



AFC Conference 2012 In Cincinnati

Looking Ahead To AFC

Mark your calendar now and join your Franciscan Sisters and Brothers at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza this summer:

**July 27-30, 2012
Hilton Cincinnati
Netherland Plaza**

The theme for the 2012 conference is:

Releasing Energies to Love: Creative Fidelity in the Church in the Light of Francis & Clare

The Conference presenters, breaking open this theme, are Joe Chinnici, TOR, and Marlene Wisenbeck, OSF. Bea Eichten will be the facilitator; the chair is Jean Bessette, who works in Cincinnati and Linda

Tan will assume the on-site roles previously taken by Margaret Magee. Registration materials will be available this spring; so do check the Federation website:

www.franfed.org

for further details on the theme, the keynote speakers, and materials for registration and preparation.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- ◆ The AFC in 2012 will be in Cincinnati, on July 27—30th. Theme is Releasing Energies of Love: Creative Fidelity in the Church.
- ◆ AFC 2013 is in Pittsburgh.
- ◆ AFC 2014 in St. Louis
- ◆ Human Trafficking Awareness programs
- ◆ The COR is seeking nominations for one replacement on the Executive Committee
- ◆ COR Committee serving the Regions

Awareness Actions on Trafficking

An Invitation

We are invited to support the JPIC Resolution passed at the AFC 2011 and educate ourselves on the issues surrounding the problem of Human Trafficking in the world and in our own country.

Each congregation has received a DVD entitled: **Lives for Sale** from a grant given by the Allegheny Sisters. Ask your leadership for a copy if you have not seen it.

Another DVD on Trafficking is called: **The Day My God Died** It is a documentary of young

girls whose lives are ruined by sex trade.

www.thedaymygoddied.com.

Also check out: *Dreams Die Hard* www.freetheslaves.net/Page.aspx?pid=318 the real-life story of people trapped in slavery across the United States.

Within Region IV, some actions to date are as follows:

In January, each local house of the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity are receiving a “tool kit” of resources on Trafficking (books, articles, websites, DVD, prayer services, etc, with

the invitation to select some action(s) for education/awareness on this issue.

The Rochester Franciscans had several opportunities to share on this topic: *Stay in the Fire*, about women speaking their voices about oppression of women; human trafficking of women and children. They have several Sisters—including Judy Chiodo our Regional Chair—who are prepared to *Train the Trainer*, and assist others to become active in training people about Human Trafficking issues and Advocacy.



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Spiritual Programs

Chiara Center, Springfield, IL For registration and information, www.chiaracenter.org; or call 217-523-0901

- * *And Those Seen Dancing Hope in the Franciscan Tradition*; Mar. 8-10, 2012; By Giles Schinelli, TOR & Kathleen Moffatt OSF
- * *The Treasured Aramaic Words of Jesus*; July 8-13, 2012; By Bro Joseph Killkevie OP

Shalom Retreat Center, Dubuque, IA., 563-583-3592; or info@shalomretreats.org

- * *Healing Hurts & Regrets: Forgiving & Healthy Alternatives to Forgiving* Feb. 24-26, 2012; By: Gary Egeber
- * *Lenten Retreat: Transformation the Music of God*; Feb. 26-Mar.2, 2012; by Thomas Hartle OFM
- * *Workshop: The Word, The Image, The Story...Tools of Transformation, March 23-25 2012; Director: Jan Phillips*

Marywood Spirituality Center, Arbor Vitae, WI For more information & registration, call 715-385-3750 or email to: marywood.center@gmail.com

- * *Soul Search: Honor & Express Grace through Creativity*; Feb. 12-18, 2012; By Karen Kappell, FSPA, Kathy Lentsch, OSF
- * *Integrating Energy Centers of the Body; March 4-10, 2012; By Karen Kappell, FSPA, and Roselyn Heil, FSPA*

Franciscan Life Center, Little Falls, Minnesota; For registration and information, contact: www.fslf.org 320-632-0668

- * *Joyful Living Our Franciscan Values; July 7-13, 2012; Directed by: Johynn Brehm FSPA*

Check Monthly **Musings** on the franfed.org Website for more retreat opportunities.

COR Representatives & COR Executive Committee

COR Executive Committee

Region IV Congratulates Sister Kay Klackner of the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity who was elected to the Executive Committee of Regions at the AFC in July. Subsequently, she was elected by the members of that committee to serve as its Chair.

Other members of this Committee are; Sister Mary Maloney of Region I, Sister Betty Kane from Region 2, Sister Mary Aquinas Szott from Region I, and Sister Wilma Kramer from Region I. Sister Kay will be the official liaison from the Executive Committee to Region IV to serve us in any capacity and address our needs.

Nominations are open for serving on the COR Executive Committee for 2012-2014. One position is open. Please contact Sr. Kay if interested; kay.klackner@sl.edu.

COR Committee Goals

The main goal of the COR Executive Committee is to maintain the Franciscan Charism by *Being* and *Doing ...* by continuing to strengthen communication with region chairs.

To enhance communications, the COR Executive Team is having conference with the regional chairs twice each semester. Sr. Ann Lyons from the National Office joins this call as well.. One issue being discussed is opening Federation Membership to Associates & Sojourners.

Region IV Steering Committee Serving You

- Judy Chiodo, OSF— Sisters of St. Francis Rochester Assisi Heights; Regional Co-chair
- Mary Louise Dolezal, OSF- Franciscan Sisters of St. Paul
- Rose Margaret Firkus, SSJ-TOSF, Sisters. of St. Joseph-of the Third Order of St. Francis, Kimberly
- Lorita Gaffney, OSF - Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity, Regional Co-chair, Newsletter Editor
- Ginny Helderfer, OSF- Dubuque Franciscans
- Kathleen Holland, OSF- Clinton Franciscans, Secretary.
- Mary Kabat, OSF- Bay Settlement Franciscans
- Mary Jo Kahl, fsm - Fran. Sisters of Mary; Treasurer
- Ann Kelley, OSF, Sisters of St. Francis, Milwaukee
- Kay Klackner, OSF, Fran. Sisters of Christian Charity
- Joanne Klinnert, OSF- Little Falls Franciscans
- Mary Beatrice Knipple, CSSF- Felician Sisters, Mke
- Lucy Ann Myer, FSPA—Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, La Crosse
- Mary Anthony Menting, SCSC. Sisters Of Mercy of Holy Cross, Merrill
- Nancy Miller, OSF - Dubuque Franciscan
- Mary Jo Palma, SSM—Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother, Oshkosh
- Melanie Pradis, OSF—Wheaton Franciscan
- Marilyn Shea, OSF- Clinton Franciscans
- John Marie Simien, SCSC- Sisters Of Mercy of Holy Cross, Merrill
- Phyllis Wirtz, SSSF—School Sisters .of St. Francis, Milwaukee