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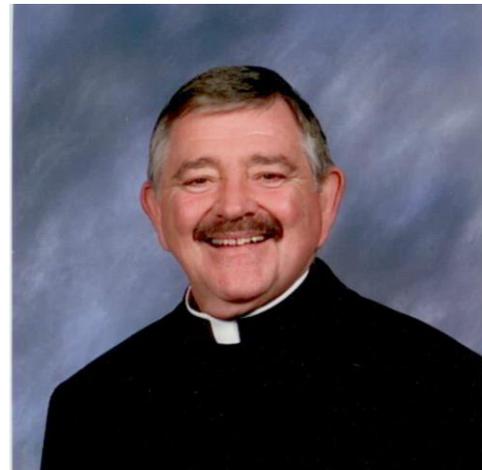


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Please feel free to share this newsletter!



Fr. Larry P. Delaney

passed into eternal life at 10:00 am
June 7, 2015.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.
May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.

*We will miss our dear friend and God's faithful servant.
You can read his obituary on the Retreat Center's website.*

Fr. Larry was the Director of the Lilly Endowment, Inc. grant first received in 2004. He was a great supporter of ecumenism.

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Registration for Events

Website Links

- ◆ **SPE website**

www.spe-stfrancis.org

- ◆ **St Francis Retreat Center**

website

www.stfrancis.ws

◆ **SPE Resource Center**

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Sustaining Pastoral Excellence (SPE) is changing their name to:

Ecumenical Center for Christian Leadership

ECCL

Please consider a donation to ECCL



Unless otherwise noted, all registration is through the office at St. Francis Retreat Center.

Email: information@stfrancis.ws

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Mail: St. Francis Retreat Center
703 E. Main Street
DeWitt, MI 48820

Boundary Training

September 10, 2015

Especially designed for pastors, lay staff and volunteer leaders, this one-day workshop reviews essential information and strategies for creating and maintaining a safe environment for vital ministry in today's changing world.

This training satisfies the denominational boundary training requirements for: American Baptist Churches of MI; Christian Reformed church in NA; Episcopal Diocese of Michigan; Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, North/West Lower MI and South East MI Synods; MI Conference of the United Church of Christ; Presbyterian Church (USA), Presbytery of Lake Michigan, Presbytery of Lake Huron and Presbytery of Detroit.

9:15 am – 3:30 pm

Cost: \$75 (includes materials and lunch) if you register by August 13; \$85 after August 13.

Registration deadline: September 7, 2015

**Brochure
Registration online**

Creativity in Creation **August 12-13, 2015**

Your instructor, **Barbara White**, will be leading you through a unique retreat/workshop experience. You will be combining your imaginative and inspirational innateness through painting and drawing.

All are welcome, whether or not you have taken art classes before and regardless of your level of experience.

Tap into your imagination and inspiration and guide your creative self to join with your spiritual self to enjoy nature.

With a sketchbook and camera, you can record the sights and sounds around you and then let your artistry loose to create.

This is a time to celebrate your spiritual and artistic self with God, our creator and share our personal expression of creativity with each other.



Barbara White

"In over 30 years' experience as an artist, I have worked in oils, acrylics, watercolors and mixed media.

My ultimate goal as a painter is to create an emotional response for the viewer by capturing the soul of the scenery and convey a painterly message in an expressionistic, semi-abstract, yet

Cost: \$110 if registered by **July 8**

\$125 if registered after **July 8**

Registrations must be received by **August 10**

\$25 non-refundable deposit at registration

Limited space available!

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**Register Online for
Events**

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Jesus and the Cornerstone Concept: Differentiation of Self *with Robert Creech* **September 24, 2015**

9:30am to 3:30pm

Lunch included

\$85 with lunch if you register by August 15, 2015

\$100 if you register after August 15, 2015

Registration deadline is September 15, 2015

Dr. Murray Bowen labeled the concept of "differentiation of self" as the cornerstone concept of his theory of human behavior. In his theoretical scale of differentiation, Bowen said that 100 on the scale was reserved for "that perfect human being," whose ability to manage emotional reactivity was complete.

Given Christian theology's emphasis on Jesus as the "fully human:" one, the

Second Adam, what might we learn from his life about the nature of differentiation? How might his shape our understanding of spiritual formation? The primary focus of the day will be exploring the meaning of differentiation and the evidence of its presence in the gospel accounts of Jesus' life and teaching.

Dr. Creech is Professor of Pastoral Leadership and Christian Ministry at George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University, Waco Texas. He has co-authored *The Leader's Journey*. He also trains clergy in the Center for the Study of Natural Systems and the Family "Defining Leaders." A three-year program of coaching and teaching.

**Brochure
Registration**

Prayer Series

October 22, 2015

9 am to 4 pm

Lectio Divina with Mary Sue Kennedy

Praying with Icons with Linda MacDonald

*Cost: \$50 if registered by **September 10***

*\$60 if registered after **September 10***

*Registrations must be received by **October 15***

Lunch included

Full payment must accompany registration

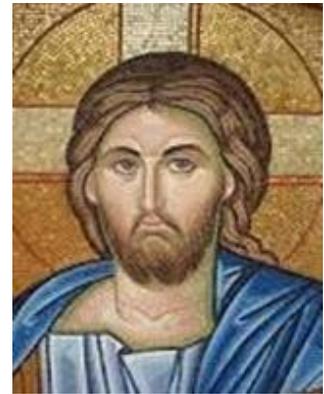


Mary Sue Kennedy, OP, an Adrian Dominican Sister has served as Executive Director of the Dominican Sisters Conference, in leadership for the Adrian Dominicans and as Vicar for Religious for the Diocese of Toledo. She is currently a Spiritual Director, facilitator and a presenter of workshops and retreats.

There are many different prayer forms of which Lectio Divina is one. It is intended to promote deeper union with God and to increase the knowledge of God's Word. It treats Scripture as the Living Word. This session will explore the background and history of Lectio Divina as well as allow participants to experience prayer with Lectio Divina.

The Venerable Linda

MacDonald, Archdeacon, Emerita the Episcopal Diocese of MI. Deacon for 21 years, served as an occupational therapist for 29 years. Ministries included working with prisoners, the sick and the needy. Began icon writing in 2007 and has used icons as part of her daily prayer since then. Discussion will include history of icons, canons, and how to interpret and pray with them.



Volunteer Help Wanted

Someone with library experience to work on a volunteer basis starting at a few hours a week and working up to 10 hours a week.

Please contact Terry for further details. tmfeuka@stfrancis.ws



Terry's Last Day will be July 31.

She is looking forward to joining her husband in Canton, New York.



Be sure to "friend" Sustaining Pastoral Excellence at St. Francis Retreat Center on Facebook! Terry posts articles, events, thoughts on the SPE page weekly. Take a moment and "friend" us.





The SPE Resource Center

We are accepting any and all donations of books, DVDs and CD's. If your items cannot be added to the collection they will be put on the DISCARD shelf where they will be available for anyone who would like them.

*If you would like to write a **review** of any of our materials please contact Terry (517-669-*

8321 x22 or tfeuka@stfrancis.ws)

As always, there is one-on-one reference assistance. Terry is more than happy to answer your question or get material for you from one of the many cooperative libraries through WorldCat.

If you have any difficulties in accessing the catalog, ATLAS or in reserving materials, please contact Terry.

Please consider making a monetary donation to the Resource Center. We love donations of books, but there are many newly published items that would make a valuable addition to our collection.



Discard Shelf

Our Discard is still alive and well! Visit the back of the Resource Center and see all that we have. We only ask that you empty your pockets of change to add to our Donation Jar. This is our means to acquiring new items for the collection. Anything you can do is appreciated.

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- Reserve a book to be mailed to you
- Scan UPC barcodes from any item to see if the Resource Center has the same title for check-out
- Browse reading lists and new titles



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St. Francis Retreat Center DeWitt, MI

SPE is located on the beautiful 95 acre campus of St. Francis Retreat Center. Comfortable accommodations, delicious meals, excellent service and year-round retreats all available in DeWitt, Michigan. Visit our website for more information www.stfrancis.ws