

of Men Religious of the US in 1987 He received his Master degree in Psychology from the New School for Social research in 1973 and his Doctorate from Fordham University in Clinical Psychology in 1981. He is a licensed psychologist in the State of New York and a member of the National Register of Health Care Providers. He has published 10 books and multiple articles on topics of religious life and psychology. At the present time he holds the appointment of Scholar in Residence at Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY.

**CALL TO PERSONAL AND GLOBAL
TRANSFORMATION**
July 12-17, 2020

In the midst of our violent and hurting world we will explore how God, as Lover and Healer ever invites us to believe in new possibilities and our own potential to make a difference. Through storytelling, Scripture and contemporary experience, we will be stretched and challenged to believe in our own call to become mystics, saints and prophets. We will be inspired by the lives of some of the mystics who have gone before us and continue to stand as powerful role models for us today. During this program we will laugh, cry and celebrate as we recognize more deeply the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We will also come to know, and to rejoice in the awareness that God will also enjoy this time with us!

Resource Person: Edwina Gateley, MA has a Master's Degree in Theology from CTU Chicago. She is founder of Genesis House in Chicago and also founded the Volunteer Missionary Movement (VMM) - an international lay movement which sends volunteers to many parts of the needy world. Edwina is the recipient of many Awards for her work. She is also a best-selling author and currently is writing, giving talks and leading retreats nationally as well as internationally.

WOMEN AT WELL:
Agents of Change, Shapers of the World
July 19-24, 2020

Rooted in the prophetic encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well, we will examine ways in which women continue to use the wisdom of their lived experience to tell their stories about the in-breaking of the Kin-dom of God. We will read excerpts of first-person accounts of feminist visions of a more just world, look at contemporary feminist



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theories and practices of justice and examine women's contributions to movements of social change.

Resource Person: Maureen H. O'Connell, PhD, is Chair of the Department of Religion & Theology at LaSalle University, PA where she is also an Associate Professor of Christian Ethics. She received her Doctorate in Theological Ethics from Boston College. She has authored many books among them **Compassion: Loving our Neighbor in an Age of Globalization** (Orbis, 2009) and **If These Walls Could Talk**. Maureen's current research project explores racial identity formation, racism and racial justice in Catholic Institutions of Higher Education. Her new book will be forthcoming from Beacon Press in 2021.

FINDING A WAY IN THE WILDERNESS:
Drawing Courage through the Art of Film
July 26-31, 2020

In his article Desert Attentiveness, Desert Indifference: Countercultural Spirituality in the Desert Fathers and Mothers, Belden C. Lane writes: "On the far side of emptiness, where brokenness and disorientation overtake us, where death awaits us, we learn to care – and not to care." Disruptions in our lives remind us we are not in control of what happens to us. With time and accommodation, we come to realize that our response to life's disruptions constitutes the fiber – the character and integrity - of our lives. Film artists remind us of these truths and invite us into the spiritual discipline of "wakefulness." Do we want to be roused?

Resource Person: Larry Lewis, M.M., PhD, ordained in 1975, served in the Hua Ming Counseling Center,

Taipei, Taiwan; and 1988-1991, taught American literature, family psychology, writing and film at Wuhan University of Technology, Wuhan, China. He was Rector of Maryknoll seminarians for 6 years and for 20 years coordinated the China Educators & Formators Project. Since 2003 Larry has offered retreats and workshops throughout China. He served 4 years at the Cenacle Retreat Center, Ronkonkoma, NY, and now serves in the Maryknoll Office of Society Personnel. Larry holds a doctorate in spirituality from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA. He authored **The Misfit: Haunting the Human-Unveiling the Divine** (Orbis, 1997).

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FINDING GOD IN - OF ALL THINGS:

Our Age-ing!
May 10-15, 2020

Aging in America is, more often than not, underappreciated and undervalued – indeed it is devalued. Our American culture is rife with “age-ism”. Yet if we cultivate a spirituality of age, we can embrace the abundant fruits of aging instead of squandering them. During this Program, we will consider a “spirituality of age” that will serve to encourage and enhance spiritual growth because aging is a time ripe with transitions and transformations. We will envision aging as a reality of life that wakes us up in ways we may never have experienced before. It is important for us to open our eyes, remove the spiritual cataracts that obstructed our vision of life in aging, and see with mature eyes, new truths and realities about our lives, past, present and future.

Resource Person: Robert L. Weber, PhD, M.Div, is a clinical psychologist with a Master of Divinity degree. Bob is a retired Assistant Professor of Psychology at the Harvard Medical School and a retired Associate in the Psychiatry Department at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. For some time now Bob’s focus, professionally and personally, has been the integration of mental health, aging and spirituality. For his contributions to the field of gerontology he was given the 2014 Religion, Spirituality and Aging Award by the American Society on Aging. His book, *The Spirituality of Age: A Seeker’s Guide to Growing Older* (Park Street Press, 2015), coauthored with Carol Orsborn, PhD., was awarded the 2015 Nautilus Gold Medal in the category of “Aging Consciously.”

JOURNEY TO THE HEART: Falling in Love with Earth May 17-22, 2020

We cannot save what we do not love. We cannot love what we do not know. How might a deeper understanding and appreciation of this place we call home give us much needed insight into who we are, how we relate to the whole and how we come to know Holy Mystery? Exploring the importance of story we will embark on a journey to discover our origins, experience the grand majesty of our planetary home and embrace our role as members of the Earth community.

Resource Persons: Sharon Zayac, OP, is a Dominican Sister of Springfield, Illinois. Sharon has a Master’s in Hospital Administration from Xavier University Cincinnati, OH. She served in various Hospital positions from 1984-1996. In 1996 she enrolled in a sabbatical program at Siena Spirituality Center in Water Mill, NY and in 2001 received her Master’s Degree in Earth Literacy from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, IN. Sharon is co-founder of Jubilee Farm, her congregation’s 164-acre center for ecology and spirituality. Her book *Earth Spirituality: In the Catholic & Dominican Traditions*, (Sor Juana Press, 2003) shares many of her concepts. Sharon is active in *Sisters of the Earth; Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation, and Dominican Alliance Promoters of Eco-Justice*. Sharon has received many awards such as 2001 Women Making a Difference and Top 100 Women in Arkansas (1995).

WHERE TO FROM HERE?: Radical Changes in Thought and Practice May 31-June 5, 2020

In the 21st century we are confronted with the biggest shift in human history in notions of “God”. Notions developed in a pre-scientific worldview are inadequate to sustain religious faith today. Our challenge is to engage the shift and to articulate reasonable belief about revelation, Jesus, prayer, ritual and what it means to be human and religious.

Resource Person: Michael Morwood, MA, has been at the forefront of the Progressive Christian Movement in Australia. During Advent 2010, he was one of the speakers in the Teleseminar series “*Conversion at the Leading Edge of Faith*” He was a keynote speaker on the theme of Prayer during the Atlantic Seminar in Theological Education held in Canada (June, 2011). Michael is author of many books, the latest: *Prayers for Progressive Christian* (Kelmor Publ. AU, 2018).

LOVING WATER ACROSS RELIGIONS June 7-12, 2020

Given the urgency of the global water crisis, it is imperative that we reinvent our relationship with water. During this program, we will explore an integral water ethic that recognizes water as an intrinsically valuable and vital member of the Earth community, not a mere passive object to be exploited for human

purposes. We will consider sacramental consciousness of baptism in Christianity; loving service of the Yamuna River in Hinduism and the compassionate wisdom of the bodhisattva in Buddhism. We will also engage in a variety of contemplative practices for developing love and compassion for water so that we can deepen our relationship with this precious and threatened source of life.

Resource Person: Elizabeth McAnally, PhD, is the newsletter editor and website manager for the Forum on Religion and Ecology at Yale. She also manages the websites for Journey of the Universe, Thomas Berry, American Teilhard Association, and Emerging Earth Community. Elizabeth has taught classes on philosophy, religion and environmental ethics at Pacifica Graduate Institute, the University of North Texas, Diablo Valley College and the University of San Francisco. She is the author of *Loving Water Across Religions: Contributions to an Integral Water Ethic* (Orbis Press, 2019). Her work has also been published in *The Bloomsbury Handbook of Religion and Nature* (Bloomsbury Press, 2018), as well as in the journals *World Futures* and *Integral Review*.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARTYRDOM OF CHURCH WOMEN IN EL SALVADOR June 14-19, 2020

December 2nd, 1980 is a date that many of us remember. Turning on the radio that morning the shocking news of the murder of Four Catholic Missioners in El Salvador came blaring out at us. Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of their deaths during this program gives us all a chance to reflect on our own mission calling. How do the lives of these brave women speak to us today? Are we truly listening to what the spirit is asking of us in the face of all the injustice & violence we “see” each day? During this week as we reflect on the realities behind all these injustices & violence, we will walk with Sr. Ita, Sr. Maura, Sr. Dorothy and Jean as guides in our struggle to respond to today’s witnessing to the Gospel Message of love and peace.

Resource Persons: The Martyred Women will be our guides this week facilitated by Eileen Markey an investigative journalist. Her work has appeared in the *New York Times*, *New York Magazine*, *Wall Street Journal*, *National Catholic Reporter*, *America* and *Commonweal*. Her work increasingly focuses on the

role of public memory in shaping perceptions of the present and defining commitments. Markey is a graduate of Fordham University’s urban studies program and Columbia’s Graduate School of Journalism. She is an assistant Professor of Journalism at Lehman College of the City University of New York. She is the author of *A Radical Faith: The Assassination of Sister Maura* (Nation Books, 2016).

CREATING A RELIGIOUS LIFE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY June 21-26, 2020

This program will examine the process of renewal among religious communities that has been underway since the time of Vatican II. The last fifty years of change, the present state of consecrated life, and where it might be going will be discussed. Issues such as community life, inter-generational and intercultural challenges, and the process of human and spiritual growth over the course of life will be explored. Through a series of presentations, personal reflection time and small and large group interaction, participants will be invited to make personal application of the materials explored.

Resource Person: Sean Sammon, FMS, PhD, a member of the Marist Brothers Congregation, he has served as Superior General 2001-2009 and was also elected President of the Conference of Major Superiors



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