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PASTORAL MUSINGS ...

Standing On the Shoulders of Giants

(This week's Pastoral Musings ... are offered by Fr. Lawrence Jagdfeld, O.F.M.)

School bells have rung. Labor Day is right around the corner. Summer is gone. As I sit here and muse with you, I am conscious of the fact that Labor Day marks the beginning of St. Peter's fifty-third year at our present site. St. Peter's was founded in 1846 as a German-speaking parish for the people who lived south of the Chicago River. One hundred and seven years later, the "new" St. Peter's opened its doors. If you add those two numbers together, you will realize that St. Peter's is now in its 160th year. The Franciscan Friars of Sacred Heart Province had been the shepherds of this flock for all but twenty-nine of those years.

If you are wondering why have all these facts and figures at my finger-tips, I'll let you in on a little secret. While I work as a part-time staff member at St. Peter's and while I am a regular weekend assistant in a large parish in Plainfield, my main assignment at this time is to prepare an updated written history of Sacred Heart Province in anticipation of what will be the 150th anniversary of the coming of the Franciscan friars to Illinois in 1858.

That history will have two parts. The first part, which is almost finished and ready for the printers, will be a short biography of each of the over 1,300 friars who have lived and died as members of this province. It will be an ongoing work as we will continue to add the biographies of the friars who pass away in the future. The latest entry to that list is a man that many of you might remember. Father Floribert Veverka, a member of the staff at St. Peter's for quite a number of years, just passed away last week on August 25 at the venerable old age of 86. The biographical data on this friar has not been published as yet, so I cannot be more specific about his time at St. Peter's. I am sure that there will be more information about him in the bulletin in the coming weeks.

The second part of the history will be a narrative of the

province's history beginning with the nine men who first came to the Diocese of Alton (now Springfield), Illinois, and settled in Teutopolis, three miles from Effingham. We regard Teutopolis as the cradle of the province. A year later, a second foundation and the beginnings of what is now Quincy University was started in the river city of Quincy, Illinois. The third foundation was St. Anthony Friary and Parish in St. Louis, Missouri. This is now the "motherhouse" of the province, the location of our Provincial Offices, our Provincial Archives, and a large community of friars. From these foundations, the Province expanded to include the entire Midwest.

In 1875, there was a tremendous influx of missionary friars to this area because of the infamous May Laws of Otto von Bismarck. Under his leadership, the Catholic Church and religious orders were suppressed in Prussia (or northern Germany). While Bismarck allowed the hospital orders to remain, those that operated schools were expelled. The Provincial Minister of the Holy Cross Province, Father Gregory Janknecht, the same man who had sent the original nine, was a shrewd man. He knew that Bismarck's reign would come to an end one day and that the friars would be able to resume their work. Consequently he contacted the friars of two neighboring provinces and made arrangements for all the solemnly professed friars of Holy Cross Province to move to these places of refuge until they could return.

However, Father Gregory still had a problem on his hands: what to do with the large number of student friars and candidates for the Order that were studying for the priesthood and for the brotherhood. He gathered all of them together in the "aula" or auditorium of the school. There he told them of his plans. He broke them the sad news that he had no such option for them. They had only two choices. They could return to the homes of their parents. If they chose to do so, no one would think ill of them. However, if they were not ready to return to their homes, he would make arrangements to send those who were interested to the mission in America. To his wonderment, every one of the friar students chose to go to the mission. Even the novices remained steadfast in their convic-

tions that God was calling them to the Franciscan Order. Thus it was that all of the students, all of the novices, and about twenty of the candidates sailed for America on the Rotterdam. They were accompanied by their teachers and a few other friars who were so moved by their display of unity that they felt compelled to go with them.

When I first read this story of determination and commitment, I was quite overwhelmed. The story of the first nine and the subsequent missionaries was moving, to be sure. However, this story of young men who were still in school and who were still just beginning their Franciscan lives, was even more thrilling to read. It led me to read more and more, to explore the letters that these men wrote home, to look deeper into the beginning of this province. Among the various resources that I consulted, I became aware of the many obituary notices of the friars. The stories of the individuals who made up this group were engrossing, to say the least.

What began as a mission of nine Franciscan friars was now a burgeoning new province of almost 200 men. It continued to grow until it was a province of 805 members in the late 1960's. Since that time, we have been slowly diminishing in number until at the present time we are just about 270 in number. However, even though we are no longer a very large province, we are a group of men who can be justifiably proud of not only our present ministry, but also our history as well.

You might be interested to know that it was the tremendous influx of friars in 1875 that brought us to St. Peter's in the first place. The bishop of Chicago had asked us to come to this diocese, but the friars had to turn down the offer because of a lack of manpower. With the advent of over some 100 new friars, the administrators of the province went back to the bishop and told him that they were ready to come to the diocese, but they wanted not one but two churches. Thus it was that the friars took over the care of the people of St. Peter's Church on Polk Street as well as the care of the people of St. John the Baptist Church in Joliet. (At that time, Joliet was part of the Chicago Diocese.)

Over the past approximately 150 years, the friars have served *(continued on page 4)*

Activities This Week

Sunday, September 4

10:30 am St. Francis/St. Louis SFO (P)
12:30 pm St. Francis/St. Louis SFO (A/B/C)

Monday, September 5

See next column

Tuesday, September 6

12:00 pm GA (P)
12:10 pm The Enneagram (A/B)
5:30 pm Legion of Mary (P)

Wednesday, September 7

12:10 pm Repair My House (A/B)
12:10 pm Christ in the Workplace (P)
12:10 pm San Damiano SFO (FCh)
5:30 pm Meditation Group (B)
5:30 pm Bro. Jacoba SFO (P)
6:30 pm St. Pascal SFO (C)

Thursday, September 8

10:45 am Mid-Morning Meditation (A)
12:00 pm AA (A)
12:10 pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group (P)

Friday, September 9

12:10 pm Bible Study (A)
12:10 pm Songs for the Journey (B/C)

Key to Abbreviations

A/B/C: St. Clare Auditorium
CH: Church
P: St. Paschal Room
FCh: Friary Chapel

12- Step Meetings

AA: Thursdays at Noon (A)
GA: Tuesdays at Noon (P)



Monday, September 5, 2005
Church Hours: 9:00 am - 11:00 am
10:00 am Mass
Front Office Closed No Confessions
Book & Gift Shop Closed
All Programs Cancelled

WEEKEND PRESIDERS

Saturday, September 3
5:00 pm - Fr. Luis Runde
Sunday, September 4
9:00 am - Fr. Elric Sampson
11:00 am - Fr. Bob Pawell
12:30 pm - Fr. Bob Hutmacher
6:00 pm - Fr. George Musial

Ministry to Divorced & Separated meets on **Mondays from 12:10 - 12:50 pm in St. Clare Auditorium (C)**. This is a support group for divorced or separated who want to find recovery and reclaim peace in their heart and mind. All are welcome.

Meditative/Contemplative Prayer Group MOVING TO WEDNESDAYS from 5:30 - 6:30 pm in the St. Clare Auditorium (B). All those with an interest in this prayer style are invited to participate. The hour includes a short orientation to the format, a half -hour of silent prayer, followed by time for questions and brief discussion.

Bible Study - Fridays from 12:10 - 12:50 pm in St. Clare Auditorium (C). Fr. Lawrence Jagdfeld, ofm, leads discussion on the Scripture readings for the coming Sunday. The texts are provided. All are welcome to attend.

ETHICS CONSULTATION SERVICE

Professional consultation service geared for the professional person in need of advice on ethical matters offered free of charge at St. Peter's. Consultations are with Dr. Herman Stark or Fr. Thomas Nairn, ofm, and take place in the mezzanine offices. Appointments are required. Call Mary Licata at 312-853-2384.

(Pastoral Musings continued from page 2)
 throughout the Midwest. We have been present in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Nebraska, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Missouri, Tennessee, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Texas. In addition, at a time when the Franciscan presence in California had dwindled to just two or three friars, we were asked to accept responsibility for that part of the country until it could stand on its own again. Thus it is that we call the St. Barbara Province of California our daughter province.

Not content to take care of the German speaking immigrants, our friars immediately struck out to care for the Native Americans in Wisconsin and Michigan. At one time we were responsible for all of the Native American reservations in Wisconsin, and many in Michigan serving the Chippewa, the Menominee, and the Ottawa. Can you imagine learning the language of the Native American people while still trying to master English. Yet these men not only learned to communicate with the Native Americans, they also translated the catechism and the Scriptures into their languages, compiling dictionaries and grammars of the language as well.

Taking our cue from those first "missionaries" who came to Illinois, we have also been one of the great missionary provinces of the Franciscan Order. Our men have served in China, in Brazil, in Bolivia, in the Philippines, in Singapore, and in Zaire, Africa (in what is now known as Congo). Currently our missionary friars still serve in Brazil, in the Athabaskan territory of Alaska, in Morocco, in Russia, and in the Holy Land. Believe it or not, Sacred Heart Province began sending missionaries to other lands just two years after it was formed into a province in 1879.]

These few "musings" will give you and idea of why I am enthralled by the story of Sacred Heart Province. The more I read and research, the more I am convinced of the fact that we current members of the Province stand on the shoulders of giants. If you found these paragraphs interesting, look for the entire story in 2008, the date set for the publication of the updated history. With that, I better get back to work.

~Fr. Lawrence Jagdfeld, O.F.M.

Join the St. Peter's Team for

**AIDS
 Run & Walk
 Chicago**

*Saturday, September 17
 Grant Park*

Fr. Bob Pawell, ofm, St. Peter's Director of Programs, spent twenty years at Tau House in New Orleans - his ministry there was deeply involved with the HIV/AIDS community - founding Project Lazarus (a residence for indigent people with AIDS) and participating in the HeartSong retreat Program (for those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS). Since his return to Chicago in 1996 he has wanted to continue to support this community of men and women in crisis.

We **INVITE YOU** to join Fr. Bob and others from St. Peter's to participate as a walking team in the **AIDS Run & Walk Chicago on Saturday, September 17** in Chicago's Grant Park. This will be an opportunity to honor those who have struggled with AIDS and raise awareness that the epidemic is still a threat to the health of our community - and meet some people from St. Peter's too!

REGISTRATION cost for the walk is \$20 (on line registration ends on Monday, September 12) and includes an event t-shirt. You can register with the St. Peter's team at the on-line registration at www.aidschicago.org. → AIDS Run & Walk → Register → Register Now → Team Registration → St. Peter's in the Loop.

DONATIONS towards the St. Peter's team can also be made online at www.aidschicago.org → Run & Walk → donate → locate St. Peter's in the Loop in the pull down menu at the top of the page and follow the instructions for donations.

WORKING WITH THE SCRIPTURES*(Mt. 18:15-20)*

The whole office knew the story of what had happened between Sue and Nancy. Everyone was talking about it. Everyone, that is, except Sue and Nancy. Sue's feelings had been hurt by something Nancy had said. Perhaps if Sue had said something right away the whole thing could have been resolved on the spot, but she didn't. She figured that she shouldn't have to tell Nancy how she felt because Nancy should *know* that she had hurt Sue's feeling and she should apologize. The fact that Nancy had absolutely no idea what she had done to upset Sue had nothing to do with it.

Have you ever been in a situation like this? Knowing that someone is angry with you but not knowing why? It's hard to apologize for something when you don't know what it is. Maybe that's why Jesus advised his disciples that, when someone does something to you, you are to go directly to them (and *only* to them) and discuss it. Assuming that the two of you can come to some amicable understanding, the issue can be resolved with a minimum of hurt feelings and no one else ever has to get involved.

Of course, Jesus understood that this might not always work. Other people *do* get involved. And, since details can change with each re-telling of the story, He went on to suggest that the injured party might want to "...take one or two others along...so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.'" This way there would be at least two uninvolved people who, no matter how often the story was retold, would know exactly what had happened and could help to settle the issue.

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault..." It's not easy to tell someone that they've hurt you, but it's necessary if we truly value the relationship. What do we do when a friend sins against us? Do we tell them what we're feeling? Do we allow them to respond? Or do we prefer to retreat into hurt silence and wait for them to come to us?

Vinal Van Benthem

**Scripture Readings
for the Week****Sunday, September 4**

Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

Monday, September 5

Col 1:24-2:3; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 6

Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday, September 7

Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday, September 8

Mi 5:1-4; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-23

Friday, September 9

1 Tm 1:1-14; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday, September 10

1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49

**Saints' Days and
Special Observances****Sunday, September 4**

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, September 5

Labor Day

Tuesday, September 6

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Wednesday, September 7

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Thursday, September 8

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, September 9

St. Peter Claver, Priest

Saturday, September 10

Blessed Virgin Mary

Feast of Saint Francis

Communal Penance Service - Thursday, September 29 at 12:15 pm

We gather to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and experience
God's divine mercy and forgiveness.

Reflections on the "Peace Prayer of St. Francis" - Monday, October 3 at 12:10 pm

Fr. Bob Pawell reflects on this prayer that is truly catholic as it can be found on the lips of men and women throughout the world and of every faith tradition.

Transitus - Monday, October 3 at 7:00 pm

We remember and celebrate the passing of St. Francis to eternal life.

Solemnity of Our Holy Father Francis of Assisi - Tuesday, October 4

Solemn Mass at 11:40 am - Reception following in St. Clare Auditorium
Solemn Evening Prayer at 5:40 pm

Pax et Bonum Luncheon - Thursday, October 6 at 12:00 pm

Dialogue of Francis & Clare

Friday, October 7 & Saturday, October 8 at 8:00 pm

Notre Dame de Chicago Church

Tickets: \$25

Repair My House - 15th Anniversary Celebration - Wednesday, October 12 at 12:00 pm

FR. WILLIAM SPENCER, O.F.M., PASTOR

THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS AND STAFF OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH

CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO THE

2005 PAX ET BONUM AWARD LUNCHEON

HONORING

MR. ROBERT DOUGHERTY

RSVP by
September 26, 2005
(312) 853-2376

Tickets: \$60
Seating is limited

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2005
PALMER HOUSE HILTON, CHICAGO

WHAT IS THE *PAX ET BONUM* AWARD AND WHO IS *BOB DOUGHERTY*?

Here at St. Peter's Church one of the ways in which we hope to be of service to the Chicago community is our annual *Pax et Bonum* (Peace and Everything Good) Award. Each year St. Peter's Church offers this recognition to an individual in the Chicago area who "EXEMPLIFIES THE FRANCISCAN VALUES OF LOVE OF GOD, CARE OF THE POOR THROUGH THE WORKS OF JUSTICE AND PEACE, AND RESPECT FOR ALL CREATION." This year we honor **BOB DOUGHERTY**. This lifelong resident of Chicago's South Side spent many of his formative years with the Franciscans; and the spirituality which he embraced during that time is what has shaped the direction of his life. For most of his professional career, Bob Dougherty has been involved in education in central city communities and first generation college settings; and he presently serves on Boards of Aquinas Literacy Center and the Illinois Facilities Fund. For the last seventeen years Bob has served as Executive Director of St. Leonard Ministries on the Near West Side of Chicago. Many formerly incarcerated men and women have been able to rebuild their lives and become contributing members of the community because of his efforts and leadership.

**PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US FOR THIS TIME TOGETHER AS WE RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE
BOB DOUGHERTY AS A BLESSING IN THE LIVES OF MANY PEOPLE THROUGHOUT CHICAGO!**

Take a Friar to Lunch

Many of the friars will be attending the *Pax et Bonum* Luncheon on Thursday, October 6. We are seeking benefactors to underwrite the cost of luncheon tickets for these friars. Not only will your donation help feed a hungry friar- it will also help to feed the many people who come to St. Peter's for the ministries offered by the friars! We are also looking for donors to underwrite the cost of flowers and music for the luncheon. If you would like to "take a friar to lunch" or make a donation toward other expenses please call Linda Jamrozy at (312) 853-2376.

Dialogue of Francis and Clare

Friday October 7 & Saturday, October 8

U.S. Premiere of the fully orchestrated oratorio

featuring I Solisti di Perugia

at Notre Dame de Chicago Church

1334 W. Flournoy, Chicago

Advanced Tickets: \$25

Call Chiesa Nuova at (312) 226-0983

This beautiful oratorio is now available on CD (\$15) and on DVD (\$20). This concert conducted by Dennis Schafer, ofm, featuring the chamber orchestra I Solisti di Perugia, and the voices of Chiesa Nuova, was recorded in Assisi, Italy in October 2004. The DVD combines beautiful footage of the unspoiled homeland of Francis and Clare, with the stirring music of this original composition (fully subtitled in English and Italian), and includes a personal interview of Fr. Bob. To order (312) 226-0983 or e-mail Fr. Bob at bobhoot@chiesanuova.org.

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Monday - Friday: 8:30am - 6:00pm

Phone: (312) 853-2341

Songs for the Journey

Friday, September 9

12:10 - 12:50 pm

Marge Nykaza, soprano, and **George Tenegal**, piano, will offer a concert of musical selections by Bernstein, Bucchino, Copland and Sondheim. This concert is free and open to all!

Marge Nykaza is a professional singer, pastoral musician and educator. She is also the founder and director of Harmony, Hope & Healing, a non-profit creative music program offering dignity and spiritual healing to the homeless and underserved in the Chicago area.

George Tenegal is one of Chicago's foremost vocal-coaches and is the accompanist for many well-known singers and instrumentalists.

The Canterbury Tales at the Newberry Library

with Fr. Bob Sprott, OFM

Fr. Bob Sprott, ofm, will lead a 10 week seminar on The Canterbury Tales of Geoffrey Chaucer this fall at the Newberry Library (60 W. Walton St., a few blocks north of Holy Name Cathedral). Chaucer's greatest work combines rollicking entertainment, shrewd insights into human character, and the wisdom of religion and philosophy that can help all of us on our earthly pilgrimage. The seminar will run on Wednesdays from September 14 to November 16 in the evening from 5:45 to 7:45. For more information, call the Newberry's Library at (312) 255-3700 or (312) 255-3665, or visit the website at www.newberry.org.

Many thanks to those of you who have contributed to St. Peter's collection this last week. Your gifts are essential to our ministry, and we are grateful.

SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY COLLECTIONS

\$4,397.00 Total Weekday Collection during the week of August 18 - 24, 2005

(An average of \$122.13 for each of 36 Weekday Masses)

\$4,130.00 Total Sunday Collection for August 20 - 21 2005

(An average of \$826.00 for each of 5 Sunday Masses)

\$8,527.00 Total Collection at Sunday and Weekday Masses August 18 - 24, 2005

Some who visit St. Peter's are confused about our funding and think we are a supported ministry of the Archdiocese. Not so! The costs related to the 41 Masses, the 57 hours of Confession, and counseling from 10:00 AM to 5:30 PM that we provide each week must be funded by those of you who grace our pews. The Friars are delighted to provide these and other services, but can only do so with your support—both prayerful and financial. Please be generous!

**Your FINANCIAL PLANNING can help St. Peter's Church have a future!
Peter Wells can point out how a gift to our Church can be in your financial best interests as well as those of your other heirs. Please, give him a call at 773-775-5310. You might just do yourself, them, and us a favor!**

MEMORIAL CANDLES

You can arrange to have a year-long MEMORIAL VIGIL LIGHT lit for your special intention here at St. Peter's Church for a donation of **\$150**. Your gift to St. Peter's for the year-long Memorial Vigil Light helps to support our ministry and works. And on our part, you and your intentions are remembered daily in our prayers for our helpers and benefactors. Application Forms are available in the Front Office. For more information call (312) 372-5111 or contact Br. Tom Krull via e-mail at SPC110MC@aol.com.

Fall's Faith-Filled Programs for Spiritual Enrichment

All of the programs outlined for September take place in the St. Clare Auditorium (basement of St. Peter's). Most of the programs are offered for your free-will offering and no registration is required except as indicated. To register please call Linda Jamrozy at (312) 853-2376. (Registration fee includes the series book). A Fall Programs brochure is available in the lobby.

S E P T E M B E R P R O G R A M S

Reflections on the Eucharist with Fr. Gilbert Ostdiek, ofm

Mondays: Sept 12, 19, 26 12:10 - 12:50 pm

Vatican II has said that participation in the liturgy is "source from which we are to derive the true Christian spirit." This is especially true of the Eucharist for which we gather every Sunday. This series will be a reflective "walk-through" of the Eucharist, its prayers and ritual actions. Our goal will be to gather up the threads of spiritual wisdom found there and weave them into a spirituality for Christian living today.

St. Peter's Dreams & Spirituality Group with Sr. Pat Coughlin, osb

Mondays: Sept 12, Oct 10, Nov 14, Dec 12 5:30 - 7:00 pm (Registration required)

This group will explore dreams as "the speech of God" in our individual and communal lives and how to use them as a spiritual resource. It is open to persons interested and willing to share dreams in a group setting and to commit themselves to attending the monthly meeting. Participation is not intended to be therapeutic or substitute for psychotherapy or counseling.

The Enneagram: A Closer Look with Catholic Eyes *with Fr. Bob Pawell, ofm***Tuesdays: Sept 6 - Dec 13 12:10 - 12:50 pm**

Over a number of weeks we will take a look at the various personality styles represented by this ancient system of self-knowledge which has become an invaluable tool for those pursuing the path to self-knowledge. One's personal style is characterized by a favored pattern of attention, or a Center from which one lives: Instinctual; Perceptual; Action-Relational. The series begins with a general introduction and then focuses on each of the three Centers. You are welcome to attend all sessions or only those which are of interest. Attendance at the General Introduction is highly encouraged.

Sept 6 - General Introduction**Nov 22, 29, Dec 6 - The Action-Relational Center****Sept 13, 20, 27 - The Instinctual Center****Dec 13 - Conclusion****Oct 11, 18, 25 - The Perceptual Center****The Imitation of Christ** *by Thomas à Kempis - Book Study with Fr. Bob Sprott, ofm***Tuesdays: Sept 13 - Nov 29 12:10 - 12:50 pm (\$17 - Registration required)**

The Imitation of Christ by Thomas à Kempis is, next to the Bible, the most widely read spiritual document of the past five centuries. Its primary themes form the building blocks of the Christian life - the interior life; the indwelling of Christ in the Spirit in the heart of each believer, and the fruits of that relationship; and the role and importance of the Eucharist. The group will do a close reading of the book paying close attention to both the author's meaning and the modern uses of the work.

Christian Meditation *by James Finley - Book Study with Br. Clarence Klingert, ofm***Wednesdays: Sept 21- Oct 26 5:30 - 7:00 pm (\$25 - Registration required)**

Using the book *Christian Meditation: Experiencing the Presence of God* as our guide we will journey together into the mystery of a deep encounter with the HOLY. We will discuss simple, helpful instructions on true meditation; focusing, sitting, breathing, orienting one's eyes, walking, and maintaining a compassionate forgiving attitude.

Mid-Morning Meditation: Word into Silence *with Fr. Bob Pawell, ofm***Thursdays: Sept 8, 15, 22, 29 10:45 - 11:45 am (\$20 - Registration required)**

Each of the four sessions will include reflections on Fr. John Main's book *Word into Silence* as well as one half hour of silent meditation.

Discernment: Picking God's Brain by Picking Your Own *with Fr. Albert Haase, ofm***Thursday, September 22 12:10 - 12:50 pm**

St. Augustine prayed, "Lord, let me know myself that I might know you." The cultivation of the virtue of discernment is imperative for authentic spirituality. Spiritual discernment happens when we pay attention to what our thoughts and thought patterns reveal.

Cosmic Joy/Earthly Pain: The Stigmata of St. Francis *with Fr. Bob Hutmacher, ofm***Friday, September 16 12:10 - 12:50 pm**

Franciscans celebrate the Feast of the Stigmata on September 17. We know the image, we know the story. But what lies behind this phenomenon of religious experience? What goes on in a person's heart and mind that would result in the stigmata? Discover more about Francis and the stigmata through the lenses of medieval hymnody and recent Franciscan scholarship. Together, these lenses may help us see our crucified Lord more clearly and how we carry our own crosses in life.

COMING IN OCTOBER . . .

An Understanding of Perpetual Adoration	Mon: Oct 10, 17, 24, 31	12:10 pm
The Virtues of an Authentic Life (Book Study)	Thurs: Oct 13, 20, Nov 3, 10	5:30 pm
Ethics at the Edges of Life	Fri: Oct 14, 21, 28, Nov 4	12:10 pm

**ANXIETY, DEPRESSION
& YOUR HEART,
GUT AND BACK**
with Dr. Jerry Hiller

Wednesdays: August 31- September 14
12:10 - 12:55 pm
St. Clare Auditorium (A/B)
\$5 suggested donation

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"Francis, go and repair my house, for as you can see, it is in ruins."

September 7 - Correct Your Negative Ways of Thinking to Lower Anxiety and Depression
Brain research documents how making changes in our thinking and beliefs make changes in mind-body-soul connections. How can you modify old patterns of private logic and out-dated beliefs?

September 14 - How Resilient People Prevent/Reduce Anxiety, Depression and Burnout
How do resilient people think, feel, and act? How do they handle anxiety, depression and prevent burnout? Learn how to develop the skills of resiliency.

Faculty: Dr. Jerry Hiller, licensed clinical psychologist, works with individuals, couples, small businesses, and professional and community organizations to lead more effective and satisfying lives. He co-founded Living Skills in 1978.

For more information, call Linda Jamrozy at 312-853-2376. Certificates of attendance available upon request. Ask about tapes or CD's of previous talks.

SAVE THE DATE ~ OCTOBER 12, 2005
12:00 - 1:00 PM
NEW SERIES
HESITATION & FEAR
15TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Repair My House
1995
Pax et Bonum Award



A SERIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Things I Didn't Learn in School *with Fr. Paul Gallagher, OFM*

Thursdays: Oct 13 - Nov 10 12:10 - 12:50 pm

Fr. Paul Gallagher, OFM, invites all "young adults" to a five week series that explores the varied paths of prayer within our Catholic tradition. Fr. Paul will reflect on and guide us in the experience of the role of repetition in prayer, how one not only reads but prays the Scriptures, memorized prayers, the prayers of St. Francis, and other paths. This series is geared for the young adult between the ages of 18 and 35, single or married. All sessions take place in the St. Clare Auditorium (room A) in the basement of St. Peter's Church. No registration required. Free-will offering.