

Presentation Prayer Center

Fargo, ND

Ponderings

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The Spirit is A'Moving

And so have we!

"The only thing that is permanent is change." The Prayer Center's office space has moved back to 1101 32nd Ave S, in a wing of Presentation Center. In that wing is Sr Andrea's and Sr Petronilla's office and the quiet retreat area of a small library, 5 bedrooms with shared bath, living room, dining area and kitchen. This is open to anyone who would like to take some 'centering' time to reflect, read, pray, rest or play. Sr Francine's office is also at Presentation Center.

"Presentation Gathering Place," at 3001 11th St S,

the large room, will continue to be used for classes and other gatherings. Enter the white door on the eastside of the building.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

The phone number is
701-237-4857.

Email remains:

presprayerctr@cableone.net and
website:

presentationsistersfargo.com

Extended Ignatian:

A Retreat Experience for those wishing to delve deeper into spirituality

The Presentation Prayer Center will offer the 19th Annotated EXTENDED IGNATIAN for all interested men and women of all denominations. The retreat will run September to early May. Participants will follow the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, which have been a part of spirituality for over 450 years.

Each participant will meet weekly with a director at a time convenient to both of them. The retreat consists of praying an assigned scripture passage for 45 to 60 minutes each day for thirty weeks. Scripture passages follow the life of Jesus and the liturgical year.

The suggested fee is \$450, which may be paid at convenient intervals during the retreat. Registration is required. An orientation is planned for Tuesday, **September 21, at 7:00 pm** at the Presentation Gathering Place located at 3001 11th Street South, Fargo, ND 58103. Please register for the retreat before this date or for more information call 701-237-4857 or email presprayerctr@cableone.net. Print application from website: www.presentationsistersfargo.com

Living and Learning:

In Good Company with the Saints

Three classes offered on Monday nights

A three-week course designed to apply the teaching and life experiences of Christian saints to contemporary life starts at 7 p.m. on Monday, September 20 at Presentation Gathering Place, 3001 11th St S, Fargo. It will examine the lives of several historic and modern saints including Saint Jude, Ignatius of Loyola, Joan of Arc, and Thérèse of Lisieux. Additionally, several recent religious figures not yet canonized will be in discussed. They include the Trappist monk Thomas Merton and Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

The textbook is *MY LIFE WITH THE SAINTS* by James Martin, SJ, who has been called "our new Merton, helping us to wrestle with our humanity" by one reviewer. Using that as a launching point, class participants will have a chance to learn more about a variety of familiar and lesser-known saints of the Church to become more comfortable with them and incorporate aspects of their spirituality into daily faith journeys.

The course will be taught by Vern Goodin who has previously taught courses on spirituality at Presentation Prayer Center and for FM



Communiversity. Goodin holds an MA degree in Systematic Theology from Saint John's University. For more information and to register, contact Sister Andrea Arendt, Director, 701-237-4857 or email:

presprayerctr@cableone.com.

Date: September 20 & 27, October 4

Suggested fee: \$40 and includes a copy of the textbook. For seniors, \$30.

Monthly Book Discussion

As you read, seek God's direction for your own life

A book discussion will be forming to enrich our reading and reflection of life. The first book will be The Naked Now, Richard Rohr. In the book, Rohr reclaims the Christian mystical tradition. He draws on a lot of scripture, with many citations from the gospels and epistles. He also offers a distinctive definition of prayer as a nondualistic way of seeing the moment. To see as a mystic sees is to pray continually, as scripture enjoins. This book contains practices for those who want to know what to do; attaining insight is not self-evident nor is it easy. Rohr is enriched by other world religious traditions, but clearly knows his own.

The group will together choose the books that will continue the discussion.

Dates: Wednesday, September 1, 6:45 pm, and each 1st Wednesday of the month after that.

Suggested fee: Purchase of the book and freewill offering.

Discovering Your Contemplative Self

Contemplative living is a way of responding to our every day experiences.

This fall on Wednesday, **September 8, from 6:45 to 8:00 pm** and a series continues each second Wednesday of the month thereafter which delves into the contemplative way of living.

In a small group, participants will use "Bridges to contemplative living with Thomas Merton" as a starting point for personal spiritual transformation for the sake of a more just and peaceful world.

Date: September 8, and each 2nd Wednesday of the month

Suggested Fee: A booklet for \$6.50 and \$5/per session. Registration required.

Food & Film

Screening spirituality

Join us for an *evening out* at dinner and the movies relevant to current issues. We begin with a simple meal, watch the film, and spend time in discussion. Register by noon of the preceding Monday by calling S. Francine, 701.237.4857 or e-mail fjanousek@cableone.net.

Dates: Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, September 28, October 26, November 30.

Suggested Fee: Free will offering

Living Creatively

Creativity means making something for your soul out of every experience. Thomas Moore

Work to make this world more beautiful and just. Welcome your "inner Artist," who's itching to emerge. If we must do it anyway, why not do it with an inner awareness that make its artful? Pray, play, be free while acknowledging, celebrating and actualizing the power of the Spirit which runs through us all.

This group will explore, discover, and recover the creative self through 6 weekly lessons. There must be 5 persons registered for this course to fly.

Dates: Tuesdays, 1-3:30 pm, November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Dec 7

Suggested Fee: \$72

Creating a Spiritual Will

Finding the Blessings in life thus far

Many of us are familiar with having a will that says where we want our material things, money, keepsakes to go. What about my spiritual legacy? What is most important to me, my values, cherished memories and faith, hopes for the future?

Through questions, reflection time, and writing begin or continue to gift your family and friends and/or your business, with your insights, learnings and aspirations.

Limited to 10 participants.

Date: **Saturday**, October 16, from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm.

Suggested fee: \$30.00

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Sr. Andrea Arendt, 237-4857, ext 211

Sr. Petronilla Metzger, 237-4857, ext 204

Sr. Francine Janousek, 237-4857, ext 225

Sr. Elaine Garry (monthly), email

garrye@presentationsisters.org for appointment



What: Building a Monastery of the Heart : How To Live A More Contemplative Life in the Modern World

Who: *Judith Valente*, journalist, poet and TV producer.

Where: HeartSprings: Located out of Messiah Lutheran Church, 2010 N Elm St., Fargo. [across the street from the VA]

Why: To learn how to better incorporate the monastic values of listening, silence, contemplation, stability, simplicity and hospitality into our daily lives.

When: Saturday, September 11, 9:00 Registration, 9:30-4pm

Cost: \$40/person includes lunch

To register: Call Jan at 701-261-3142

Or e-mail: jnelson1409@yahoo.com

ON-GOING OFFERINGS

Private Retreats – Time for yourself and God in a quiet/prayerful atmosphere. \$35-\$70/night incl 3 meals.

Directed Retreats – quiet time with an opportunity to meet with a spiritual director. \$50-\$85/night with meals.

Spiritual Direction – in responding to God in our daily life one may need or want a listening/reflection companion ...usually meets for an hour every few weeks or once a month. \$30-55/hour.

Centering Prayer – Monday, 9:00 am & Thursday, 6:45 pm, for 1 hour. No fee.

Taizé Ecumenical Prayer – Prayer for peace and an end to violence in our world at 7:30 pm the third Friday of each month, Sept – May. Held at Sacred Heart Chapel, 1101 32nd Ave S, Fargo. No fee.

Mystic Seekers – The second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm a group gathers to pray with and to study a mystic. Purchase of a book and freewill offering.

Dream Seekers – Come explore with a group the power of dreams to reveal what God may be saying in them. Second Saturdays from 9:30 – 11:30 am. \$5 per session.

Contemplative Living – Small groups use Thomas Merton as a starting point for personal spiritual transformation for the sake of a more just world. Second Wednesday of each month 6:45-8:00 pm. Suggested Fee: \$5 per session plus booklet (\$6.50). Registration required.

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Sept						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 6:45 pm Book discussion	2 6:45 pm Centering Prayer	3	4
5	6 LABOR DAY	7	8 6:45 pm Contempt Living	9 6:45 Centering Prayer	10	11 9:30 am Dreamers
12	13 9 am Centering Prayer	14 7:30 pm Mystic Seekers	15	16 6:45 pm Centering Prayer	17 7:30 pm Taizé Chapel	18
19	20 9 am Centering 7 pm In Good Company	21 7 pm Ignatian Retreat Orientation	22	23 6:45 pm Centering Prayer	24	25
26	27 9 am Centering 7 pm In Good Company	28 6:30 pm Food & Film	29	30 6:45 pm Centering Prayer		
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24/31	25 9 am Centering	26 11:00 am Brunch 6:30 pm Food & film	27	28	28	30
Nov						
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is to collaborate with individuals and groups
in the nurturing of mind, body, and soul
to discover ever-deepening relationships
with God, self, and others.*

25th Annual Presentation Prayer Center
Fund Raiser Brunch

Servant-Leadership:
A Transformational Way of Being and Doing
with Mary Jo Lewis, MD



I believe the notion of servant as leader is compatible with my faith, my work and my role as an Associate of the Presentation Sisters. I would like to share some of my story and some of the principles of Servant-Leadership with you at the Brunch. Discover with me how we might be called to be both serving and leading in our communities.
Mary Jo Lewis

11:00 am to 1:00 pm ➤ Tuesday, Oct 26, 2010

Fargo Holiday Inn

Tickets: \$30.00 ➤ Reservations at (701) 237-4857, ext 211

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