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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Colleagues:

As members of the Neumann University community, each of us has a responsibility to deepen our own understanding of and commitment to the Catholic Franciscan tradition and the Core values of Reverence, Integrity, Service, Excellence, and Stewardship.

How are you growing in your understanding and practice of the Catholic Franciscan mission and our RISES values?

How would you explain to a visitor (perhaps a member of the Middle States team) what the Catholic Franciscan tradition means?

How does Neumann's mission as a Catholic institution in the Franciscan tradition inform your role as an administrator or faculty or staff member?

The Neumann Institute for Franciscan Studies has a variety of resources to assist in understanding and living the Catholic Franciscan mission and values. In addition to the programs offered each semester, there are books, journals, CD sets (perfect for listening while traveling to and from work), and videos. To review the resources available please visit the [NIFS webpage](#).

This newsletter includes information about the mission programs that will be offered in the coming months. Please consider attending at least one of these programs!

Many blessings on the semester!

Sr. Pat Hutchison, OSF

University-wide Theme 2015-2016

Live the Truth in Love: Integrity

**Looking for concrete ways
to live the value of Integrity?**

Visit the Mission and Ministry page on [Integrity](#) and explore [50 Ideas to Promote Integrity](#).

NIFS Committee for 2015-2016

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Mission programs for 2015-2016

During the Fall 2015 semester, 133 individuals attended programs sponsored by the Neumann Institute for Franciscan Studies. Please consider attending one or more of the programs scheduled for the Spring 2016 semester:

Half-Day of Reflection

Solitude, Reflection, and Sacred Spaces

Wednesday, April 20, 2016
from noon to 3:30 pm,
beginning with lunch and closing with Tea,
in the Franciscan Spiritual Center

Mini Sessions

Mini-sessions will be offered in the Assisi Room (BMB314) on the following dates:

***Franciscan Moral Vision II:
Conscience and Discernment***
March 9, 10, and 11, 2016

Solitude, Reflection, and Sacred Spaces
April 26 – 29, 2016.

The same presentation will be repeated each day.
Tuesday from 11:30 to 12:30
Wednesday from 12:40 to 1:40
Thursday from 1:00 to 2:00
Friday from 11:30 to 12:30

Lunch will be provided.

Please register at
least two weeks
before the program
by contacting
Sr. Mary Ann at
mccarthm@neumann.edu



Lenten Dinner & Evening of Reflection

***Healing the Earth as a Lenten Practice:
Exploring Laudato Si***
presented by Sister Julie Keegan OSF



Monday, February 22, 2016
Dinner at 5:30 p.m.
Program 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Franciscan Spiritual Center
Our Lady of Angels Convent

Please register by February 10th by contacting
Sr. Mary Ann at mccarthm@neumann.edu

Lenten Soup & Sharing

Please join us for one or more of the *Lenten Soup and Sharing* presentations in the Neumann Library classroom. Each presentation will feature a different speaker on *Laudato Si'* and our responsibility to care for creation.

A simple lunch of soup and roll will be provided.
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

February 19, 2016
Laudato Si': Care of our Common Home
Presented by Mac Given

February 26, 2016
*Have you heard about the Free Store in Media?
Transition Town Media*
Presented by Joanne Rosenbaum and Sari Steuber

March 4, 2016
"Artifacts of Awe" Kadosh, Holy, Awesome Creation
Presented by Scott Beadenkopf. and Jackie Martin

March 18, 2016
Interning with the United States EPA
Presented by Jess Cadorette



Unearthing the Health Concerns Related to Unconventional Natural Gas Development (UNGD)

Presented by Dr. Ruth McDermott-Levy

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

12:40 - 2:10 PM

Location: Bruder Gym

This program will include the findings of focus group interviews regarding health concerns of community members living in a northeastern Pennsylvania county that is undergoing the industrialization of UNGD. These findings and the research of others will be related to natural gas and the call to care for our Common Home.



Co-sponsored
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Committee

Mission-related Publishing Opportunities

There is no doubt that the Catholic Franciscan mission is alive and well at Neumann! Have you ever considered sharing the story of how you or your department are promoting the mission? Do you have a perspective on the mission you wish to share? Consider developing an article for one of the following journals:

[Journal of Catholic Higher Education](#)

[The AFCU Journal: A Franciscan Perspective
on Higher Education](#)

[Franciscan Connections](#)

Would you like to share an idea and receive feedback to help shape a journal article? Consider attending a luncheon from 12:30 to 2:00 in the Assisi Room on February 23, 2016. To register, contact Sr. Mary Ann McCarthy at mccarthy@neumann.edu

The Association of Franciscan Colleges and Universities: Preparing for June 2016

Marian University will host the 2016 AFCU Symposium from June 7-9, 2016!

The Franciscan Courage to Venture: A Symposium on Preparing Outstanding Leaders for the Modern World

Plans to date include:

Keynote and Plenary Presentations

Sr. Margaret Carney, OSF,
Franciscan Education

Fr. Thomas Nairn, OFM
Ethics in Education

Dr. John Lechleiter,
President and CEO, Eli Lilly Company
Integrating Faith and Work

Panel of Major Superiors of Communities sponsoring our schools on their ideas of
Past, Present, and Future involvement

Report on the AFCU Project:
*Stopping the Leak in the Educational Pipeline:
Improving Matriculation and Graduation Rates
at AFCU institutions.*



**Interested in attending?
Contact Sr. Pat Hutchison
by February 15, 2016.**

Earth Celebration

The 2016 celebration of Earth Month provides an opportunity to continue to explore Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* and our responsibility to care for the Earth, our common home. The Care of Creation Committee has invited representatives from across the University to plan this special celebration. Watch for detailed information on the [Care of creation webpage](#).



Program at Franciscan Spiritual Center

We are pleased to support participation in the following program at the Franciscan Spiritual Center. To learn about the program, click the hyperlink. Please register through Sr. Mary Ann McCarthy at least one month prior to the program because spaces are limited.

Conversion: Turning towards Joy

March 6, 2016

1 pm – 4 pm

Presented by
Patricia Livingston

<http://fscaston.org/events/annual-charism-day-conversion-turning-towards-joy/>



Weekend Retreat at Franciscan Spiritual Center

The NIFS will provide partial funding for the following weekend program:



Lenten Retreat: The Way of the Cross:

A Pilgrimage for Women

March 11 to 13, 2016

Presented by
Sr. Clare D'Auria, OSF

<http://fscaston.org/events/the-way-of-the-cross-a-pilgrimage-for-women/>

Online Spirituality

Looking for a reflective opening for a meeting or a resource for personal or group reflection and/or sharing? Visit the [Online Spirituality](#) link of the Franciscan Spiritual Center.

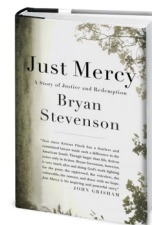
Just Mercy A Story of Justice and Redemption

A senior attorney with Bryan Stevenson's
Equal Justice Initiative and
Anthony Ray Hinton,
declared innocent
after 30 years on death row,
will speak at Neumann University

March 14, 2016

1:30 to 3:00 PM

Community Hall
in the Mirenda Center



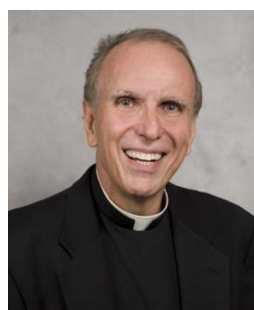
Bryan A. Stevenson is an American lawyer, social justice activist, founder of the Equal Justice Initiative and a clinical professor at New York University School of Law.

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Charter Day Celebration

March 16, 2016

Rev. Anthony Ciorra, Assistant Vice President for Mission and Catholic Identity at Sacred Heart University, will deliver the Charter Day presentation at 2 PM in the Bruder Gym. The presentation will explore Pope John Paul II's watershed document, *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*. Reflecting on this document just 26 years after it was first published is an opportunity to reflect on a hope-filled and creative future for a renewed Neumann University rooted in our Catholic and Franciscan traditions.



Father Ciorra is no stranger to Neumann. Many of us have enjoyed his evenings of reflection and also the Charter Day Lecture he delivered three years ago on the day that Pope Francis was elected!