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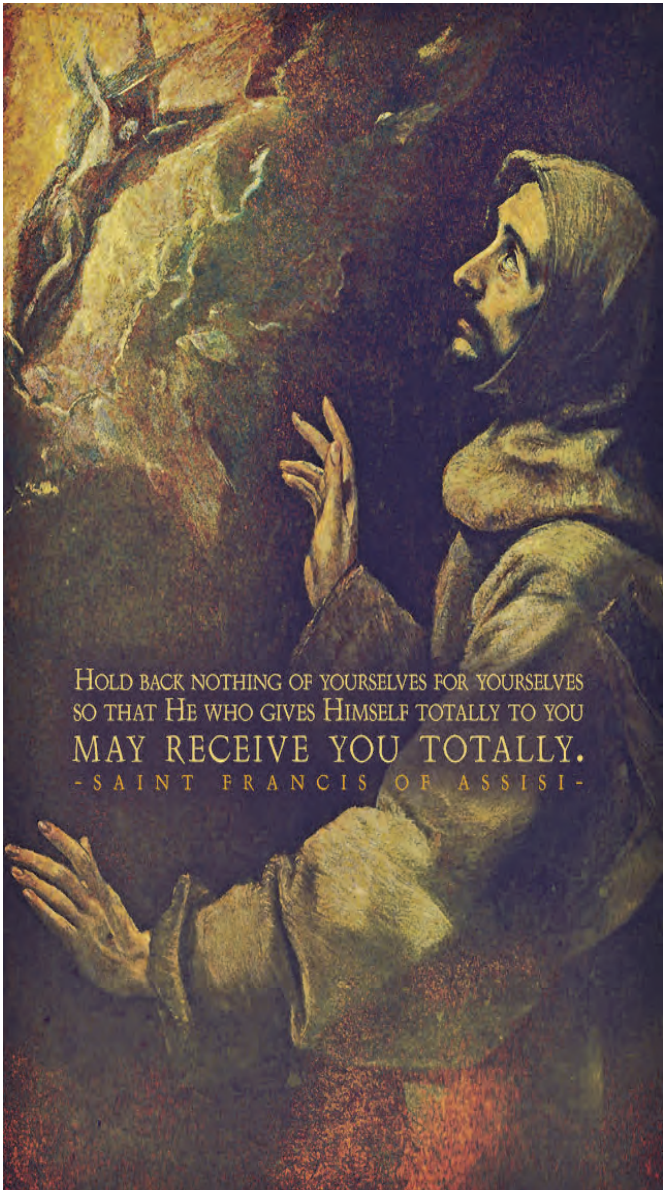
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HOLD BACK NOTHING OF YOURSELVES FOR YOURSELVES  
SO THAT HE WHO GIVES HIMSELF TOTALLY TO YOU  
MAY RECEIVE YOU TOTALLY.  
- SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI -

Come and gather with other Franciscans to observe, participate and celebrate together.

If your fraternity or church has planned a gathering or special event, please send me your information for e-publication by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month.

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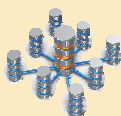
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2019 REGION CALENDAR  
MINISTER LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings of peace to you and to your fraternity!

Gathering in fraternity is the hallmark of Franciscan life. On **Saturday, March 23, 2019**, we will once again have the opportunity to gather with our brothers and sisters at our yearly Chapter of Mats called **CONVIVENZA**.

Although we meet regularly with our local fraternities, in our Clusters and on Retreat, Convivenza is the one, true opportunity for *all* of us to gather as a **Regional Family**. At Convivenza **everyone in the Region** can come together to **pray, learn, share and socialize**. It should be the highlight of our year as members of Our Lady of the Angels Region. Please share this information with *everyone* in your fraternity. It is important that each member be made aware so that **everyone is offered the opportunity to attend Convivenza**.

Our gathering will be held on *Saturday, March 23, 2019, at St. Bonaventure Church – Bishop Manning Hall, 174 Ramsey Street, Paterson, NJ*. We will begin with *coffee and registration at 9:00 AM*. As always, we ask that you bring along a **“brown bag” lunch**. Please see the next page for the schedule. We thank **St. John Vianney/St. Elizabeth of Hungary Fraternity** for hosting the day.

**As we have done in the past, we are asking for a special donation. This years' recipient is the Fr. English Center in Paterson, NJ. They are in need of items for babies. This includes diapers, baby food, formula, baby wipes and any other basic baby items.**

Out of courtesy to our host fraternity, please **RSVP** how many persons will be attending from your fraternity **by March 15<sup>th</sup>**.

Contact Diane Menditto directly either by phone: 201-343-0950, or via email: [dianefmdfm@aol.com](mailto:dianefmdfm@aol.com)

Thank you for your service to the Order.

*Diane*

**2019 REGION ANNUAL MEETING****CONVIVENZA**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2019**  
**9 a.m. — 3 p.m.**

**LOCATION:**

**ST. BONAVENTURE CHURCH**

**Bishop Manning Hall, 174 Ramsey Street, Paterson, NJ**

**HOST FRATERNITY: St. John Vianney/St. Elizabeth of Hungary**

**SCHEDULE OF THE DAY:**

- 9:00 - REGISTRATION AND COFFEE**
- 9:30 - MORNING PRAYER**
- 9:45 - WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 10:00 - 11:30 - MORNING PRESENTATION**  
**GUEST SPEAKER / TOPIC:**  
**JUSTIN CARISIO, OFS, NATIONAL FORMATION COMMISSION**  
**The OFS Rule as seen through the Lens of the Prologue:**  
**Identity and Conversion. Small Group Discussions.**
- 11:30 - BREAK**
- 11:45 - HOLY MASS**
- 12:30 - 1:15 - BROWN BAG LUNCH**
- 1:15 - 2:30 - AFTERNOON PRESENTATION - FRANCIS OF ASSISI, PENITENT**  
**DISCUSSION - SMALL GROUPS**  
**LARGE GROUP WRAP UP**
- 2:30 - 3:00 - FINAL ITEMS**

*Please note that times may need to be adjusted as the day progresses.*

# OFS Fraternity EVENT

## A LENTEN DAY REFLECTION

### TOPIC: BIOETHICS AND THE FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY

SPONSORED BY THE SACRED HEART SECULAR FRANCISCAN FRATERNITY

BENEDICTA FONACIER, OFS — MINISTER

#### WHAT IS BIOETHICS FOR THE CATHOLIC?

It is the reverence that life is imbued with the divine image, redeemed and beatified through the salvific work of Christ, a mission which begins with you and me... John Evans (*Author: Book and Spade*)

#### SPEAKER:

Father Erik Lenhart OFM, Cap. is a member of the Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Mary. He ministers at [Capuchin Youth and Family Ministries](#) in Garrison, New York. His previous work includes parish ministry and teaching seminarians bioethics and homiletics. He has also written the first and only musical comedy about Pope Pius X.

#### WHERE:

Sacred Heart Church, 110 Shonnard Place, Yonkers, New York 10703  
Church Hall (church basement), enter through the Convent Avenue door under the stairwell.

#### DATE AND TIME:

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

#### AGENDA:

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- 9:00 - Registration and continental breakfast
- 9:30 - Morning prayer
- 10:00 - **MORNING PRESENTATION:**  
Bioethics and the Franciscan Spirituality - part 1  
Small group discussion
- 12:00 - 1:30 - Lunch (provided)
- 2:00 - **AFTERNOON PRESENTATION:**  
Bioethics and the Franciscan Spirituality - part 2  
Small group discussion
- 3:00 - Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 3:30 - Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 5:00 - Liturgical Mass with the Sacred Heart community

RSVP by April 6, 2019, to [bfona2122@gmail.com](mailto:bfona2122@gmail.com) or (914) 969-2779



## At the Church of St. Francis of Assisi

During the season of Lent we invite you to encounter Jesus once again as we journey towards the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. We offer a number of opportunities to deepen your relationship with the Lord through prayer and learning.

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### **SIN, FORGIVENESS, AND THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Wednesdays: March 13 – April 3, 2019 • 6:15 – 7:15 p.m.**

This course will reflect on the graced encounter between us sinners and the God of infinite mercy. The classes will review the biblical understanding of sin and reconciliation, the history of the sacrament of penance, and the opportunities and challenges for the renewal of the sacrament today. Register online [HERE](#) or at the reception desk in the Parish House.

**Instructor: Fr. William Beaudin, O.F.M. St. Francis Adult Education Center, Classroom 4; Fee: \$40.00**



### **HAVE MERCY, O GOD, IN YOUR KINDNESS: SOLEMN LENTEN VESPERS**

**Thursday, March 28, 2019 • 6:30 – 8:00 PM • Upper Church**

Instruction and celebration come together in a “lecture-demonstration” of Solemn Vespers, one of the pillars of the official prayer of the Church. The evening will include an introduction to the Lenten season, to the Jewish and Christian dimensions of the psalms we will be singing, and to the music we will be performing in praise of God “whose mercy endures forever.”

### **A LENTEN AFTERNOON OF PRAYER**

**Saturday, April 6, 2019 • 2:00 – 5:00 PM • San Damiano Hall**

Is our cross too small? The central symbol of our Christian faith is often reduced physically to a trinket, spiritually to an object of private devotion, and theologically to the appeasement of an angry God demanding satisfaction for sin. As preparation for Passiontide, Fr. William will offer two retreat conferences that, hopefully, will widen and deepen the participants’ perspective on the crucifixion of Jesus. The afternoon will include communal prayer as well as time for personal reflection and conclude, for those who wish to participate, with St. Francis of Assisi Parish’s 5:15 PM Vigil Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Lent.

**Facilitator: Fr. William Beaudin, O.F.M. Fee: \$15.00**

### **ENCOUNTER: FROM THE HEART OF POPE FRANCIS**

**Friday, April 12, 2019 • 7:30 PM • Upper Church**

By his words and actions, Pope Francis compels the global Church to a radically renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ. Encounter: From the Heart of Pope Francis animates this call in song, story, and prayer, inviting us to risk stepping toward Jesus in both the blessing and the bruising of daily life. Encounter takes us to the front lines of God’s field hospital, calling us to a revolution of tenderness in a world desperate for healing and hope.

Join renowned composers Tony Alonso and Chris DeSilva, together with the widely acclaimed preacher, Monsignor Ray East, along with our director of music, Meredith Augustin, and our music ministry for this powerful event.

**For tickets go online to [stfrancisnyc.org/encounter2019](http://stfrancisnyc.org/encounter2019) Fee: \$20 online, \$25 at the door.**





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# Frederick Franck and Saint Francis

ARTICLE WRITTEN BY LUKAS FRANCK

STORY SUGGESTION AND COLLABORATION BY JODY PIHOKKER, OFS

Frederick Franck (1909 – 2006) was a Dutch-born artist and writer. He was born in Maastricht in the Catholic south of the Netherlands to an agnostic family. The rituals of Catholicism, the parades, ceremonies, celebrations, rituals and symbols surrounded him in, but were mysteries to him. He was fascinated by what he saw and, being spiritually curious, puzzled over the meaning of the symbols.

Adding depth to this mystery was the misery that Franck saw as he was witness to the beginning of the first World War from his home on the Dutch, German, Belgian border. The flood of refugees and wounded soldiers passing underneath his bedroom window led to a lifelong horror of warfare.

He foresaw the coming of the second war, left Europe and settled in London. There he discovered the writings of D.T.Suzuki on Zen Buddhism and became a lifelong student of Zen. After the war, Franck settled in the United States and was working as a dentist (his training) in New York City when he was recruited to work over several years at Albert Schweitzer's hospital in what is now Gabon in West Africa. There, with his wife, Claske, he established a dental clinic at the hospital. While there, and wherever he was, Franck drew. He wrote several books on Schweitzer and Africa filled with drawings, including many of the animals that surrounded the hospital.

Back in the United States as the world waited for the missiles to fly and the world to end during the Cuban Missile Crisis, Pope John XXIII's call for a Vatican Council to renew the Church struck Frederick forcefully.

So much so that he felt that he had to be there. He went on to Rome and drew all four sessions of the Vatican Council. Some of his drawings can be seen on the University of Notre Dame Hesburgh Libraries website:

<https://collections.library.nd.edu/ed3192be75/outsider-at-the-vatican>



He also published several books about the council, about the changing Catholic church, and a children's book about Pope John called "*I Love Life said Pope John the XXIII*" sadly now out of print.

It was in Rome that Franck became friends with nuns of the Franciscan Order of the Atonement and they maintained contact for many years thereafter. When an earthquake damaged many artworks in Assisi in 1998, Franck made his own interpretation of Saint Francis in steel and gave it to the Order. It is at their guesthouse in Assisi. Replicas are at the Franciscan House at Megen, The Netherlands, and at *Pacem in Terris*, Frederick Franck's museum located at 96 Covered Bridge Rd, Warwick, NY 10990, phone 845-986-4329.

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In Franck's image of Francis we see the deep ecological connection that makes Francis a deep symbol of our time. He seems to reflect our longing for a connection to the natural world that we seem to be in so much danger of completely losing and even destroying. The mutual joy of both Francis and the birds bring joy to our hearts as well as a kind of longing. Franck called his sculptures 'icons' because he felt they were windows onto the sacred, not works of art for art's sake or commercial purposes. This is certainly true in his almost last sculptural work. The same is true for all of the 'icons' at Pacem in Terris which is itself an Icon. It is a window onto the earth itself as sacred, and of ourselves as inhabitants of a paradise we fail to recognize, to our peril.



In 2014, eight years after Franck's death, a group of Franciscan brothers in Amsterdam asked if they could make a two-dimensional version of the Icon for the front of their House, called La Verna. Intrigued but wary, the Estate gave permission. The result was quite beautiful. Later permission to make small versions of the image was also granted.



The poet James Cotter wrote about Franck's, *Saint Francis and the Birds*:

## Flight

James Finn Cotter

Saint Francis lifted his fingers  
like lily petals to the sky  
and birds flew down like flames  
with wings fluttering, outstretched,  
like leafy bamboo shoots  
or branches of a chestnut tree  
with buds breaking into blossoms  
or like waves scattering off rocks.  
streaks of clouds hover over  
Pacem in Terris on the wawayanda  
tumbling beneath shady banks  
through the garden of sculptures:  
*Seven Generations, Phoenix Rising,*  
Resurrection, Death  
and Transfiguration,  
Black Madonna and Saint Francis,  
hands uplifted to  
Brother Sun and Sister Moon  
in falling leaves and sunlight -  
arms reaching to heaven  
through a cloudburst of bird wings,  
steel feet rooted in mossy ground,  
dark-robed icon of our longing  
and belonging between earth and stars.

We have copied the small versions originally made in Holland and currently offer them for sale. Resulting funds support Pacem in Terris, The Frederick Franck Museum in Warwick NY. Pacem in Terris is a non-profit 501 c(3) org..

Pacem in Terris is open to the public without charge from May 4 through October on weekends only, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**SMALL REPRODUCTIONS (see above photos) OF THESE PIECES ARE GOING TO BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE. SALES WILL HELP TO SUPPORT PACEM IN TERRIS.**

**FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING A REPRODUCTION, THERE WILL BE ORDER FORMS AVAILABLE AT OUR 2019 CONVIVENZA MEETING.**

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**A BLESSED JOHN DUNS SCOTUS LIBRARY PRESENTATION**

# Franciscan Solitude: Wellspring of Grace

**Date: Saturday, April 6, 2019**

**Time: 1:00 PM**

**Place: Blessed John Duns Scotus Library  
125 Thompson Street  
New York, NY 10012**

**All are welcome. If you plan to attend, we ask that you RSVP to Siobhan O'Dwyer, OFS at: [smdfranciscanlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:smdfranciscanlibrary@gmail.com)**

**SR. KATHLEEN OSBELT, OSF**, has walked the talk and we are, indeed, blessed to be able to learn from her experience of putting God at the center of her life. What a meaningful way to enrich our Lenten journey and help us deepen our own relationship with God going forward!

She is a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities and has lived in their Hermitage in Fayetteville, New York for over twenty-two years, since Fr. André Cirino, OFM, assisted in formatting the hermitage lifestyle around the Document on Solitude.

Sr. Kathleen is the Director of Mission Outreach for Francis House, two homes for those who are at end-of-life. She has led pilgrimages to Assisi and Rome through the Franciscan Pilgrimage Programs and has been a presenter of the Franciscan Charism and Mission to corporate leaders, religious communities, and retreat attendees.

Her studies include degrees from Marywood College, Boston College, and course work at the Franciscan Institute in Canterbury, England. She has completed advanced training for certification in chaplaincy and spiritual direction.

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**SAVE THE DATE:**

**NOVEMBER 16, 2019**

**SR. MARY ELIZABETH IMLER, OSF**, will speak about St. Clare:

Reading the Tavola of St. Clare: Leadership Ideas from Her Sacred Journey.

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# 2019 REGION RETREAT

**At** the beautiful retreat house of Mt. Alvernia Retreat Center in Wappingers Falls, NY, August 2-4, 2019.

Arrival: Friday between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Dinner is between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Departure: After lunch, Sunday.

Cost is \$185.00 payable with registration.

Includes presentations, single and double rooms with private bath and six full meals. Note there are a limited number of individual rooms.

There are a limited number of partial scholarships available.

For additional information contact Richard Spana, OFS | [Rickspanasfo@aol.com](mailto:Rickspanasfo@aol.com)



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**OUR ANNUAL RETREAT WILL BE LED BY  
SR. MARGARET CARNEY, OSF, STD**

Sr. Carney was the 20th President of St. Bonaventure University, a position she held from 2004 until July 2016. She is the university's first president emeritus.

She holds master's degrees from Duquesne University (theology) and St. Bonaventure University (Franciscan Studies) and her doctorate (theology) was awarded by the Franciscan University of Rome – the Pontifical University "Antonianum." Her own teaching and lecturing prior to her presidency encompassed service in the U.S., Europe and Asia. She holds nine honorary doctorates and is a member of the prestigious Century Club of Duquesne University.

Join your Secular Franciscan brothers and sisters at our annual region retreat where you will share time in prayer, fellowship and spiritual growth.



## 2019 REGION RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

Please check one     Professed     Candidate

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Send completed registration form with \$185.00 check, payable to "Our Lady of the Angels Regional Fraternity" to: RICHARD SPANA, OFS • 170 E Hartsdale Avenue, Apt. 1-F, Hartsdale, NY 10530 • Phone: 914-478-2010.

The Registration Form is also available on our region website at: <http://ourladyoftheangelsregion.org>



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**CATHOLIC BIBLE CONFERENCE—ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK**

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**CONFERENCIA DE LA BIBLIA CATÓLICA—ARQUIDIÓCESIS DE NEWARK**

**DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2019**

**FECHA: SÁBADO, 22 DE JUNIO DE 2019**

**LOCATION: SETON HALL UNIVERSITY, SOUTH ORANGE**

**Keynote: Margaret Nutting Ralph, PhD**

**Orador Principal: Rev. Dempsey Rosales Acosta, S.S.L., S.T.D.**

*Adults of all ages are welcome to this annual conference.*

*Join us as we explore the Bible and encounter God through His Word today.*

*Keynote addresses and workshops will be given in English and Spanish.*

*Additional details and registration information will be available soon.*

*Los adultos de todas las edades son bienvenidos a esta conferencia anual.*

*Únase a nosotros mientras exploramos la Biblia y nos*

*encontramos con Dios a través de su Palabra.*

*Conferencias de apertura y talleres se ofrecerán en español e inglés.*

*Detalles adicionales e información de registraci3n estar3n disponibles pronto.*

# ASSISI PILGRIMAGES



NOVEMBER 2-11, 2019

PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI • LA VERNA • GRECCIO • ROME

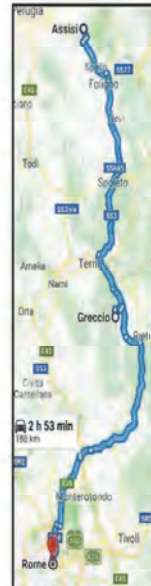
WITH FRIAR JOHN BAMMAN, OFM CONV. AND DEACONS WILL TRIBBEY, OFS, DEACON MARK AND CHRISTINE PATTERSON

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am happy to share some great news! There are TWO wonderful pilgrimages to Assisi planned for Secular Franciscans in November of 2019 - each focusing on Franciscan Spirituality. What great opportunities for renewal!

Opposite side of this page are the dates and pilgrimage leaders:

November 2-11, 2019 - Deacon Will Tribbey, OFS and Fr. John Bamann, OFM Conventual, and November 6-15, 2019 - Fr. Cyrus Gallagher, OFM Capuchin.



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I heartily endorse both of these pilgrimages. It would sure be difficult for me to choose between them. I am blessed to know Deacon Will Tribbey, Fr. John Bamann and Fr. Cyrus Gallagher very well, and they will be wonderful pilgrimage leaders.

There is plenty of time to save and prepare, but please sign up soon. I am sure these will fill up quickly.

Peace and all good!

Your sister, Jan

Jan Parker OFS  
National Minister  
Secular Franciscan Order - USA




*A Pilgrimage to Assisi, San Giovanni Rotondo and Rome*

## NOVEMBER 6-15, 2019 - FR. CYRUS GALLAGHER OFM CAP.

Capuchin Priest Father Cyrus Gallagher will lead a 10 day Pilgrimage/Retreat to Rome and the Franciscan Treasures of Italy: Greccio, Assisi, San Giovanni Rotondo and the tomb of St Padre Pio. This Pilgrimage/Retreat is designed to be a peaceful and relaxing experience, for the "mature pilgrim". We will spend at least two nights in each hotel. We will celebrate daily Mass and have ample time for personal devotion. Optional evening conferences will be available, when possible, with emphasis on **Secular Franciscan Spirituality**. In preparation, participants will receive a monthly email reflection on Franciscan Spirituality. Register early to receive significant saving.

*All-inclusive cost from Colorado Springs \$3,696, (adjusted fare from other airports) includes air travel, first-class hotel, deluxe motor coaches, entrance fees, breakfast and dinner daily, taxes, tips, administrative fees. For a colorful brochure, on-line or printed, contact Fr Cyrus at 719-661-1145 or [cyrusgallagher38@gmail.com](mailto:cyrusgallagher38@gmail.com)*





FRANCISCAN INSTITUTE  
**SUMMER 2019  
 PROGRAMS**

## Programs and conferences to be held at St. Bonaventure University

The Franciscan Institute at St. Bonaventure University has scheduled the following master classes, programs and conferences for the summer of 2019. Registration for each program has begun. Please click on the highlighted links to learn more on the program, the presenter, the cost and the location where it is being held (some are available online) or contact **Jill Smith**, *Business Operations Manager*. Call 716-375-2062 or email: [jmsmith@sbu.edu](mailto:jmsmith@sbu.edu)



**MASTER CLASS 1-** Adapting to a New World: Franciscan Men and Women in 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Century America, *June 24-28, 2019*, [LEARN MORE](#)



**MASTER CLASS 2-** Making Sense of a Forgotten Past: Lay Franciscans as Co-Creators of the Franciscan Spiritual Tradition, *July 8-12, 2019*, [LEARN MORE](#)



### **SECULAR FRANCISCAN CONFERENCE**

Enduring Presence: Franciscan Laity, Their Relevance Today  
*July 12-14, 2019*, [LEARN MORE](#)



### **ACADEMIC BONAVENTURE CONFERENCE**

Quidam enim dicunt: Mendicant Theologies before Aquinas and Bonaventure  
*July 15-18, 2019*, [LEARN MORE](#)



### **POOR CLARE PROGRAM**

Insights into Clare: Her Relationships, Spirituality, and Transformation  
*July 8-12, 2019*, [LEARN MORE](#)

