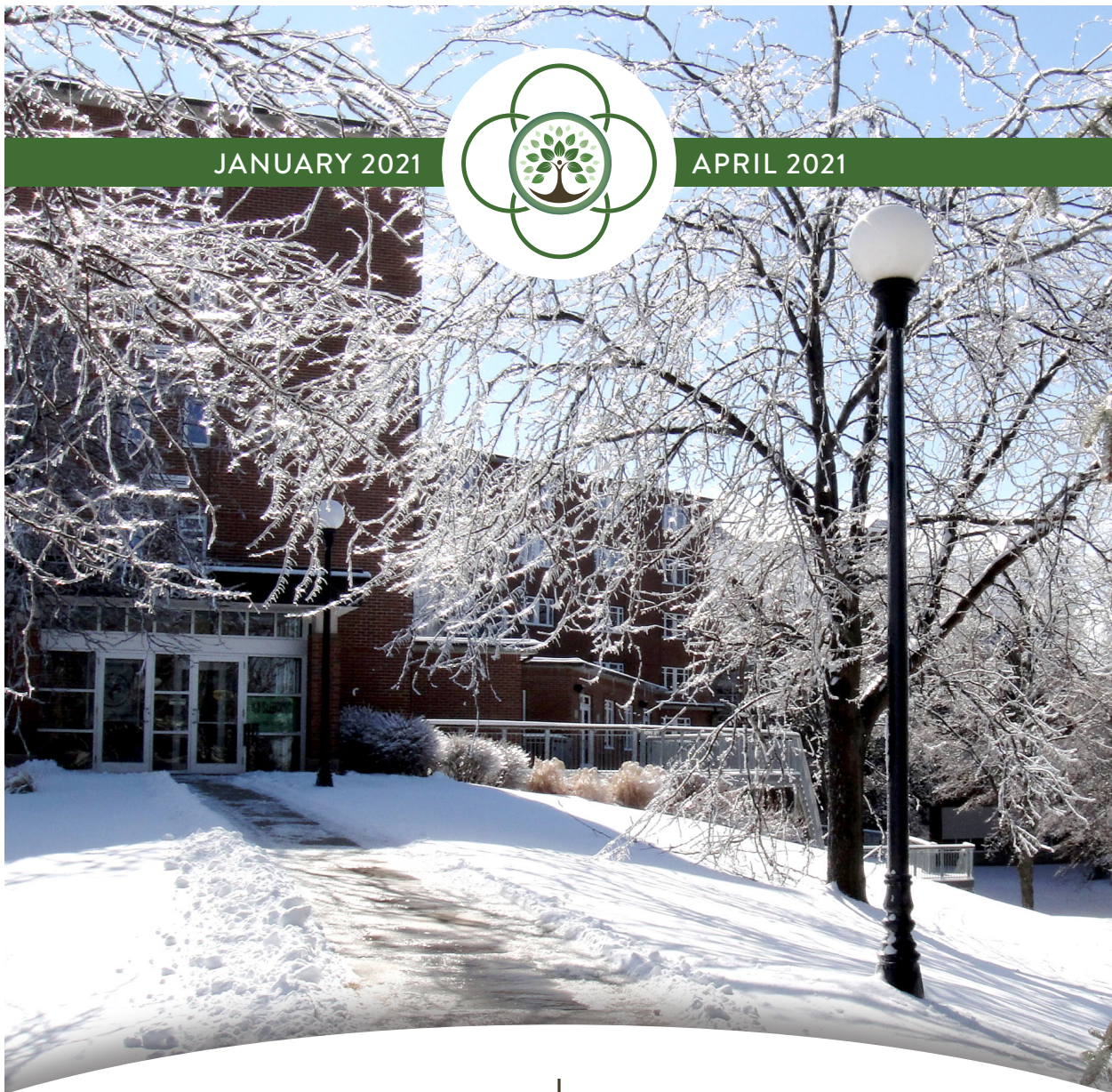


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RETREAT &
CONFERENCE CENTER

Located on the campus of the Adrian Dominican Sisters



WEBER CENTER TURNS 50

While we had many plans for celebrating Weber's 50th anniversary as a Retreat and Conference Center, the coronavirus had other plans.

However, we were able to move forward with some exciting changes. Our logo has a fresh new look. Our timeline picture wall that winds around the west wall of the lobby has been extended to reflect Weber from 1990 to 2020. Also, every tile in our wonderful outdoor labyrinth has been cleaned and reset, thanks to some grant funds. It looks like new!

Weber is refreshed and waiting to open its doors again!



WEBER CENTER WINTER BROCHURE | JANUARY - APRIL 2021

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Please Note: Unless otherwise noted, all events are offered to the public through a live stream link provided upon registration, and to Sisters via the community website live stream page and on Motherhouse Campus Channel 123.

Scholarships are available; contact us at webercenter@adriandominicans.org or 517-266-4000 for details.

A LIVESTREAM PRESENTATION

INCARNATION

Christianity's New Horizon

Saturday, January 16, 2021 | 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (with lunch break)



The incarnation and resurrection of Jesus, writes Diarmuid O'Murchu, marks a new evolutionary threshold and points the way towards the fulfillment of our destiny. We can continue in that direction ... or destroy ourselves. It is our choice: to co-create with God, or co-destruct on our own. Incarnation shows us what we need to know to choose rightly.

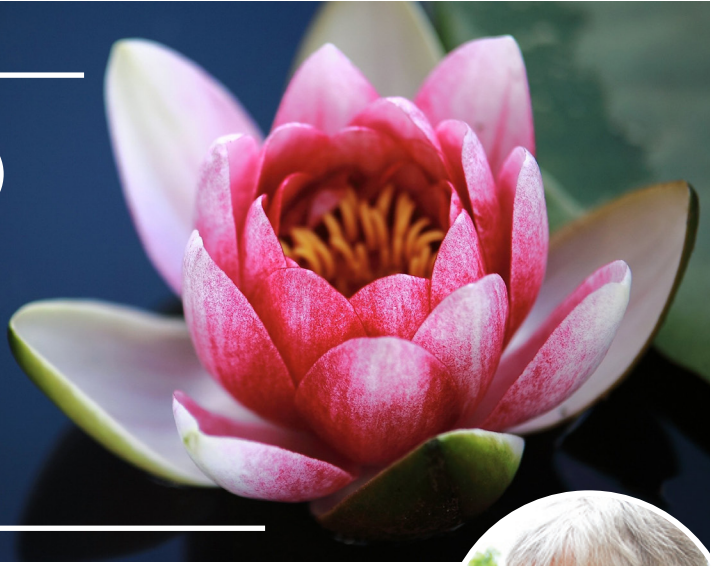
Cost: \$30

Registration required to receive live stream link.

Diarmuid O'Murchu, a member of the Sacred Heart Missionary Order and a graduate of Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, is a social psychologist. As a workshop leader and group facilitator, he has led adult faith development programs around the world. His recent books include *Incarnation: A New Evolutionary Threshold* (2017), *Beyond Original Sin: Recovering Humanity's Creative Urge* (2018), and *When the Disciple Comes of Age* (2019).

*Register at: www.webercenter.org; click on Programs
webercenter@adriandominicans.org | 517-266-4000*

MINDFULNESS



MINDFUL PAUSE

Thursdays in January and March | 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Cost: Free

Public live stream: webercenter.org/mindful-pause/

Recordings available Friday mornings at
webercenter.org/mindful-pause/



Esther Kennedy, OP, a Dominican Sister of Adrian, Michigan, is a retreat leader and spiritual director. She conducts a monthly Day of Mindfulness at Weber Center.

MINDFULNESS OF BREATH

Thursdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021

Mindfulness of breath and physical body calms your mind and opens your heart. Each morning we are born again.

MINDFULNESS OF FEELINGS

Thursdays, March 4, 11, 18

Mindfulness of Feelings invites us to sit quietly and to listen. Every path has a measure of fear and love. Every path has a measure of sorrow. Sometimes it is this that awakens us.



Finding the Artist

— IN YOU —

**ACRYLIC, WATERCOLOR PAINTING
& MIXED MEDIA CLASS VIA ZOOM**

Thursdays

**JANUARY 28, 2021; FEBRUARY 4, 11, 18, 2021
1:30 – 3:30 P.M.**

Chase away the winter blues; bring out the “creative you!” No prior class or art experience is necessary.
Zoom capability required.

Cost: \$50, does not include supplies
(Scholarships available.)

**Registration required to
receive Zoom link.**

More information is available from
Suzanne Schreiber, OP, at
517-266-4090 or
sschreiber@adriandominicans.org.

Brenda Singleton, MFA, is the Director
of the Art Factory in Adrian.

PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Visit www.webercenter.org and click on “Programs.” Find the program you’re registering for and click on the blue “Register” button in the bottom right corner. Enter all information and then click “Add to Cart” to proceed to payment.

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A LIVESTREAM PRESENTATION

THEOLOGICAL REFLECTIONS

ON MASS INCARCERATION

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021 | 7:00 - 8:30 P.M.

While the scandal of mass incarceration is increasingly obvious to the American people, we have not yet come to terms with the moral challenges it presents. At stake are deeply theological notions of justice, punishment, and mercy. In particular, Catholic Social Thought makes critical demands on behalf of racial and economic justice, challenging our apparent appetite for exile and stigmatization. Does a commitment to the Gospel demand we visit the prisoner, reform the prisons, or abolish incarceration altogether?

Kathryn Getek Soltis is director of the Center for Peace and Justice Education and Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics at Villanova University. Her areas of research include the Catholic social tradition, mass incarceration, and family ethics.

Her publications include articles in the *Journal of Catholic Social Thought*, *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*, and a co-edited volume, *Virtue and the Moral Life: Theological and Philosophical Perspectives*. She served for several years as the lay Catholic chaplain in Suffolk County House of Corrections in Boston and is a volunteer prison minister in the Philadelphia Prison System.



Cost: Free; donations appreciated.

Registration required to receive live stream link.

The Words of My Father



Love and Pain in Palestine

"At one of the darkest times in the elusive effort to end the conflict in the Middle East... [comes a] remarkable new memoir."—*The New Yorker*

Yousef Bashir

Virtual Dine & Discuss (without the dining!)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021 | 7:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Join us in reading a compelling story of a young boy growing up in the Gaza Strip on land owned by his family for centuries. Preoccupied with adolescent games and pranks and striving to meet his father's high standards, Yousef's life changes completely when the Second Intifada erupts and soldiers occupy the family home.

Read *The Words of My Father* by Yousef Bashir and then tune in to view a group discussion and a presentation by Linda Tomala, a member of the Detroit hub of META Peace Team, which practices non-violence and bystander intervention both domestically and internationally. She has made several trips to the Middle East including to the Israeli/Palestinian Border. Books may be purchased from the Weber Center Shop for \$10 plus postage, if applicable.

Cost: Free

Registration required for live stream link that includes the ability to submit questions.

A close-up photograph of a hand lighting a white candle. The flame is bright orange and yellow, and the background is dark and out of focus.

A LIVESTREAM PRESENTATION

Holy Week Retreat

FROM ASHES TO PENTECOST

7:00 p.m. Sunday March 28, 2021 – 11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 1, 2021



Having come through Lent, we prepare to meet the Risen Lord who longs to give us the gift of the Holy Spirit. Having been accompanied by a pandemic, a national election, and violence in our streets, we await God's word of hope. With time for silence, prayer, and insights from the Scripture, God comes to meet us to reveal God's love. What are the lessons we have learned?

Don Goergen, OP, is a Dominican priest, lecturer, writer, and author of 10 books and many articles. He has completed a new manuscript on the thought of Thomas Aquinas and Teilhard de Chardin. He has given retreats throughout North America and in Asia and Africa. He currently resides in Chicago and is an assistant to the Provincial for the Central Province of Dominican friars.

Cost: \$80

Registration required to receive live stream link.

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Prose, Poetry and Potpourri

(A Virtual Gathering)

Thursday, April 8, 2021 | 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Settle in, get a cup of tea or your favorite beverage, and celebrate National Poetry Month with us as we share virtual hour of prose, poetry and potpourri. Listen to poetry read by authors, a reading from a book soon to be published, and familiar and original musical compositions.

Cost: Free

Registration required for live stream link.



APRIL 17, 2021 | 9:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M. (includes break for lunch)



In her acclaimed book, *Crispina and Her Sisters*, author Christine Schenk, CSJ, explores the history of women's roles in early Christianity and the authority women exercised in the ancient church. Looking closely at visual imagery found on burial artifacts, Sister Schenk demonstrates how these early Jesus followers were far more influential than is commonly understood. What was it about Jesus that made his movement so attractive to women? Come and spend time with the fiery Christian women of yesterday and today who are changing the course of history, and consider what it means for Christian communities today and tomorrow.

Christine Schenk, CSJ, has worked as a nurse midwife to low-income families, a community organizer, an award-winning writer-researcher, and the founding director of an international church reform organization, FutureChurch. Her first book, *Crispina and Her Sisters: Women and Authority in Early Christianity* (Fortress Press, 2017) received a first place in history from the Catholic Press Association and her most recent work, *To Speak the Truth in Love: A Biography of Sr. Theresa Kane RSM* (OrbisBooks 2019) received first place awards from The Association of Catholic Publishers and the Catholic Press Association. Her column "Simply Spirit" appears regularly in the *National Catholic Reporter* and she is one of three nuns featured in the award-winning documentary *Radical Grace*.

Cost: \$30

Registration required to receive live stream link.

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