



SUMMER SABBATICAL AND SPIRITUALITY SERIES

Come for a Month or a Week

May 26 – June 19, 2014

WEEK 1 – May 28-30

Mercy in the World as the Foundation for Christian Spirituality

with Kevin Burke, SJ and Julia Prinz, VDMF

In his first Sunday Angelus, Pope Francis' powerful message, mercy – in deed and word – has caused many to open their eyes to mercy in the world and our Christian life. This week's session will lead us through an exploration of the dimensions of mercy through the lens of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. We will come to understand how embracing God's mercy becomes a guiding principle and foundation for how we relate to the world and to God.

Rev. Kevin Burke, SJ, a Jesuit priest, currently teaches systematic theology and directs the Doctoral Program at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University (JST), a member school of the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley California.

Sr. Julia Prinz, VDMF, a missionary sister belongs to the Verbum Dei Missionary Fraternity. She is currently the provincial of the U.S. branch of her community. She also teaches at the Jesuit School of Theology.

WEEK 2 – June 2 – 4

Radical Gratitude in the Face of Cultural and Economic Challenges

With Mary Jo Leddy

This session will provide a meditation on the miracle of the everyday and a guide to discovering what is most real in oneself. Mary Jo will show how that process leads to "radical gratitude" that allows the spirit to soar and experience a great paradox. The freer one becomes, the more one appreciates the simple, earthy things that give true joy and become the path to greater authenticity and to a deeper relationship with the God of ordinary grace. This will be a time to connect with the deepest roots of gratitude and to explore gratitude as the ground of personal, economic, and social transformation.

Mary Jo Leddy is a Canadian writer, speaker, theologian and social activist. She is the founder of Romero House, a Toronto-based community home for refugees. She is also a sessional lecturer in the University of Toronto's Theology Department.

Week 3 – June 9 - 11

Living Contemplatively in a Busy World

with Michael Fish, OSB Cam.

This week's session opens up new ways of establishing contemplative practices to see and experience God in daily life, including the importance of solitude in a culture that is too busy. It opens up new ways of living fully the different stages of life's spiritual journey and addressing the emotional gaps we experience as a pathway to the Divine.

Rev. Michael Fish, OSB, Cam, is a native of South Africa. After 26 years with the Redemptorists and responding to a persistent desire for a more contemplative way of life, Michael left the Redemptorists and South Africa and became a Camaldolese Benedictine at New Camaldoli Hermitage in Big Sur, California. Michael is now engaged in spiritual direction to guests at the Hermitage as well as directing retreats.

Week 4 – June 16-18

Spirituality for the Second Half of Life

with Pamela Prime

Focused on the spiritual and psychological challenges adults face during the second half of life, this session will get to the root of what the second half of life is all about. An informative and experiential presentation recognizing gifts, reviewing dreams, and awakening purpose will unfold as we look back with gratitude through time and look ahead with wonder into the unknown. Peace and wisdom emerge as gifts of this profound exploration.

Pamela Prime is a gifted and compassionate teacher who has used her extraordinary talent for storytelling throughout her career as a Spiritual Director, Educator, Author, Lecturer and Retreat Leader. Pamela has served as a Core Faculty Member at the School of Applied Theology, as well as an Adjunct Faculty Member at The Jesuit School of Theology. She is presently the Director of the Institute for Catholic Spirituality and Spiritual Direction.

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