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University-wide Theme for 2011-2012

Live the Truth in Love: Service

During the Fall semester a number of faculty and staff members participated in service with our community partners (Assisi House, Anna's Place, St. Francis Inn, and Friendship House). In addition, several members of our Neumann community pursued service opportunities with other groups. If you wish to engage in service with one of Neumann University's partners, please contact Sr. Mary Ann McCarthy at mccarthm@neumann.edu and she will be happy to schedule an experience for you. During our half-days of reflection we will reflect on service in light of our Catholic Franciscan heritage.

Neumann University all campus Days of Reflection

Response to this year's half days of reflection has been very positive. If you have not already registered for a reflection experience, please consider participating in one of the remaining open dates:

Tuesday, February 14, 2012	from 12:00-3:00	Franciscan Spiritual Center in OLA
Monday, March 12, 2012	from 9:00-12:00	President's Suite in Mirenda Center
Wednesday, March 28, 2012	from 12:00-3:00	Franciscan Spiritual Center in OLA
Tuesday, April 17, 2012	from 9 to 12:00	Franciscan Spiritual Center in OLA
Friday, April 20, 2012	from 12:00-3:00	President's Suite in Mirenda Center
Tuesday, May 22, 2012	from 12:00-3:00	President's Suite in Mirenda Center
Friday, June 1, 2012	from 12:00-3:00	outdoors on Motherhouse grounds**

**If there is inclement weather the day will be held in St. Joseph Room in OLA Convent.

Please note that there will not be a reflection day on May 7.

Breakfast will be provided at the Morning sessions beginning at 8:30 AM.

Lunch will be provided at the Afternoon sessions beginning at 11:45.

To register for a Day of Reflection, please call or e-mail Sr. Mary Ann McCarthy mccarthm@neumann.edu or 610-358-4270.

Lenten Soup and Sharing

During Lent 2012 we will continue the tradition of a weekly *Soup and Sharing*. Our focus will be Care of Creation. This year our sharing will focus on the recently released document *Sustainability and Catholic Higher Education: A Toolkit for Mission Integration*. This document is the result of a collaborative effort involving: Catholic

Coalition on Climate Change, Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities, Association of Franciscan Colleges and Universities, Lasallian Association of College and University Presidents, Catholic Campus Ministry Association, National Catholic Student Coalition, and Catholic Relief Services.

Please join us from 12:30 to 1:30 PM in the Assisi Room of Bachmann Main on one or several of the following Lenten Wednesdays: February 29, March 7, March 21, March 28, and April 14. You may download a copy of the document at

<http://catholicclimatecovenant.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Sustainability-and-Catholic-Higher-Education-A-Toolkit-for-Mission-Integration.pdf>

Please contact Sr. Mary Ann McCarthy at mccarhm@neumann.edu by February 17, 2012 to register. Indicate the date(s) on which you will attend.

800th Anniversary of the Founding of the Second Franciscan Order by St. Clare of Assisi

From April 16, 2011 through August 11, 2012, Poor Clare Sisters throughout the world are celebrating the foundation of their way of life by St. Clare of Assisi. This anniversary is a fitting time for us to highlight the life, mission, and spirituality of this First Franciscan Woman. On February 15 at 8:30 AM in the Assisi Room, Dr. Eileen Flanagan will share a basic introduction to the life of St. Clare. For details and registration information, please go to <http://www.neumann.edu/mission/nifs/programs/Intro-Clare-FEB15.pdf>

On February 27, we will host a dinner and evening of reflection at the Franciscan Spiritual Center. Dr. Eileen Flanagan will share *Celebrating Clare of Assisi: Her differing roles in the tradition that bears her name*. For details and registration information, please go to <http://www.neumann.edu/mission/nifs/programs/EOR-Clare-FEB27.pdf>

On March 20 in the Franciscan Spiritual Center we will again enjoy a dinner and evening of reflection featuring Dr. John Kruse presenting *The Embrace of Radical Poverty: Clare of Assisi's Unconventional Response to a World of Violence*. For details and registration information, please go to <http://www.neumann.edu/mission/nifs/programs/EOR-Kruse-MAR20.pdf>

To close the Clare Fest celebration Father Murray Bodo, OFM will offer a presentation on Friday, May 4 at 11 AM in the Mirenda Center. Father Murray will also offer *A Day with Francis and Clare of Assisi* at the Franciscan Spiritual Center on Saturday, May 5 (10 AM to 3 PM). The NIFS will fund participation for Neumann faculty and students in the May 5 program. Father Murray spent several days at Neumann in 2007 and was well received. Therefore, we decided to offer this opportunity to hear his insights into Clare of Assisi!

Franciscan Symposium at Washington Theological Union

On Friday evening, March 24 and Saturday March 25, 2012, Washington Theological Union will sponsor a program entitled *Celebrating Clare of Assisi and the Poor Ladies – 800 Years of Witness*. Franciscan scholars will offer reflections on the life of St. Clare and the impact of the Poor Clare Sisters. For information on this exciting event, please see the brochure posted at

<http://www.neumann.edu/mission/nifs/programs/2012FranciscanBrochure.pdf>

If you wish to attend, please contact Sr. Pat Hutchison at hutchisp@neumann.edu by March 1, 2012. Indicate why you wish to attend and how participation will help you in your ministry at Neumann.

AFCU 2012 Symposium, June 12-15, 2012

The 2012 AFCU symposium will take place at Viterbo University in La Crosse, WI. The theme is Franciscan Leadership. Information about the symposium and the Call for Papers is available at <http://www.viterbo.edu/AFCU2012/>

If you plan to submit a proposal for a presentation at the symposium, please notify Sr. Pat Hutchison by February 1, 2012. If you wish to attend the 2012 AFCU Symposium, please contact Sr. Pat Hutchison by March 1, 2012. Indicate why you wish to attend and how participation will help you in your ministry at Neumann.

The Challenge of Ethical Living in the 21st Century

This past summer the Association of Franciscan Colleges and Universities partnered with the Franciscan Institute at St. Bonaventure University to offer a Faculty Development workshop on *Liberal Education and Franciscan Pedagogies*. Participants found the event so helpful that they encouraged the Franciscan Institute to offer similar events in the future. The result? A summer workshop on *Ethical Living* to be held at St. Bonaventure University July 9-12, 2012. For additional information, please see

<http://www.neumann.edu/mission/nifs/programs/EthicsProgram.pdf>

If you wish to attend, please contact Sr. Pat Hutchison at hutchisp@neumann.edu by March 1, 2012. Indicate why you wish to attend and how participation will help you in your ministry at Neumann.

Creation, Humanity, and Science in the Franciscan Intellectual Tradition

The Franciscan School of Theology is offering a program integrating Religion, Science, and the Franciscan Tradition. Please see details at

<http://www.franciscancollegesuniversities.org/programs/106/255-creation-humanity-and-science-in-the-franciscan-intellectual-tradition>

This residential summer program will be held at Old Mission Santa Barbara in Southern California from July 30 to August 12, 2012. If you wish to attend, please contact Sr. Pat Hutchison at hutchisp@neumann.edu by March 1, 2012. Indicate why you wish to attend and how participation will help you in your ministry at Neumann.

Online Certificate in Franciscan Studies

In 2007 the Association of Franciscan Colleges and Universities initiated an online certificate program in Franciscan Studies. Several members of the Neumann community have participated in the program. This past September some faculty and staff expressed a desire to obtain a Certificate in Franciscan Studies; however, the dates and format of the AFCU program were not convenient. Therefore, Neumann University will offer its own professional development program designed by Franciscan scholar, Sr. Kathleen Moffatt, OSF.

Sr. Kathleen is a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia and a graduate of the Franciscan Institute at Saint Bonaventure University. She served as Executive Director of the USA Franciscan Federation for several years. Sr. Kathleen has taught at the Franciscan International Study Centre (FISC), Canterbury, England. She served as coordinator of Franciscan Institute, St. Bonaventure University annual Forums in Colorado for 7 years. In addition she serves as coordinator of *"God's Extravagant Love: Reclaiming the Franciscan Intellectual Tradition"* presently offered on four continents to over 4000 participants. In 1998 St. Bonaventure University awarded Sr. Kathleen an honorary doctoral degree in recognition of her efforts to promote the understanding of the Franciscan Intellectual Tradition throughout the world.

In order to ensure that the program meets the specific needs of the Neumann community, Sr. Kathleen would like to meet with interested faculty and staff members. If you would like to offer input into the design and delivery of this program, please contact Sr. Pat Hutchison at hutchisp@neumann.edu on or before February 15, 2012.

Peace and All Good as we begin another academic semester!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sr. Pat Hutchison, OSF". The script is cursive and fluid.

Patricia Hutchison, OSF, Ed.D.