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“Multiculturalism and Diversity: Who is My Neighbor?” – Presenters



Mary Stronach, OFS - Multiculturalism has been at the center of Mary’s life, vocation and vision. As a foreign language teacher at the high school and college levels in Spanish, Italian, French and Latin, she has addressed diversity and how to work with people from different backgrounds. She has presented on multiculturalism and cultural competency in her role as Outreach Coordinator for an interpreting/translation organization call the Multicultural Association of Medical/Legal Interpreters. The organization serves refugees and immigrants from dozens of regions of the world – from Myanmar to Mexico.

Mary has been a Secular Franciscan since 2003 and has served at all levels. On the local and regional fraternity levels, she has been Formation Director and Commission Chair. On the national level, she and her husband, Bob, have been Public Relations Chairpersons since 2003. More recently, Mary was elected International Councilor. Mary has also served as translator/interpreter for the Presidency of the OFS in Rome, Italy.

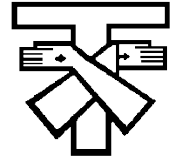
Carolyn D. Townes, OFS is a spiritual life and leadership coach and a loss to life mindset strategist, where she uses faith-based principles to provide spiritual and emotional wellness to women moving from the pain of grief and loss to a new life of purpose and peace. Her passion and mission is to help them go from a place of tragedy and trauma to a place of peace and joy.

Since professing in 2000, Carolyn has served in leadership roles in the Secular Franciscan Order, including local fraternity minister and regional secretary. She is currently the Animator for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) on the regional and national levels and serving on the International JPIC Commission. She is also an Action Commissioner and board member for the Franciscan Action Network.





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Tentative Schedule

Thursday - July 6, 2017

- 12:00-4:30 PM – Registration (*Christian Hall*)
- 5:00 PM – Dinner (*Torvian Dining Hall*)
- 6:30 PM – Opening prayer (*DiSepio*)
- 7:00 PM – **Session 1: Multiculturalism 101**
- 8:30 PM – Social (*Christian Hall*)

Friday – July 7, 2017

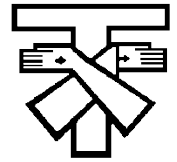
- 8:00 AM – Breakfast (*Torvian*)
- 9:15 AM – Morning prayer (*DiSepio*)
- 9:30 AM – **Session 2: Definitions - What is Multiculturalism and Cultural Competence?**
- 11:30 AM – Break
- 12:00 noon – Lunch (*Torvian*)
- 2:00 PM – **Session 3: Our Church – Diversity and Conflict in the Bible and in our Church**
- 3:30 PM – Break
- 4:00 PM – Mass (*Immaculate Conception Chapel*)
- 5:00 PM – Dinner (*Torvian*)
- 6:30 PM – Evening prayer (*DiSepio*)
- 7:00 PM – **Session 4: Our Nation – Historical and Present Situation**
- 8:30 PM – Social (*Christian Hall*)

Saturday – July 8, 2017

- 8:00 AM – Breakfast (*Torvian*)
- 9:15 AM – Morning prayer (*DiSepio*)
- 9:30 AM – **Session 5: A Global Perspective on Multiculturalism**
- 11:30 AM – Break
- 12:00 noon – Lunch (*Torvian*)
- 2:00 PM – **Session 6: Our Order in the USA- The Reality of Multiculturalism**
- 3:30 PM – Break
- 4:00 PM – Mass: Sunday liturgy (*Immaculate Conception Chapel*)
- 5:00 PM – Dinner (*Torvian*)
- 6:30 PM – Evening prayer (*DiSepio*)
- 7:00 PM – **Session 7: Who has the Power?**
- 8:30 PM – Social (*Christian Hall*)

Sunday - July 9, 2017

- 8:00 AM – Breakfast (*Torvian*)
- 9:15 AM – Morning prayer (*DiSepio*)
- 9:30 AM – **Session 8: What is our Mission and Action Plan?**
- 12:00 noon – Lunch and Departure



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Driving Directions to St. Francis University

From Northwestern Pennsylvania: Take **I-79 to Rt. 422 East** to Ebensburg. In town, turn left at the traffic light onto High Street. Continue straight at next light. Turn left on to Manor Road. Saint Francis University is six miles on the right.

From Cleveland (Ohio area): Take **Ohio Turnpike East to I-80 East**. Take **I-680 South to Route 422 East** (approximately 120 miles) to Ebensburg. In town, turn left at the traffic light onto High Street. Continue straight at next light. Turn left on to Manor Road. Follow this road for six miles to the Saint Francis University entrance on right.

From Southwestern PA and Southeast Ohio: Take **Route 22 East** from Pittsburgh to second Ebensburg exit (Ebensburg/Loretto exit). Bear right at end of exit ramp. Proceed straight (crossing over Route 22). Turn right at the first light on to Manor Road. Follow this road for six miles to the Saint Francis University entrance on right.

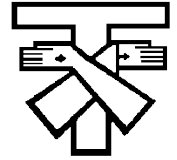
From Northeastern PA/Central New Jersey: Take **I-80 South to I-80 West to Exit 161** (Bellefonte). Take **US99/Rt. 220 South** approximately 50 miles to Altoona. Take **Rt. 22 West** to Lilly/Portage Exit. Turn right onto **Rt. 53 North**. Continue on Rt. 53 North approximately two miles to traffic light (Sheetz on left). Turn left at light and continue beneath railroad overpass. 200 yards beyond overpass, bear right at Saint Francis University sign onto St. Joseph Street. Take this road four miles to Loretto. At Village Cross monument on traffic circle, bear left. Saint Francis University entrance is 200 yards on left.

From Southeastern PA, Baltimore, MD, and Washington, D.C.: Take **PA Turnpike (I-76) West to Bedford Exit 146 (220 North/I-99 North)**. Turn left after toll booth. At top of hill, turn left onto **US99/Rt. 220 North** to Altoona. Travel approximately 30 miles to Rt. 22 West. Continue from Altoona -- previous paragraph.

If you are programming your GPS, set it to:
117 Evergreen Drive, Loretto, PA 15940



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General Information

- Room check-in is 3 PM, July 6th.
- Check out time is 12 noon, July 9th.
- Sorry, no early arrivals or late stays.
- All rooms have a bathroom; linens and towels are provided.
- If you need a hair dryer, bathrobe, umbrella, iron, or other amenity, please bring those with you.
- We cannot accommodate special room requests other than handicapped access.
- Commuter registration does not include room or board – meals are paid at the door at the dining hall.
- Shuttle service is provided to/from residence hall, dining hall, and conference center for all attendees.

Air Transportation Information:

Please note: No transportation to/from airports is provided by the Seminar. We recommend flying into one of the following options and driving to campus.

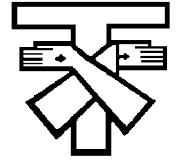
- Johnstown Regional - JST (25 mi.)
- Altoona-Blair County – AOO (30 mi.)
- University Park (State College, PA) – UNV (73 mi.)
- Pittsburgh International - PIT (100 mi.)

Other questions?

Contact Fr. Joe Lehman, TOR, (814) 472-3054 (daytime) or e-mail jlehman@francis.edu



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- ✚ RESIDENT registration fee includes residence hall room and all meals
- ✚ COMMUTER registration fee does not include room or meals
- ✚ Payment must accompany this form and is **NON-REFUNDABLE**
- ✚ Register before June 1st to receive a \$25 discount on the RESIDENT registration fee
- ✚ Absolutely no registrations accepted after Monday, June 19th

REGISTRATION LIMITED TO 100 PARTICIPANTS

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Fraternity _____ Region _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

RESIDENT (ON CAMPUS) REGISTRATION - Accommodations in Christian Hall

- Single Room **\$290** /After June 1, 2017 registration is **\$315** per person = \$ _____
LIMITED NUMBER OF SINGLE ROOMS AVAILABLE
- Double Room **\$230** /After June 1, 2017 registration is **\$255** per person = \$ _____
- I will be rooming with _____
- I will need a roommate – match me up if you can

OR:

- COMMUTER REGISTRATION – (NO ROOM OR MEALS) @ **\$70** per person = \$ _____

To pay by check: Make check payable to **Saint Francis University**. Please mail your check and this registration form to: **Mission Integration Office, Saint Francis University, P.O. Box 600, Loretto, PA 15940-0600**

OR:

To pay by Credit or Debit Card: Online registration: <https://my.francis.edu/sfubus/ICFL/ICFLseminar.asp>

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