



CHOOSING TO BELIEVE:
Tending God's Whisper
August 11-16 2024

In discussing with high school sophomores how internet use influences the brain's blood chemistry, one student said she was born into the world of social media, blitz of information and endless diversion – all within her personal control. Only when she realized she had a choice to turn it off, did she discover how numb she was! Carmelite Sister Ruth Burrows wrote, "It is in the constant, almost hourly choices that these self-revealing experiences afford us, that true holiness and union with God is brought about." Film artists remind us how numbness anesthetizes, while the mess of life animates. Through viewing films, we will tend to God's whisper amidst it all.

Resource Person: Rev. Larry Lewis, MM, PhD, ordained in 1975, served as a pastoral counselor in Taipei, Taiwan; taught American literature, family psychology and film at Wuhan University of Technology, Wuhan, China; was Rector of Maryknoll Seminary and for 20 years co-coordinated the China Educators & Formators Project. He has offered retreats and workshops throughout China, and worked in Maryknoll's Office of Society Personnel. Presently he is in full time Ministry at Cormaria Retreat Center in Sag Harbor, NY. Fr. Larry is the author of *The Misfit: Haunting the Human-Unveiling the Divine* (Orbis Books, 1997).



Fr. Larry Lewis, M.M. presenting FILMS that enable Participants to enter into the life of the characters and into life itself



Social evening participants show how to do the Zumba with Presenter Nancy Sylvester eagerly following along!



Participants from all walks of life show their joy at participating in their Mission Institute Program



One Flower ~ Many seeds
One Seed ~ Many more seeds"
One Person ~ Many prayers
One Prayer ~ PEACE

The Maryknoll Mission Institute
welcomes you!

People of all faiths and cultures are invited to come together in a spirit of openness; sharing their faith and beliefs in a framework of listening and learning. This dynamic process enables the participants to bring about change in their own consciousness and ultimately in the Universe. The programs encourage faith seekers, in a spirit of freedom, creativity and responsibility, to increase their awareness towards becoming

ONE EARTH COMMUNITY!

Cost of 5-day Programs at Maryknoll, NY

Registration/Deposit _____ \$ 60.00
Tuition _____ \$200.00
Room/Board (per night) _____ \$ 90.00

Registration/Deposit is not refundable.
Only one registration fee is required per year.

**Further information, Application Forms,
Online Registration are available
on our Website:**

<https://www.maryknollsisters.org/missioninstitute>

The 2024 Programs will be in person.

**Participants have to be
fully vaccinated and boosted.
Please register early!**

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2024 PROGRAMS



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RELIGION IN REVOLT:
Deepening your Faith and Changing the World
June 9-14, 2024

During this dialogue-based Program, there will be two areas of focus. First, we will explore some of the practices and values that can enable us to flourish in a more just world. We will also take a deep dive into key themes of Catholic Social Teaching, including the recent Synod on Synodality; such as solidarity, hope, the preferential option for the poor and racial justice.

In the second part of the program, we will cover some areas of public life that desperately need citizen engagement such as housing and homelessness, poverty, climate change and criminal justice reform. We will introduce some policy areas, but the focus here is on skills: communicating with neighbors, members of your congregation and legislators; building relationships to effect positive change; and how we can bring a moral voice to the public square.

Resource Person: Dwayne David Paul, MA is a graduate of Yale University New Haven, CT in 2011, with a Masters of Arts in Religion, concentration on the Philosophy of Religion. He is an experienced lecturer and student affairs administrator. He has developed curriculum and student formation processes to compliment international human rights delegation programs. Dwayne is the co-founder of Religion in Revolt, a digital platform that aims to



Small group discussion on Multicultural sharing toward One earth Community

develop and promote the liberation work of faith communities. Dwayne was raised in Saint Matthews Catholic Church, a tri-lingual – Haitian Kreyol, Spanish and English – Caribbean and African American community in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn. That community and its interests continues to shape his worldview. He presently lives in Hartford, CT.

**MINDFUL PRACTICES FOR
SELF CARE AND MINDFUL LIVING**
*Part 1 for beginners/ Part 2 those who
Attended 2023*
June 23-28, 2024

This week of training and reflection will offer a variety of mindful practices to live in wellness and to open ourselves to the fullness of life. As we face stress, trauma, grief and anxiety resulting from the pandemic, disasters, violence, aging and the other challenges in our world, we can live as still points bringing peace and healing to ourselves and to those around us. Since 1988, Capacitar has worked in over 45 countries worldwide, teaching holistic practices to empower people to heal themselves, their families and communities. Maryknoll Sisters and Associates, in places of poverty, war, trauma and disaster have led many of our Capacitar teams. This training offers stories from the field and Capacitar practices that can be used for self-care and work with others.

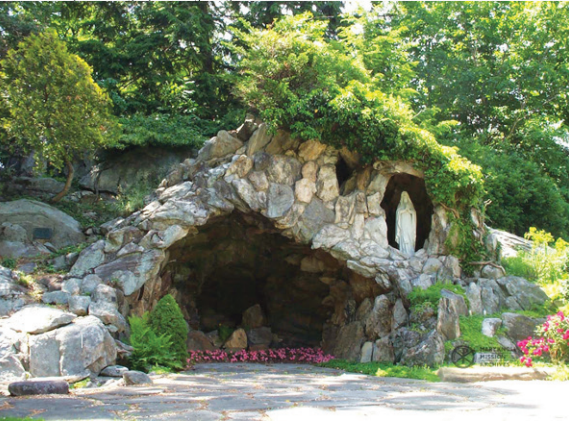
Resource Person: Patricia Mathes Cane, PhD, is the Founder/Executive Director of Capacitar International. Pat has conducted thousands of workshops for professionals and grassroots groups in the Americas, Africa, Europe, Asia and the Middle East. She has a PhD in Multicultural Wellness Education and is author of “Trauma Healing and Transformation” and other Capacitar Manuals. www.capacitar.org.

BECOME ALL FLAME:
The Transformative Power of Contemplation
July 14-19, 2024

This program draws on the wisdom of Teilhard de Chardin, Thomas Merton, Constance FitzGerald, Cynthia Bourgeault, the Desert Fathers and Mothers and other mystics to complement the life and message of Jesus. As humans, we are

growing in our understanding that we are part of the unfolding Universe. Who we are and what we do is critical to its next emergence. Rooted in communal contemplative practice Nancy, will invite participants to deepen their exploration of Divine Presence, Christ Consciousness, and their authentic selves in light of this emergence.

Resource Person: Sr. Nancy Sylvester, IHM, MA, is founder and director of the Institute for Communal Contemplation and Dialogue. She served in leadership of her own religious community, the Sister Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Monroe, Michigan, as well as in the presidency of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious. Prior to that, she was National Coordinator of Network, the National Catholic Social Justice Lobby. ICCD is beginning its third decade with new resources and programs. For information go to www.iccdinstitute.org.



A beautiful place of solace and comfort on the Maryknoll Sisters grounds in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes

DOROTHY DAY:
Revolution of the Heart
July 28- Aug 2, 2024

Dorothy Day (1897-1980), a Catholic convert and founder of the Catholic Worker, embodied the radical social message of the Gospel. Pope Francis, addressing the US Congress, included her in a list of four “great Americans” (with Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, and Thomas Merton).

This program will share her life and witness, to the spirituality that is the foundation of her life of service to the poor, the struggle for justice and the cause of peace. In light of her current cause for canonization, it will also examine the ways in which she offers a new model of holiness for our time.

Resource Person: Robert Ellsberg, MA, is the editor-in-chief and publisher of Orbis Books, where he has worked since 1987. In 1975-80, he spent five years with Dorothy Day at the Catholic Worker, serving for two years as managing editor of the Catholic Worker newspaper. He has edited five volumes of Dorothy Day’s writings, including her Selected Writings, her diaries and letters, and two volumes of her writings from the 1960s and 1970s. A founding member of the Dorothy Day Guild, he was appointed by the Archdiocese of New York as a member of the Historical Commission to prepare her cause for canonization. He is also well known for his writings about saints and for over ten years, he has contributed a daily reflection on “Blessed Among Us” for Give Us This Day [Liturgical Press]. His most recent book is Dearest Sister Wendy... A Surprising Story of Faith and Friendship Orbis, 2022, drawn from his correspondence with Sister Wendy Beckett.



Robert Ellsberg enjoying some time with the participants