



SUMMER SABBATICAL AND SPIRITUALITY SERIES

WEEK TWO: JUNE 8 - 10

"PRAYING WITH BEAUTY"

with Bro. Mickey O'Neill McGrath

Beauty is a gentle reminder of God's abiding presence. Using his own drawings and paintings, and sharing the stories behind them, Bro. Mickey McGrath will help us to see with new eyes the beauty that both surrounds us and lives within us. His unique images of Jesus and the saints from Gospel days through church history - right up to our present times - will lighten our spirits with their whimsy and touch our hearts with their depth of feeling. Inspired by Dostoevsky who wrote, "In the end, beauty will save the world," we will also enjoy an introduction to the art of creating simple mandalas, or circles of prayer as a wonderful, non-threatening means for us to find personal symbol in our contemplative depths and find healing peace within.

Mickey McGrath, OSFS, an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales, lives and works in Camden, NJ. He is an award winning artist, author, and speaker whose work celebrates the deep connections between art and religious faith.

WEEK THREE: JUNE 15-17

"THE PATH OF DESIRE: ADVENTURES IN SPIRITUALITY"

with Lisa Fullam

"You have made us for yourself, Almighty God, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you," Augustine wrote. Deep in Christian tradition rests the conviction that we are created with a holy thirst for God. In this course we will explore spiritualities of desire, spiritualities that seek God in the longings of our hearts and the yearnings of our imaginations. We will begin with Ignatian spirituality and the writings of Julian of Norwich. We will discuss how God has called and is calling us in our own desires. The music of rock musician Melissa Etheridge will provide a soundtrack for our pilgrimage into the spiritualities of desire.

Lisa Fullam D.V.M., Th.D. teaches moral theology at the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley. Her research interests include Virtue Ethics, medical and sexual ethics, the intersection of ethics and spirituality, and Ignatian spirituality.

WEEK FOUR: JUNE 22 - 24

"MYSTICISM AND THE FUTURE OF CHRISTIANITY"

with Michael Crosby, OFM Cap.

A familiar phrase of Karl Rahner states that "The Christian of the future will be a mystic or nothing at all." Michael Crosby will explore this idea on a deeper and more personal level as he addresses the loss of meaning in mainline religion, why most of us are mystics but don't realize it, and the need for a new mystical consciousness. He will also explore the relationship between mysticism and prophecy, and how Paul's Damascus experience of Christ being embodied in the Church, invites all in the church to develop a spirituality that embraces a mystical stance toward life.

Michael Crosby, OFM Cap. lives in community with other friars in a downtown Milwaukee parish that serves the urban poor, homeless and marginated. Michael's preaching and writing focuses on contemporary biblical discipleship. His latest book is, Repair My House – Becoming a Kindom Catholic."

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