

conversation with each other and the Holy Father.

*Nonviolence: The Connecting Thread in Our
Work for the New Creation
July 9-14, 2023*

Nonviolence is a creative power, a pervasive energy, a fundamental principle that imitates Jesus’ way of life. It is also challenged and shaped by the history and contemporary experience of those on the receiving end of war and racism, neglect and planetary destruction. This program will explore nonviolence as a spirituality, a way of life, a global ethic and a spectrum of approaches to preventing or interrupting violence and promoting just peace, the beloved community, the New Creation.

Resource Person: Marie A. Dennis, PhD, is senior advisor to the secretary general of Pax Christi International, the global Catholic peace movement, and program chair of Pax Christi’s Catholic Nonviolence Initiative. She was co-president of Pax Christi International from 2007 to 2019 and is a Pax Christi USA Ambassador of Peace. In 2022 Marie was named a Teacher of Peace by Pax Christi USA. Also she received the Robert M. Holstein Faith Doing Justice Award from the Ignatian Solidarity Network and the Peter Hinde Peace Award from CRISPAZ. She serves on the Vatican’s COVID 19 Commission and the steering committee of the Catholic Peacebuilding Network. Marie is author or co-author of seven books, editor of *Choosing Peace: The Catholic Church Returns to Gospel Nonviolence* (Orbis Books, 2017) and co-editor of *Advancing Nonviolence in the Church and the World* (Pax Christi International, 2020).

*Ecomartyrdom In the Americas:
Living And Dying For Our Common Home
July 16-21, 2023*

In his landmark encyclical Laudato Si’, Pope Francis issued an urgent call to Christians and all people of good will to care for the earth, our common home. In this program, we will explore the Christian concept of “martyrdom” as a way to seek deeper understanding of both the destruction of our common home and the



Zooming can be joyful

violent persecution of marginalized communities that are committed to its care. In particular, we will pay close attention to the murder of land and environmental defenders in Latin America, considering the theological dangers and fruits of remembering these individuals as “martyrs.” We will also practice memory of ecomartyrdom as a spiritual discipline that both cultivates the soil of ecological conversion in our hearts and plants seeds of environmental justice in our lives.

Resource Person: Elizabeth O’Donnell Gandolfo, PhD, is Edith B. and Arthur E. Earley Assistant Professor of Catholic and Latin American Studies at Wake Forest University School of Divinity, NC. She holds a Masters of Theological Studies from the University of Notre Dame and a Ph.D. in Theological Studies from Emory University, NC. Elizabeth is a constructive



Participants enjoying a moment together
Fr. Charlie, Sr. Peggy, Sr. Zubeda

theologian whose teaching and research interests include the following themes in feminist and Latin American liberation theologies: the place of motherhood in theology and spirituality; the theological and political significance of remembering suffering; and the ecclesiology of Christian base communities in Latin America. In her newest book *“Ecomartyrdom in the Americas: Living and dying for our Common Home”* (Orbis March 2023), she shares a theological witness of murdered environmental activist as a challenge to the Church especially in the Global North.

*Peoples of all faiths and cultures are welcome.
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more Programs.*

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*Empowering God's People in Synodality
and Mission*
February 5-10, 2023

On Oct. 10, 2021, Pope Francis formally opened a two-year process called “a synod on synodality.” The intention is that bishops around the world will consult with everyone, initiating a process of consultation-and-discussion, in the hope of creating together a Church that will be more “synodal” in its leadership and governance. The concept of empowering God’s people is the key to mission. Within this concept, we will develop and foster an understanding of synodality that involves everyone, embracing not merely people in their desire for a more communal church, but also all creation with whom we share the web of life. The missionary calling in the 21st century is about a synodal communal process inclusive of all God’s creation.

Resource Person: Diarmuid O’Murchu, MSC, a member of the Sacred Heart Missionary Order, and a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin Ireland, is a social psychologist. He has been in social ministry, predominantly in London, UK. In that, capacity he has worked as a couple’s counsellor, in bereavement work and AIDS-HIV counselling. More recently, he has also ministered with homeless and refugees. As a workshop leader and group facilitator, he has conducted programs in, USA, Canada and Australia. Diarmuid has also facilitated programs about Adult Faith Development in the Philippines, Thailand, India and in several African countries. His latest book, ***Beyond the Pandemic: Spiritual and Ecological Challenges*** by Orbis Books, was released on 2019.

*Revolution of the Heart:
The Witness of Dorothy Day*
90th Anniversary of the Catholic Worker
May 21-26, 2023

Dorothy Day (1897-1980), a Catholic convert and founder of the Catholic Worker, embodied the radical social message of the Gospel. Pope Francis, addressing the US Congress, included her in a list of four “great Americans” (with Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, and Thomas Merton). This program will examine her life and

witness, with special attention to the spirituality that underlay her life of service to the poor, the struggle for justice and the cause of peace. In light of her current cause for canonization, it will also examine the ways in which she offers a new model of holiness for our time.

Resource Person: Robert Ellsberg, MA, is the editor-in-chief and publisher of Orbis Books, where he has worked since 1987. In 1975-80, he spent five years with Dorothy Day at the Catholic Worker, serving for two years as managing editor of the *Catholic Worker* newspaper. He has edited five volumes of Dorothy Day’s writings, including her Selected Writings, her diaries and letters, and two volumes of her writings from the 1960s and 1970s. A founding member of the Dorothy Day Guild, he was appointed by the Archdiocese of New York as a member of the Historical Commission to prepare her cause for canonization. He is also well known for his writings about saints and for over ten years, he has contributed a daily reflection on “Blessed Among Us” for *Give Us This Day*. His most recent book is ***Dearest Sister Wendy... A Surprising Story of Faith and Friendship***, drawn from his correspondence with Sister Wendy Beckett.

Fullness of Life ~ Living in Wellness
June 11-16, 2023

This week of training and reflection will offer a variety of mindful practices to live in wellness and to open ourselves to the fullness of life. As we face stress, trauma, grief and anxiety resulting from the pandemic, disasters, violence, aging and the challenges in our world, we can live as still points bringing peace and healing to ourselves and to those around us. Since 1988, Capacitar has worked in over 45 countries worldwide, teaching holistic practices to empower people to heal themselves, their families and communities. Maryknoll Sisters and associates, in places of poverty, war, trauma and disaster have led many of our Capacitar teams. This training offers stories from the field and Capacitar practices that can be used for self-care and work with others.

Resource Person: Patricia Mathes Cane, PhD, is the Founder/Executive Director of Capacitar International. Pat has taught thousands of workshops to professionals and grassroots groups

in the Americas, Africa, Europe, Asia and the Middle East. She has a PhD in Multicultural Wellness Education and is author of ***Trauma Healing and Transformation*** and other Capacitar Manuals. **www.capacitar.org**.

*Here We Are ~
Splinters of Humanity / Fragments of Divinity:
Encountering God in Film*
June 18-23, 2023

We are created in the image and likeness of God. Yet, we often get embroiled in the ups and downs and crises of life that surround us. With wars, turmoil in our relationships, boredom and emptiness – we can feel immersed in darkness and loss in confusion. Humans – ever hungry for God –grope and hope through life. The prophet Isaiah reminds us of God’s presence within the darkness: “*I will give you the treasure of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so you will know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who calls you by your name.*” – Is. 45:3.

In this Program, we will view and discuss films that summon and inspire the spark of the Divine living within the fragments of our human condition.

Resource Person: Rev. Larry Lewis, MM, PhD, ordained in 1975, served as a pastoral counselor in Taipei, Taiwan; taught American literature, family psychology and film at Wuhan University of Technology, Wuhan, China; was Rector of Maryknoll Seminary and for 20 years co-coordinated the ***China Educators & Formators Project***. He has offered retreats and workshops throughout China, served at the Cenacle Retreat Center, Ronkonkoma, NY and worked in Maryknoll’s Office of Society Personnel. He is now a spiritual minister at Maryknoll, NY and has an active retreat ministry. Author of ***The Misfit: Haunting the Human-Unveiling the Divine*** (Orbis Books, 1997).

*Leadership as Living in the Spirit:
Practicing the Presence of God*
June 25-30, 2023

As people of faith, we often initiate our labors with a prayer for God’s guidance and blessings.

Few, however, would embed all that we do in full attentiveness to God’s presence. This week takes up the questions of Leadership through the journeys of different individuals in their work of outreach, development, administration and leadership in various forms. We will reflect together on their insights, especially reorienting toward and immersion in the love and presence of God as the foundation of their respective endeavors. We will ask ourselves “How would we and our work change if we see our endeavors as part of God’s work with God in full attendance? “*Where you put your attention, is where you put your life*” (Kaufman)

Resource Person: Carolyn Y. Woo, PhD, came from Hong Kong to Purdue University, Indiana in 1972. After completion of her Masters and PhD in Strategy and working for a few years, she was back at Purdue, became a full professor and Director of the Masters Program in Business, and was appointed as Associated Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs. From 1997 to 2011, Carolyn served as dean of the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame. In 2012, She was appointed CEO of Catholic Relief Services and served in that position until 2016. During this time, Carolyn was recognized as one of ***500 of the Most Powerful People on the Planet*** by Foreign Policy Magazine and one of thirty in the category of ***A Force for Good***. Carolyn serves on many Boards of Universities and Institutions. In 2015, she coordinated the Vatican Dialogues on Energy Transition, which convened CEOs of energy and the world’s largest investment companies in



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