



Raising the Power of Love Upwards

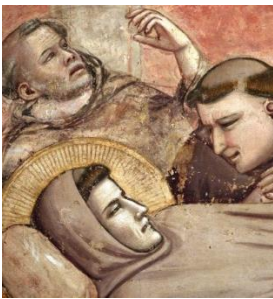
I came across this quote from Teilhard de Chardin and brought it to prayer; "Our role is no longer to merely ease suffering, bind up wounds, and feed the hungry, but through every form of effort to raise the powers of love upward to the next stage of consciousness." We hold dear in our hearts as Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart our charism of being merciful, joyous, and poor—doing works of neighborly love. Our collective response to the Gospel call is to love one another.

Our Sisters raise the power of love upward by:

- ✦ **Being merciful** in the face of indifference, adversity, and opposition.
- ✦ **Being joyous** (still), even as we contemplate the beauty of all God's creation amid war and violence.
- ✦ **Being poor** with the awareness of our dependence on God's providence and the social and environmental implications of the choices we make.

Teilhard is right. Religious women and men's legacy of laying down the foundation for social/welfare services as well as learning institutions was already handed to our lay counterparts. They are the carriers of that legacy now. What we still have is our lived experience as witnesses to *Christ's love* in who we are and how we are. When you experience Christ's love in us, may you then be ever more aware of his love for you and pass it on!

Sr. Maria Brizuela



Transitus of St. Francis & Potluck Supper

Join us for a meaningful and reflective evening as we honor the Transitus of St. Francis, marking his peaceful

passing into eternal life. This short, inspiring service is a chance to connect with the spirit of Francis—his love for others, creation, and simple living.

After the service, we continue the celebration with a potluck supper with the Sisters! The Sisters are cooking up spaghetti or lasagna. For those who wish to join, the sisters ask you to bring a side dish (salad or dessert) to share. Please RSVP.

RSVP

This is a chance to not only reflect but also to relax, eat, and share stories in community. We hope you'll join us for this special time!

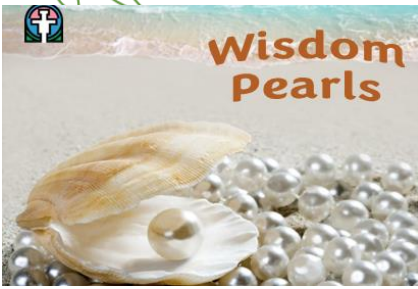
Blessing of Pets & Gifts of Creation
Sunday, Oct. 6 at 2:00 p.m. in front of our Motherhouse



Franciscan Spirituality Discussion Group

Register

Join us the **second Wednesday of the month**, Sept.-Dec. 2024 and Feb.-May 2025, **10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** for a discussion on Franciscan spirituality. This year will focus on the life of St. Clare of Assisi. Participants will need to purchase *Light of Assisi: The Story of Saint Clare* by Margaret Carney, OSF and register on our website, fssh.net.



Lk 24: 46-48

Jesus said to his disciples, "Thus it is written that the Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are my witnesses of these things."

To be a witness is not a passive role one takes but an active one. When I am a witness, I tell others what I experienced. When I was baptized and when I renewed my Baptismal commitment at Confirmation, I promised to be your witness. I promise to continue the task that you began years ago when you walked the earth. Help me Lord to be your faith witness;

to make your message known. If I use words let them be effective and not fall on deaf ears but most of all let how I live your Gospel message be the most effective sermon I can preach.

Sr. Dominic Dybel

FSSH Canticle of Praise



Canticle of Praise

We invite you to take a moment to pause and reflect with our FSSH Canticle of Praise, a video created from your shared prayers and reflections. Click on the image at left. Enjoy this beautiful celebration of creation as we honor the Season of Creation together.

The Laudato Si Committee

Spiritual Direction Offered at St. Francis Woods

Share ordinary life experience and be guided to listen for how the Divine is speaking through the twists and turns of your faith journey. Spiritual Direction is an hour-long session, usually scheduled monthly and offered either in-person or over Zoom. The fee is \$55.00 per session or \$40.00 per session for anyone on retreat at The Portiuncula Center for Prayer on campus.



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AN AFTERNOON WITH FR. RON ROLHEISER, OMI

Wrestling With God
and With Love:
Resistance and Surrender
Within Our Spiritual Journey
via Zoom



Sunday, October 20, 2024

1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Free will donation

Zoom Link Signup

Curious About Religious Life?

Explore what life is like as a Franciscan Sister of the Sacred Heart. Visit St. Francis Woods, meet our Sisters and ask the questions that are on your heart!

Contact Us

Associate Applications Accepted Online

Learn about the Associate relationship.

Learn More

Zoom Option for Scripture Reflections

We are so pleased to be able to welcome participants from around the world to join with us in preparing our hearts for Sunday Mass! Join Sr. Marilyn Renninger for a Scripture Reflection each **Thursday at 10:30 a.m. through May 8, 2025**. Use the Zoom Link Signup button at right to receive a Zoom link. If attending in person, there's no need to register. Just come to the Assisi Center. You can reach Sr. Marilyn at marilyn.renninger@fssh.net.

Zoom Link Signup



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