate and strengthen the community's journey of faith. We are seeking an individual with a passion for inclusive and prayerful liturgical celebrations, excellent communication skills, and the demonstrated ability to work collaboratively with others. Thorough knowledge of Catholic liturgy required. This is a .8 FTE. Competitive salary and benefits offered. For more information, please contact Colleen Morgan,

Province Secretary at [cmorgan@wheatonfranciscan.org](mailto:cmorgan@wheatonfranciscan.org) or 630-909-6678. To apply for this position, please forward a cover letter, resume, and salary requirements to: Search Committee at [lschafer@wheatonfranciscan.org](mailto:lschafer@wheatonfranciscan.org) or mail to PO Box 667, Wheaton, IL. 60187-0667.

## **WHEATON FRANCISCANS**

### **Position Announcement – Sacramental Minister**

The Wheaton Franciscan Sisters are seeking a Sacramental Minister to serve our Motherhouse and growing faith community. The Wheaton Franciscans are a small community of vowed women religious and covenant men and women located in Wheaton, Illinois. The primary function of the Sacramental Minister is to make tangible the Presence and Grace of God through the provision of the sacraments for the Wheaton Franciscan community. The Sacramental Minister has the primary responsibility with regard to the celebration of liturgy at Our Lady of the Angels Motherhouse Chapel. We are seeking a compassionate and self-reflective man with a clear sense of personal identity, and well grounded in a relationship with God, self, and others. Must be an Ordained Roman Catholic Priest in good standing; affiliation with a religious order desirable. For more information, please contact Sr. Lynn Schafer at [lschafer@wheatonfranciscan.org](mailto:lschafer@wheatonfranciscan.org). To apply for this position, please forward a cover letter, resume, and salary requirements to: Search Committee at [lschafer@wheatonfranciscan.org](mailto:lschafer@wheatonfranciscan.org) or mail to PO Box 667, Wheaton, IL. 60187-0667.

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## **The Christine Center**

W8303 Mann Road  
Willard WI 54493  
Telephone: 715 267 7507  
[christinecenter@tds.net](mailto:christinecenter@tds.net)  
[www.christinecenter.org](http://www.christinecenter.org)

## **IL RITIRO Franciscan Retreat Center**

P.O. Box 38 ~ 7935 St. Francis Ln.  
Dittmer, MO 63023  
636-274-0554 ~ [www.il-ritiro.org](http://www.il-ritiro.org) ~ [il.ritiro@gmail.com](mailto:il.ritiro@gmail.com)

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## **St. Anthony Spirituality Center**

300 E Fourth Street  
Marathon, WI 54448  
715-443-2236  
[info@sarcenter.com](mailto:info@sarcenter.com)  
[www.sarcenter.org](http://www.sarcenter.org)

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

[il.ritiro@gmail.com](mailto:il.ritiro@gmail.com)  
[www.facebook.com/il.ritiro.5](http://www.facebook.com/il.ritiro.5)

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## **Oldenburg Franciscan Center**

812-933-6437

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## Marywood Franciscan Spirituality Center

3560 Hwy 51 North  
Arbor Vitae, WI 54568  
715-385-3750

[marywood.center@gmail.com](mailto:marywood.center@gmail.com)  
[www.marywoodsc.org](http://www.marywoodsc.org)

For more information on these retreats  
see [marywoodsc.org/retreats.php](http://marywoodsc.org/retreats.php)

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## Franciscan International Study Centre

Giles Lane  
Canterbury, Kent CT2 7NA,  
United Kingdom  
+44 (0) 1227 769 349  
[www.franciscans.ac.uk](http://www.franciscans.ac.uk)  
[info@franciscans.ac.uk](mailto:info@franciscans.ac.uk)

Programs for 2016-17 Academic Year:

**Sabbatical Programme** - Integral to our mission at the Franciscan International Study Centre is the welcoming of guests seeking spiritual renewal in the form of a sabbatical. Each term's sabbatical offerings centre on a specific theme, and a sabbatical can last from one to three terms.

Email: [center@oldenburgosf.com](mailto:center@oldenburgosf.com)

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

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

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### *Caregiver's Retreat*

**Presenters: Bill Tonnis (Pastoral Musician)  
& Bethann Rais (Licensed Massage  
Therapist)**

**Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**9:30am-2:30pm**

**\$45 includes lunch**

**“Give yourself the gift of self-care! We offer you a day to relax, pray, be rejuvenated, and be nourished through art, massage and music.”**

### *Stories from Mythology & Fairytales: Patterns in Our Lives*

**Presenters: Claire Sherman, PhD & S. Olga  
Wittekind, PhD (Clinical psychologists)**

**Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, November  
20<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Friday 7pm – Sunday noon**

**\$215 single; \$130 commuter CEU's available  
(10 hours)**

**“We will look at the ways heroes overcome their most difficult trials, and we will discover how we can use their examples as a source of empowerment for our own life journeys!”**

### *Retreat with Hildegard of Bingen*

**\*COME JOIN US AT OUR NEW SPACE IN  
THE MAIN MOTHERHOUSE!**

**Presenter: S. Olga Wittekind, OSF (Retreat  
Director)**

**Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**9:30am – 2:30pm**

**\$45 includes lunch**

**“A Benedictine Nun of the 12<sup>th</sup> century,  
Hildegard was a mystic, musician,  
pharmacist, gardener, and Abbess. Come  
spend time with this Holy Woman and**

**Certificate in Franciscan Studies** - Through the Certificate in Franciscan Studies the Franciscan family passes on its spiritual heritage to its members - lay and religious - from around the world. It is a comprehensive programme that studies the foundation, history, spirituality and intellectual legacy of the Franciscan movement. It provides the opportunity to deepen one's own understanding of what it means to be a Franciscan, either at the outset of the journey or at an integrating moment later along the way.

**Certificate in Training for Franciscan Formation** - The Certificate is a unique programme designed to help prepare religious men and women for the ministry of initial formation entrusted to them by their Franciscan religious institute. Candidates for this Certificate have the opportunity to deepen and expand both theoretical and practical areas of expertise needed to be involved in initial formation.

For more information on these three programs, visit [www.franfed.org](http://www.franfed.org) under the *Notifications tab, Upcoming Events* or follow the link to the Study Centre above.

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### **Holy Spirit Retreat Center**

3864 420th Ave  
Janesville, MN 56048  
Phone: 507-234-5712  
E-mail: [retreat@frontiernet.net](mailto:retreat@frontiernet.net)  
Web: [www.holyspiritrc.org](http://www.holyspiritrc.org)

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### **The Franciscan Spiritual Center**

609 S. Convent Rd.  
Aston, PA 19014  
[fsc@osfphila.org](mailto:fsc@osfphila.org)  
[www.fscaston.org](http://www.fscaston.org)

newest female **Doctor of the Church.**"

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

St. Francis Spirituality Center  
200 St. Francis Ave  
Tiffin OH 44883  
[www.tiffinfranciscans.org](http://www.tiffinfranciscans.org)

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### **Chiara Center**

A Franciscan place of spirituality  
4875 La Verna Road  
Springfield, IL, 62707  
217-253-0901  
Email: [Info@chiaracenter.org](mailto:Info@chiaracenter.org)  
Web: [www.chiaracenter.org](http://www.chiaracenter.org)

#### **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.

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### **Franciscan Center**

3010 North Perry Avenue  
Tampa FL 33603  
[franciscancentertampa.org](http://franciscancentertampa.org)  
813-229-2695

For more information and to register please visit [franciscancentertampa.org](http://franciscancentertampa.org), or call 813-229-2695

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**Shalom Spirituality  
Center** (formerly Shalom Retreat Center)  
**1001 Davis Street**  
**Dubuque, Iowa 52001**  
**[www.shalomretreats.org](http://www.shalomretreats.org)**

Wednesday, November 16, December 14— *Days Of  
Quiet & Prayer*

9:30AM

Reflective, silent days, based around the book  
'Inclusivity: A Gospel Mandate', the first of four  
weeks.

\$85 [includes a breakfast and lunch each week, the  
book, and a private reading room]

### Lenten Retreats

Facilitator: Fr. Mike Crosby, OFMCap

### Two Options:

#### Option 1 - One Day:

Ash Wednesday, March 1, 9:00am -  
4:00pm

#### Option 2 - Three Days:

March 1, 9:00am - Friday, March 3,  
1:00pm

Option 1

### Today's Challenge of Conversion: Learning from Francis

Francis of Assisi's writings offer us  
various approaches to conversion that  
speak to our times. Michael Crosby will  
probe these themes and show how they  
have relevance in our lives today.

Option 2

## Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls

116 Eighth Avenue Southeast  
Little Falls,  
MN 56345 (320)632  
2981 -  
www.fslf.  
org

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## PORTIUNCULA CENTER FOR PRAYER

[www.portforprayer.org](http://www.portforprayer.org)  
9263 West St. Francis Road  
Frankfort, IL 60423  
info@portforprayer.org\*815.464.3880

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## The Franciscan Spirituality Center

920 Market Street,  
La Crosse, WI 54601  
608-791-5295  
www.FSCenter.org  
fscenter@fspa.org

### 2016 Retreats:

#### When Life Throws You a Curveball

November 11-13

Presenter: Tom Roberts

#### Biblical Spirituality for Spiritual Directors

November 18-19

Presenter: John McHugh

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## TABOR HOUSE OF PRAYER - PITTSBURGH, PA. 15209

Located in the beautiful Mount Alvernia , Millvale  
campus of the Sisters of St. Francis,  
A peaceful and prayerful environment is offered for  
those seeking a place of solitude for prayer,  
individule or directed retreats or other spiritual  
Programs..

CALL FOR INFORMATION 412 821-2200 press

## Time to Grow in Our Discipleship

Pope Francis stresses the need for all followers of Jesus Christ to become “missionary disciples.” What does this mean in the Church today? What kind of faith develops the heart of a “missionary disciple?” How is compassion a key sign of one? Father Crosby will address these and related themes. Includes daily Eucharist.

Fr. Mike Crosby, OFM Cap, is a Franciscan priest, retreat presenter and author. He currently ministers in Milwaukee and has given retreats in many countries, including the Middle East. He has authored over 20 books. His most recent book is *Fruit of the Spirit: Pauline Mysticism for the Church Today*.

### **OPTION 1: Ash Wednesday Retreat Day Offering:**

**\$50, includes lunch**

**No early bird discount available for one day retreats**

### **OPTION 2: 3-Day Retreat Offering:**

**Overnight Guest: \$140, includes 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners**

**Daily Commuter: \$105, includes 3 lunches & 2 dinners**

\$10 early bird discount if registered by February 1

**\$50 Nonrefundable deposit**

Registration deadline: February 22

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Sr. Wilma Kramer, Director .

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## **FRANCISCAN RENEWAL CENTER** Paradise Valley AZ

Nov. 4-6 Practicing Mercy Retreat - Kissed by Mercy, Embraced by Love  
Philip Chircop, SJ

Nov. 11-13 The Struggle and Way Toward Forgiveness of Self, Others and God  
Rev. Norm Douglas, Larry Vullemin

Dec. 1-4 A Brush with God: Learn to Paint an Icon  
Peter Pearson, M Div,  
Iconographer

Dec. 2-4 Communion, Community, Commission: Mere Spirituality According to Henri Nouwen  
Will Hernandez, PhD

Dec. 2-4 Grief and Loss Retreat  
Sheila Marchetta, MA; Mauro Pando, MC; and Timothy Ringgold, MT-BC

Dec. 9-11 Advent Retreat: Waiting and Hoping in a Christmas Culture We Long for You, O God  
Carol Zinn, SSJ

Pre-registration required for all retreats. Please call Amy: 480-948-7460 x132 or visit <http://thecasa.org>



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## **Wholiness Retreat**

Facilitators: Margie Hosch OSF and  
Mary Catherine Harris

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

This retreat will help the individual work through the life transitions of aging, health, losses, relationships, faith and successes and help each person develop a renewed sense of inner strength. Individual and group counseling, spiritual direction, and creative art are offered. Includes Sunday Eucharist. Limit of 6-8 participants. Visit the website: [www.wholinessretreats.org](http://www.wholinessretreats.org).

Sr. Margie, M.A. is a Marriage and Family Therapist, retreat presenter and spiritual director. Currently living in South Carolina, Sr. Margie has offered this retreat numerous times and has presented the retreat on six annual visits in Zambia, Africa.

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

The programs all take place at Graymoor, Garrison,  
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