

Make Me an Instrument of Peace in our World

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Greetings from the Southwest * News and Notes Franciscan Federation * Region Six

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Peace and Hope to each of you!

California Fires

Let us remember in our *"thoughts and prayers"* all the California residents who have been impacted by the destructive fires. May they find *"courage and hope"* during this time.

Colorado Events

The Denver Parish of St. Elizabeth of Hungary and the Marycrest Franciscan Sisters are jointly sponsoring a celebration of the **"Eighth Centenary of the Birth of St. Elizabeth"**. It will include a Concert in her honor Friday November 16. Saturday November 17 will include Liturgy, sharing lunch with the Homeless long fed each Noon by the Parish and lecture by Dr. Darleen Pryds of the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley California on *"Bloom Where You're Planted: How St. Elizabeth Crafted and Recrafted Her Life of Love and Service"*.
Date: Friday Nov 16 and Saturday November 17 **Place:** St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish Denver Colorado

Contact: Macrina Scott OSF 303-863-8641 macrina@mpbdenver.org

Woman's Story Gathering - Bimonthly gathering where women share their experiences, hopes and spiritual journeys. The theme will be: **St. Clare of Assisi-Co-founder of the Franciscan Order.**

Date: Sunday November 18 **Place:** St. Francis of Assisi Parish Ministry Center Colorado Springs

Time: 2:00 - 4:00 pm **Contact:** Marilyn Uhing OSF 719-598-5486

Franciscan Federation Website

Looking for gifts for Feastdays and Holidays--check out the *"Web Store"* for great ideas for gifts.

Home page to celebrate *"St. Elizabeth of Hungary Eighth Centenary"* with downloadable reflections.

"Think Outside the Bottle" information and pledge (go to Water campaign) page

Post AFC 2007 Conference Update on the Water Issue

Joan Brown OSF has been working through the Partnership For Earth Spirituality with other non-profits in an intent to sue Los Alamos National Labs located in New Mexico for violation of the Clean Water Act. The Lab has been dumping toxins into over 1200 sites with now seepage into the Rio Grande River. Another area of concern leading to advocacy for water includes efforts to stop in-situ-

uranium leach mining on Mount Taylor, which is sacred to Indigenous People's of the Region and one of the Mountain sources of water.

Janet Corcoran OSF publishes a environmental "tip" from the "Green" Franciscan Sister in the Employee Newsletter at the Marian Medical Center located in Santa Maria California. One tip was the use and source of Bottle water and how it impacts our Earth's resources.

In the words of St. Francis ***"Preach the Gospel at all times, if necessary use words."***

Have a Blessed Day!

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