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**Visiting Scholar**

Sr Mary Beth Ingham, CSJ joined Neumann University as a Visiting Scholar from August 18 through November 24, 2009. In addition to her presentation on Welcome Back Day on August 26, Sr. Mary Beth presented a Faculty Lecture on the topic *Faith Seeking Understanding: The Relationship of Reason to Faith in Catholic Higher Education* on October 5, 2009, and a lecture for Pastoral Care and Counseling graduate students and faculty on the topic *Mindful of Our Dignity: The Human Person and Scotus' Moral Perspective* on Wednesday evening, October 14 in the Franciscan Spiritual Center.

Sr. Mary Beth also led a round table discussion of her Franciscan Heritage Series book *Rejoicing in the Works of the Lord: Beauty in the Franciscan Tradition*. Sr. Mary Beth will return for a book signing in February or March. If you did not participate in the book discussion but wish a copy of Sr. Mary Beth's book, please contact Sr. Mary Ann McCarthy at [mccarthm@neumann.edu](mailto:mccarthm@neumann.edu)

In addition to her public lectures, Sr. Mary Beth met individually with various members of the Neumann faculty.

**Half-Days of Reflection**

To date, 120 members of administration, faculty and staff have participated in the reflection programs in the Center for Sport, Spirituality and Character Development. An additional 60 members of the Neumann community are registered for the remaining dates. Space remains on the reflection days scheduled for February 2, 5, and 8 – all morning sessions, beginning with breakfast at 8:30 and ending at 11:30 AM. If you wish to register, please contact Sr. Mary Ann McCarthy at [mccarthm@neumann.edu](mailto:mccarthm@neumann.edu)

**Catholic Relief Services**

Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the official international humanitarian agency of the United States Catholic community, promotes human development in more than 100 countries around the world. In particular, CRS focuses on health, water and sanitation, education, microfinance, agriculture and peace-building. CRS is increasing efforts to collaborate with colleges and universities. Through a contract with the NIFS and the division of Arts and Sciences, Neumann University is funded to participate in the Global Solidarity Network Study eBroad Program during the 2009-2010 academic year.

This web-based program allows students and faculty to explore social justice topics and to engage with students in other colleges and universities and with CRS experts throughout the world. Several faculty members enrolled students in the first semester programs: International Development (October) and Human Trafficking (November). Topics for the Spring semester include:

- [Human Trafficking](#) Feb 16-26, 2010

- [Food Security](#) March 15-26, 2010
- [Refugees and Internally Displaced People](#) April 12-13, 2010

If you are interested in participating, simply complete the [online faculty registration](#) form. For more background, you can also view this [GSN orientation slideshow](#).

## **LENTEN PROGRAMS**

### ***Caritas in Veritate***

The latest encyclical of Pope Benedict XVI reminds us that authentic human development emerges from living the Truth in Love. This theme echoes the Neumann University motto: Live the Truth in Love. The encyclical and extensive commentaries are available at the Education for Justice website and at the Villanova University Mission website <http://www3.villanova.edu/mission/CaritasinVeritate/front.htm>

If you wish to take part in a Lenten lunchtime (12:30 – 1:30 PM) discussion of the encyclical, please contact Sr. Mary Ann McCarthy at [mccarthm@neumann.edu](mailto:mccarthm@neumann.edu) by February 1, 2010. Indicate the days you prefer for the discussion.

### ***The Road to Jerusalem: A Lenten Journey through Art***

On Monday afternoon, February 22, 2010, Melinda Parsons Ph.D., adjunct professor of art history, will offer a presentation on the spirituality of Lent through art. The presentation will take place at the Franciscan Spiritual Center, beginning at 3 PM and ending at 4:30 PM after afternoon Tea. To register, contact Sr. Mary Ann McCarthy at [mccarthm@neumann.edu](mailto:mccarthm@neumann.edu) by February 12, 2010.

### ***The Apostle Peter: Subtle Changes and Lifelong Transformation***

This year's Lenten Dinner and Evening of Reflection will take place on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at the Franciscan Spiritual Center. Dinner will begin at 5:15 PM, followed by a presentation at 6:15 PM. Our speaker this year is Dr. James Houck, Assistant Professor in the Neumann University Pastoral Care and Counseling Division. The presentation is based on Dr. Houck's recently published book *The Apostle Peter*. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing. To register, contact Sr. Mary Ann McCarthy at [mccarthm@neumann.edu](mailto:mccarthm@neumann.edu) by February 19, 2010.

### ***Discovering God through the Rwandan Holocaust***

On Sunday, March 7, 2010, from 1 to 4 PM, Immaculee Ilibagiza will share her amazing story of conversion, forgiveness, and reconciliation. During the Rwandan Holocaust of 1994, Immaculee hid in a tiny bathroom for 91 days and survived through prayer. This event is sponsored by the Franciscan Spiritual Center and Neumann University. Cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. For tickets, call or e-mail the Franciscan Spiritual Center at 610-558-6152 or [fsc@osfphila.org](mailto:fsc@osfphila.org)

Peace and All Good during the Spring 2010 semester!

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