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2025 Assisi Heights Retreats
Sisters of Saint Francis - Rochester, MN

Hearing and Making Music in Francis' Song of the Creatures

Presenter: John Petrikovic, OFM Cap.



**Thursday, June 12 (6:30 pm) through Wednesday, June 18
(12:00 pm) Central Time**
(In person or via Zoom)

We celebrate 800 Years of Francis's *Canticle of the Creatures*, the *Creatures' Canticle*. Each element sounds praise for being what it's created to be. The sun shines, the moon and stars light the night's sky, water flows and cleanses, and the songs go on including those unforgettable human tunes of forgiveness, bearing adversity and welcoming Sister Death.

Part I: Thursday, June 12, 6:30 pm through Sunday, June 15, Noon
Can you hear Creation Sing?

In Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Sí* (in its own 10th anniversary) envisions a creation intended to delight. We'll reflect on how the Pope feared we might muddle and distort its song and, maybe, help its song be heard.

Part II: Sunday, June 15, 6:30 pm through Wednesday, June 18, Noon
Singing Humanity's Song

Our Franciscan community, in its 8th Centennial plan of anniversaries, celebrates both the *Canticle* and *Laudato Sí*: "We are called to face contemporary society and reintroduce 'the language of [sisterhood and brotherhood] and beauty in our relationship with the world (*Laudato Sí* 11)." We have a part to play in Creation's vibrant orchestra.

John Petrikovic, OFM Cap., is a Capuchin Franciscan friar priest in the Ministry of Preaching, offering workshops on Franciscan topics, mission formation for Franciscan Health Systems, retreats to Religious Men and Women in the English-speaking world and parish missions throughout the United States. He also is a senior staff presenter for the Franciscan Pilgrimages Program providing Franciscan study and prayer experiences in Assisi and Rome, Italy. As a musician, John has animated Liturgies for both National and International gatherings of Friars and Sisters.

Presenters will be in person at Assisi Heights, hosting two conferences per day (livestreamed via Zoom), at 9:00 am & 3:00 pm, with Liturgy at 11:00 am. The full schedule will be sent with your registration confirmation.