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2022 Assisi Heights Retreats

Sisters of Saint Francis - Rochester, MN

COSMIC COMMON GOOD

(Presented in Two Parts)

Tuesday, June 14 (6:30pm) – Sunday, June 19, 2022 (12:00pm)

*“It is our humble conviction that the divine and the human meet....
in the seamless garment of God’s creation...” Pope Francis*

This retreat will explore the world as a “sacrament of communion” from the perspective of personal and planetary healing. The retreat is divided into two parts:

Part 1: Sister Marya Grathwohl will present Tuesday, June 14 (6:30pm)—Friday, June 17 (Noon)

“We are created in God’s Goodness.” Participants will prayerfully and playfully ponder themes of *Creation Spirituality* (And God saw that it all was good!) and *Cosmology* (Nothing is itself without everything else, Universe is a communion of subjects not a collection of objects, and Earth is primary, humanity is derivative.)

Part 2: Father Joe Nassal will present Friday, June 17, (3:00 pm)—Sunday, June 19 (Noon)

Drawing upon the insights and wisdom of *Laudato Si*, the participants will reflect on the communal act of reconciliation that reflects our commitment to care for the earth and each other. In the shelter of each other’s compassion, in the challenge of each other’s witness, we strive to be good stewards of creation and bring healing to our earth, ourselves and each other.

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**Sister Marya Grathwohl, OSF**, served on the Leadership Team of her congregation, the Sisters of Saint Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana, 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.



**Fr. Joseph Nassal, CPPS**, is the author of eight books including *The Conspiracy of Compassion*, *Rest Stops for the Soul*, *Premeditated Mercy*, *Moments of Truth*, and *Stations of the Crib*. A Missionary of the Precious Blood, he has been engaged in retreat, renewal and reconciliation ministry since 1988. Ordained in 1982, Fr. Joe has served in parish, justice and peace, formation, and vocation ministry for his religious community, including 24 years on the provincial council. He was provincial director of the Kansas City Province from 2011-2019. He lives in Berkeley, CA where he is involved in establishing a Mission House of Prayer for those on the margins.