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University-wide Theme for 2013-2014

Live the Truth in Love: Stewardship

We are delighted that so many members of our campus community have chosen to participate in the various programs and activities designed to promote understanding of Stewardship in the Catholic Franciscan tradition! The Lunch and Learn mini-sessions for faculty were quite popular. Twenty-four faculty members participated in the sessions on Care of Self; 13 faculty members attended Care for Creation; and 20 faculty members participated in Catholic Social Teaching. In addition, 13 employees attended the September session on the Spirituality of Recycling, and 10 individuals visited Red Hill Farm. To date, 36 individuals have participated in the half-days of reflection on Care of Self, 13 have attended Care of Creation, and 11 chose to reflect on Catholic Social Teaching.

All of the programs described above, except faculty mini-sessions, will be repeated in the coming weeks. See details later in this newsletter. In addition, please consider sharing in one or more of the Lenten Soup and Sharing sessions which will take place from 12:30 to 1:30 on Fridays beginning March 14 and concluding on April 25.

We also encourage you to integrate the value of Stewardship into your work, your personal life, and your teaching as appropriate. The monthly reflections prepared by the Care of Creation Committee are archived on the Mission and Ministry and Care of Creation websites <http://www.neumann.edu/stewardship/topics.asp>. These reflections are excellent for personal reflection or as an inspirational way to begin a meeting or a class.

VALUE Focus for 2014-2015

During the 2014-2015 academic year we will focus on *Live the Truth in Love: Reverence*. Recent discussions of the NIFS committee have revealed that most Neumann employees and students can readily name the RISES values; however, not everyone is as familiar with the Catholic Franciscan Tradition (CFT) and how the theological, philosophical, and spiritual components of CFT are the foundation of the RISES values. As we focus each value over the next few years, we will address how the CFT foundation is our point of difference. Resources on RISES and CFT are available on the NIFS website; books, audio programs, and DVDs are available in the Francis & Clare Library, room 313.

Earth Fest 2014

Neumann University Celebrates Earth Day with Earth Fest Events!

Let's get prepared for Spring....

Help with Adopt-A-Highway on March 16th and April 6th from 11am to 1pm.

April 22, 2014

Earth Fest Lecture

Robert Kelly from the Climate Change Leadership Corp
will speak on the Reality of Climate Change
9:45 am– 11:00 am
McNichol Room

Earth Day liturgy

12 noon, Sacred Heart Chapel

April 22-24, 2014

St. Francis Pledge sign-up

Time to be determined
Bachmann Main Lobby



April 24, 2014

Zoo-on-Wheels in the Bayada Atrium at 2 p.m.

April 25, 2014

E-Waste Recycling Event

9:00 am -1:00 pm
RAB lower parking lot

Sale of Earth Day tee shirts – Bachmann lobby – days and times TBD.

Watch for Public Service Announcements on the monitors!

Watch for the updated Stewardship icon on Neumann's homepage!

Watch for more information on a Panel discussion on Sustainability Integrated Values!

For more information on any of these events go to our website

@ <http://www.neumann.edu/mission/CCAC/events.asp>

Breakfast Presentations

Spirituality of Recycling

Presented by Richard Kern
& Dr. Elaine Grose

May 2, 2014

8:30-9:30 AM
Assisi Room
BMB 314



Have you noticed the bright new trash and recycling containers throughout campus?

These containers are the result of lengthy discussions on the importance of consistency and visibility in our recycling efforts - a concrete way to care for God's gift of creation.

In this presentation, Dr. Elaine Grose will share the "spirituality" of recycling and Richard Kern will describe the practical aspects of this important practice.



Exploring Red Hill Farm

Presented by Joanne Rosenbaum
Red Hill Farm Educator
with Margaret Lilley, Farm Manager

Tuesday, April 29, 2014

8:30-9:30 AM

Meet at Morgan Circle to travel to Red Hill Farm at 8:15 AM or go directly to Red Hill Farm and meet us there.



Red Hill Farm, owned by the Sisters of Saint Francis of Philadelphia, is located on 183 acres of woodlands and meadows, some of the last undeveloped land of Delaware County. The farm is one of the sisters' many environmental initiatives. Red Hill Farm is a six-acre farm in its 14th year of production. It provides food for 120 members as well as for the Sisters of St. Francis.

<http://www.fromthefurrows.blogspot.com/>

<http://www.osfphila.org/red/what>



RSVP to mccarthm@neumann.edu at least one full week before the program you wish to attend.

Half Days of Reflection— Remaining Dates

Each program begins with lunch at 12:00 p.m. The program ends at 3:30 p.m.

Choose Life: Self-Care as a Practice of Stewardship

Presented by Sister Suzanne Mayer ihm

The Native Americans have a saying passed down from ancient times:

The strength of a tree comes not from growing thicker in the good years when there is water, but from staying alive in the bad dry times. In this time in which we focus on the virtue of Stewardship, one gift that we need to foster and treasure is the gift of our self, our inner life, our spirit of resiliency. Using iconic models of resiliency, this presentation will look at how building on the strengths within ourselves and our community can help each of us to take better care of the person God calls us to be.

Monday, March 24, 2014

Franciscan Spiritual Center in Our Lady of Angels Convent



Creation and Incarnation: The Essential Connection

Sister Patricia Hutchison OSF

In the Franciscan tradition, Incarnation (God becoming human) and Creation are intimately connected. This program will explore that relationship through scripture; the writings of Franciscan scholars, Popes John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and Francis; and the poetry of Mary Oliver, Gerard Manley Hopkins and St. Francis of Assisi. There will be time for private reflection and sharing.

Tuesday, April 01, 2014

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Catholic Social Teaching: The Best Kept Secret

Presented by Melissa Hickey

This presentation will assist you in understanding how interconnected and interdependent we are with those around the world. The Church's social teaching is a rich treasure that is often forgotten amidst the challenges of modern society. You will have an opportunity to reflect upon your own depth of participation as a "treasure" in God's Kingdom and also have a chance to explore the Social Teachings of the Catholic Church which recognize Social Justice as a "constitutive part of the Gospel".

Wednesday, April 23, 2014

Devine Hospitality Suite in the Mirenda Center



A Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi for Faculty and Staff

Please keep in prayer this year's Assisi pilgrims.
Their pilgrimage begins on May 21, 2014
and they return home on May 31, 2014.

Mary Wissert

Gail Corso

Janet Geddis

Sandra Weiss

Tammy Feil

Megan Camp

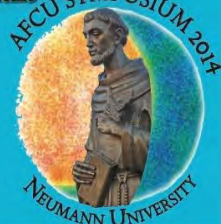


Catholic in the Franciscan Tradition: Formation, Integration and Assessment

JUNE 3 - 5, 2014



NEUMANN UNIVERSITY
Aston, Pennsylvania



The Association of Franciscan Colleges and Universities: Preparing for June 2014

**Neumann University will host the
2014 AFCU Symposium from June 3-5, 2014!**

The theme of the Symposium, *Catholic in the Franciscan Tradition: Formation, Integration, and Assessment*, will offer something for everyone – faculty, administrators, staff, coaches, and students. Planning and Program committees have been actively engaged in preparation for the Symposium for two years. View online program booklet at <http://www.franciscancollegesuniversities.org/symposium/program-schedule>

Attending the AFCU Symposium is an excellent way to deepen understanding of the Catholic Franciscan tradition, to network with peers from other institutions, and to experience the joy of the Franciscan charism! Please consider attending all or part of the symposium. To register go to <https://isscd.wufoo.com/forms/afcu-symposium-2014-registration/>

As we begin the countdown to welcome to campus approximately 150 faculty, staff, students, and administrators from Franciscan institutions across the country, we will need a variety of volunteers. If you would like to assist with the Symposium, please contact Professor Jim Kain.

Peace and All Good!

Dr. Pat Hutchison, OSF

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