

Embodying Holy Mystery: One with Earth, Solidarity with Immigrants

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August 5-9, 2012, Cardinal Stritch Retreat House—Mundelein, IL

Retreat Outline

Sunday, Aug. 5 *Stories and Bread*

People of the Earth: Immigrant Stories

Ritual: Sharing Earth's Bread

Liturgy: St. Dominic

Ritual: Oil – Earth's blessing of generosity, self-sacrifice and compassion

Monday, Aug. 6 *The Lords are the Earth and its people*

Liturgy: Transfiguration of the Lord

Conferences: Creation of matter, the cosmos, earth, humanity, our relationship with each other. Who we really are, the true humanity and our role in on-going Creation.

Power Point: Servites and Care of Creation. Open discussion: What does our Servite charism of Community with its values of Hospitality and Compassion compel us to do regarding Care of Creation?

Ritual: Water – Blessing of earth, blessing of life (at the lake)

Wednesday, Aug. 7 *Martyrdom of the Earth – effects on the people*

Conferences: Fracture of the earth – what happens when we don't keep our covenant with the earth as earth persons. Need to be reconciled, make peace with the earth.

Ecological Stations of the Cross

Liturgy: Vigil – St. Franz Jagerstatter and anniversary of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki

Ritual: Healing Service – communal reconciliation with the earth and each other

Tuesday, Aug. 8 *Ethics of the earth and her people – what is the reality?*

Conferences: Catholic social teaching and mission. It is no coincidence that the Holy Spirit indicates the kind of conversion and self-understanding we need.

Immigration Rosary: Sorrows of Mary and the Immigrant Experience. Open discussion: What does our Servite charism of Community with its values of Hospitality and Compassion compel us to do?

Thursday, Aug. 9 *Ecological Living – life-giving models*

Liturgy: Mary – one with the earth, solidarity with immigrants

Conference: Conversion to action (Francis and Claire)

Open Response: Is there anything in our Traditions, Constitutions, Principles of Life, By-laws, Holy women and men (past and present) that can draw us from conversion to action?

Ritual: Going forward with the Fire of the Spirit