



2020 Retreats

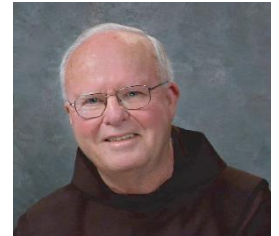
Sisters of Saint Francis - Rochester, MN

CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT

[Assisi Heights]

Redemptive Presence

Presenter: Joseph P. Chinnici, OFM



Sunday, May 24 (6:30pm) – Saturday, May 30, 2020 (12:00pm)

Using the spiritual and experiential approaches of the Franciscan tradition the retreat will focus on particular challenges that are given to us in today's world. In this light, we are asked to embody God's presence in our midst and our correlative mission to be a redemptive presence in the world and with each other. Consideration will be given not only to the context but also to the holy operations of God in ourselves, in creation, in others, in the saints, in all people, and in the Church. We as followers of Christ and Francis are called to make that experienced presence of the risen Lord alive and redemptive in the world of today.

Joseph P. Chinnici, O.F.M. is President emeritus of the Franciscan School of Theology at the University of San Diego. He is currently a professor of history and tries to be useful in teaching, writing, giving retreats, and daily life. Joe has authored multiple books on the history of the Church in the United States and numerous articles on the evangelical roots of Franciscan spirituality. He has been teaching since 1976, served in provincial administration for eighteen years, and chaired the Secretariat for the Retrieval of the Franciscan Intellectual Tradition for ten years. Today, he is trying to slow down and reflect.

CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT

[Assisi Heights]

Pilgrims along the Way of the Canticle: *New Stories and Lessons from Our Brothers and Sisters*

Presenter: Marya Grathwohl, OSF



Sunday, June 14 (6:30pm) – Saturday, June 20, 2020 (12:00pm)

We cherish Francis' Canticle of Creation as a window into his soul and song from his heart. We have prayed and pondered it for years. During this retreat, we will tenderly follow the footprints of our sisters and brothers, many of whom suffer from Earth's degradation, climate chaos and war. We will listen anew to the Universe, to the elements, to our sister, Mother Earth, to the communion of all life, to vulnerable people, to our own good hearts. We explore new stories and discover the Holy Spirit's dynamic and challenging movement in our lives and times. What fresh lessons and renewal of energy does the Canticle offer us today? The ever evolving mystery of God's love unfolds!

Sister Marya Grathwohl, OSF, served on the Leadership Team of her congregation for eight years. In 1998, she founded Earth Hope, which provides programs and retreats to "Care, Protect, and Restore Earth." She is currently writing a book that connects faith and spirituality with her passion for care of Earth, our common home. It will be published by Riverhead/Penguin/Random House Books. Marya earned a certificate of spiritual direction from the Hesychia School of Spiritual Direction, Tucson. She enjoys hiking, bird watching and visiting wildflower meadows in Montana with friends.



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REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and return this form by **April 15, 2020**

Please select:

- Redemptive Presence (May 24-30, 2020, Assisi Heights)
- and/or -
 Pilgrims along the Way of the Canticle (June 14-20, 2020, Assisi Heights)

Please select: \$450 per person per retreat (Includes meals and lodging)

-or-

\$250 Commuter discount rate per person per retreat

Make checks payable to: *Sisters of Saint Francis - Rochester, MN*

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Special needs: _____

Questions: 507-280-2195 or e-mail: ahsc@rochesterfranciscan.org

Return to: Spirituality Center Coordinator | Assisi Heights, 1001 14th St. NW | Rochester MN 55901

NOTE: If you wish to arrive or depart on dates outside of the dates of the retreat(s), extra costs will be incurred. Please contact Jessica directly at 507-280-2195 for that information and note here on your form: Arrival: _____ Departure: _____