

we might better image the realm of God and promote God's mission in our multicultural life realities.

Resource Person: Anthony J. Gittins, CSSp, PhD, received his doctorate in Social Anthropology from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He taught at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago from 1984 to 2008. His focus is on the interface between social science and theological disciplines. For more than a decade he worked among the Mende People of Sierra Leone, West Africa as a missionary pastor. He continues in his missionary ministry giving short courses, retreats, workshops in more than 35 countries from Africa to the Pacific. He is the author of seventeen books on theological and anthropological topics and on mission and spirituality. Most recent, *Living Mission Interculturally* (Liturgical Press, 2015).

**FROM THE UPPER ROOM TO PENTECOST:
A Feminist Ethic of Racial Mercy
July 8-13, 2018**

Like the disciples during the days between the Crucifixion and the Resurrection, white American Catholics find ourselves trapped in an upper room of confusion, guilt, shame, denial, anger, and fear when it comes to facing racism in our country and our Church. No matter how good our intentions, we cannot work for racial justice from these confining spaces without first seeking racial mercy. To that end, this Institute will explore the fundamentals of racism—definitions, historical developments, and theological underpinnings—as well as resources within the Catholic tradition for undoing racism or anti-racism, in order to embrace more fully the multicultural promise of Pentecost.

Resource Person: Maureen H. O'Connell, PhD, is Chair of the Department of Religion at LaSalle University, PA where she is also an Associate Professor of Christian Ethics. She received her Doctorate in Theological Ethics from Boston College. She has authored many books among them *Compassion: Loving our Neighbor in an Age of Globalization* (Orbis, 2009) and *If These Walls Could Talk* (Liturgical Press, 2012) which won the Catholic Theological Book of the Year Award in 2012 and the Catholic Press Association's first place for books in Theology also in 2012. Maureen's current research project explores racial identity formation, racism, and racial justice in Catholic Institutions of Higher education.

**FOLLOWING JESUS ON THE
PATH OF NON VIOLENCE
July 15-20, 2018**

Through a process of reflections on the life of Jesus and from the perspective of Gandian/Kingian nonviolence, this program will help us to come in contact with the world of violence and the alternative of active nonviolence. We will share and reflect together on what all this might mean for us as mature disciples of the nonviolent Jesus in a world of war, poverty, racism and environmental destruction eventually enabling us to reclaim our vocation to be peacemakers missioned to redouble our work for justice, disarmament and creation.

Resource Person: Rev. John Dear is a priest, activist and author who is an internationally recognized voice and leader for peace and non violence. He was director of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, the largest interfaith peace organization in the United States. John has traveled extensively to war zones of the world been arrested numerous times, and has also led Nobel Peace Prize winners to Iraq. He has given workshops and lectures on peace and written over 35 books, most recently *The Beatitudes of Peace* (23rd Publications 2016). John is a priest of the Monterey, California Diocese and lives in New Mexico.

**OUR INCOMPLETENESS IS OUR DIGNITY:
Faith Confirmed in Film
July 22-27, 2018**

John of the Cross believed we are created to need God and "our incompleteness is our dignity." Most cultures assert the opposite: "need no one; be self-sufficient!" Film artists remind us our relationships and life experience are often leaving us confused, empty and anxious. John of the Cross says "when we utter our appeal from there, we are being mature, being what we were meant to be . . . and if our anxieties are tokens of our deeper need, then when it begins to ache, this is not an obstacle to prayer. It can be the point which opens on to God," We will explore these truths through film and in dialogue with Christian spiritual sources.

Resource Person: Larry Lewis, MM, PhD, Ordained in 1975, Father Lewis served in the Hua Ming Counseling Center, Taipei, Taiwan. From 1988-1991 he taught American literature, family psychology, writing and film at Wuhan University of Technology,

Wuhan, China. He served four years at the Cenacle Retreat Center, Ronkonkoma, NY, and is currently with the Maryknoll Office of Society Personnel. Larry holds a doctorate in spirituality from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA. He authored *The Misfit* (Orbis, 1997).

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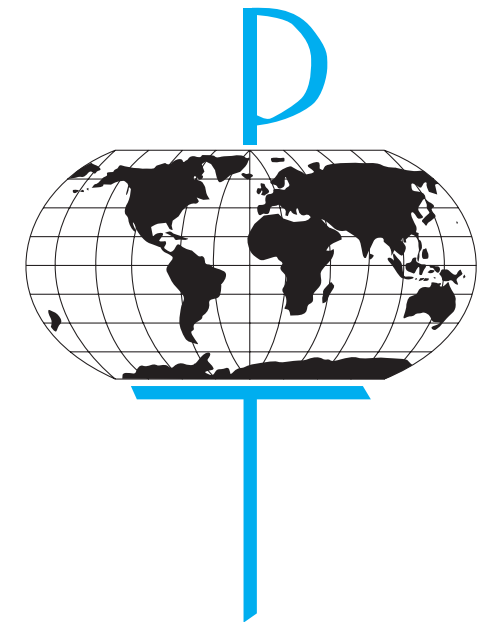
Resource Person: Maria Cimperman RSCJ, PhD

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**NAVIGATING LIFE'S TRANSITIONS:
Resilience and the Pilgrim's Journey
May 6-10, 2018**

Mind–Body and Spirit—terms familiar to us as we daily embrace the incredible grace-filled journey of “living.” Do we eagerly look forward to the questions the day will bring? Are we anxious about what we might be unable to “control” – such as “aging gracefully”? During this program Dr. Danilo takes us on the Pilgrim’s Journey—a winding path that identifies risk factors for unhealthy aging and highlights healthy decisions that protect us and help us to thrive. The sacred lens of faith will be our tool through which we view the choices we make along our Journey and understanding God as our companion frees us to love the path we travel.

Resource Person: *Mariette Danilo* holds a doctorate from Columbia University in Psychology. She is currently the Director of Education for Saint John Vianney Center (SJVC) in Downingtown, PA. Dr. Danilo creates programs for human development on stress and anger management, resilience, compassion and confrontation implementing soft skills such as listening and conflict resolution.

**FUTURE DREAMING:
21st Century Possibilities for Christian Living
May 13-18, 2018**

Is it possible to live a Christian Life in today’s world? People of good will believe so. Discovering the truth of God’s immutability is the work of reflection and discussion and possibly discomfort as this program explores. What are the possibilities for Christian Living in the light of Scripture, Science, and the evolution of Christian thought? How can we discern what lies beyond the horizons now appearing, so as to prepare the next generation?

Resource Persons: *Alice L. Camille and Paul Boudreau.* Alice, author, religious educator and retreat leader received her Master of Divinity Degree from the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley. She has written more than twenty books and co-authored *Forgiveness Book and Fearless Stories of the American Saints* with Paul Boudreau. Paul, a diocesan priest of Norwich, CT did graduate studies at John XXIII School of Theology, Weston, MA. He is a prolific author notably on spiritual formation and awareness raising. Alice

and Paul team-teach throughout the USA giving parish and campus ministry conferences. They take God seriously and with a great sense of humor.

**GOD, EVOLUTION
AND THE UNFINISHED SELF
May 20-25, 2018**

Nature has an intrinsic need to transcend itself and while we continue to resist these transcendent forces we are in continual evolution. Where are we going? and What is God doing? With a particular focus on the integral relationship between mind and matter, we will explore the relationship between consciousness, space and the mystical quest for holistic reality. Quantum physics, cosmology and evolution will provide the insights from which to do this exploration. We will reflect on Teilhard de Chardin’s notion of withness and withoutness to see how we might evolve toward a planetary consciousness of love.

Resource Person: *Iliia Delio, OSF*, received her doctorate in Historical Theology from Fordham University. She holds the Endowed Chair in Theology in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at Villanova University. A prolific author, her many articles and abstracts testify to her wide field of knowledge in the subjects of evolution, spirituality and the universe story. Dr. Delio’s latest book from Paulist Press, 2017 is *A Hunger for Wholeness: Soul, Space and Transcendence*.

**SPIRITUAL RESOURCES FOR INTERFAITH
PEACEMAKING
June 3-8, 2018**

When Jesus gazed at the holy city of Jerusalem, he wept and lamented that its inhabitants lacked awareness of “the things that make for peace” (Luke 19:42). Two millennia later, the same ignorance underlies the scourges of warfare and terrorism afflicting humanity everywhere. How can Jews, Christians, Muslims, and others join forces to heal the wounds of conflict by transforming fear to trust, anger to forgiveness, and grief to compassion for the suffering of others? This program will address these challenges and help participants develop insights and skills for interfaith peacebuilding.

Resource Person: *Yehezkel Landau, D.Min.*, is an interfaith educator, trainer, and consultant active in Jewish-Christian-Muslim relations and Israeli-Pales-



‘Empowered’ and energized, participants enjoy a moment of companionship with Fr. O’Murchu.

tinian peacebuilding for more than 35 years. While in Israel he was executive director of the Oz VeShalom Netivot-Shalom religious peace movement and then co-founder and co-director of the Open House peace center in Ramle. He is the author of numerous articles and essays, as well as the research report *Healing the Holy Land: Interreligious Peacebuilding in Israel/Palestine* published by the U.S. Institute of Peace, 2003.

**UNDER THE BAOBAB TREE:
Spirituality Nourished by Nature
June 10-15, 2018**

Combining a love of nature, a lifetime of service on the African continent with a commitment to peace and justice, Janice will help us see the world through the eyes of “ostriches, dung beetles and other spiritual masters”. She will use practical examples and walks in nature to introduce us to the wisdom within each of us as well as the wisdom within all creation. Janice will invite us to get comfortable under the spreading branches of the ancient baobab tree.

Resource Person: *Janice McLaughlin, MM, PhD*, is an adult educator, journalist and human rights advocate. She has lived and worked with liberation movements, refugees, war veterans, religious communities and urban as well as rural poor on the African continent. She was a founding member of the African Forum for Catholic Social Teaching, a regional network that seeks to make the social Gospel known within an African context. She is the author of several publications including *Ostriches, Dung Beetles and Other Spiritual Masters* (Orbis, 2009).

**FACING INTO CHAOS:
Deepening Communal Contemplation,
Transforming Consciousness
June 17-22, 2018**

In chaos theory the tipping point is described as the time when all the familiar structures and systems no longer work. At that point we are invited to either breakdown or breakthrough. This program explores the world in which we find ourselves, how our various stages of consciousness effect how we perceive what is happening and the role contemplation serves in the transformation of consciousness. It will involve prayer, presentations, small and large group processes all rooted in communal contemplation and dialogue.

Resource Person: *Nancy Sylvester, IHM, MA*, founded the Institute for Communal Contemplation and Dialogue in 2002 in response to her experiences working for justice and right relationships in church and in society. She serves as President of the Institute and as Executive Director of its major project. Nancy contributed to and is co-editor of the book, *Crucible for Change: Engaging Impasse Through Communal Contemplation and Dialogue* (Sor Juana Press, 2004). She is convinced that transformation of society and church requires a contemplative response.

**MISSION, MARGINS AND INTERCULTURAL
LIVING
June 24-29, 2018**

Always looking to Jesus, his life and mission as our example, this Program will enable us to enter into an understanding of the concept of intercultural living; the very foundation on which the future of international religious life depends. We will explore intercultural living as a way of doing mission itself as an example to those who feel discouraged or trapped in a world of xenophobia and hostility to “the other”. This program invites participants to reflect on how