

A Franciscan Retreat with Michael Crosby, OFM Cap

21 25-Minute Topics on 8 CD Set including Written Guide on CD



Fr. Crosby will enlighten you on the ways to patience, gentleness and kindness again through the spirit of Trinitarian connectedness. It is this love and connectedness that represents the path to Christ and the all-loving Father. He will help you understand how to embrace the leper in your life, to take in the other as your own brother or sister and to willingly give up all material life in exchange for a life of devotion, humility and closeness with God.

Topic Titles

- The Relevance of Franciscan Spirituality Today: Our Retreat in Context
- Withdrawing from Violence to Have the Scriptures Fulfilled in Us
- Cultivating the Spirit of Prayer and Devotion to Which All Must Contribute
- Learning from Clare How to Pray with a Pure Heart
- Embracing the Leper in, among and around Us: The Way of Conversion
- Cosmic House-Repair
- Choosing Which “Father” Will Be “Ours”
- Choosing Which God We Will Serve
- Desiring with All Our Heart to Embody the Gospel
- The Trinity and the Incarnation Embodied in Us
- Growing into the Cosmic Christ
- Expanding Our Understanding of the Real Presence in the Eucharist
- Franciscan Mysticism and Our Identification
- Expanding Our Boundaries to Include All in the House as Brothers/Sisters
- Franciscan Obedience in the Catholic Church
- Developing Communities of Trust: Confidently Making Known Our Needs
- Learning from Clare the Way to Be Chaste and Intimate
- Evangelical Poverty in a World Divided between Rich and Poor
- Peace in the Cosmic Household: The Way of Non-Appropriation
- Cultivating Cortesia: The Spirit’s Way of Patience, Gentleness and Kindness
- Cultivating the Spirit’s Way of “True and Perfect Joy”

About Your Presenter

Father Michael Crosby is a Capuchin Franciscan. He lives in community with other friars in a downtown Milwaukee parish that serves the urban poor, homeless and marginalized. Since 1973, Fr. Crosby has been a pioneer among Catholics in promoting corporate reform through socially responsible investing. He was influential in getting Catholics to work with the Protestant and Jewish communities in this effort at the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR). Fr. Crosby's preaching and writing on contemporary biblical discipleship has taken him around the world. Toward this end he gives retreats, workshops and parish missions. He has written seventeen books. His book on the Beatitudes, published in 1981, has had more than 20 printings. All of his latest books have received awards from the Catholic Press Association of Canada and the United States, including a first place award for *Can Religious Life Be Prophetic?* and a second place award for his book on Spirituality in 2008 entitled *Finding Francis, Following Christ* (Orbis, 2007). Fr. Crosby has also published *The Paradox of Power: Moving from Control to Compassion in a Violent World* (Crossroads, 2008) and *Spirituality of the Beatitudes* (Orbis, 2005).

