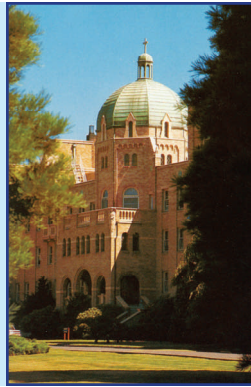


Bethany Center

Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon

4440 SW 148th Avenue

Beaverton, OR



Speakers and Topics

Fr. Anthony Gittins, CSSp, professor of Mission and Culture at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, will explore the challenge to living religious life today and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

Mary Katsilometes, known in the Portland area as an iconographer and instructor, will inform participants of the theological, spiritual and aesthetic components of icons as well as describe the meaning of gestures before extending an invitation to prayer.

Elaine Park, professor of Scripture at Mt. Angel Seminary, will illustrate how the readings of the Easter Vigil recall the wonderful works of God in the history of salvation. These readings, along with responsorial psalms, provide a rich celebration of God's speaking and our response, preparing all of God's people for the greatest feast of the liturgical year: the Lord's Resurrection.

Fr. Raymond Carey, psychologist and lecturer, will examine some skills for living in community with joy and responsibility while addressing expectations and frustrations found in the interactions within community life.

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of OREGON



Special Event

The annual Valentine Tea prepared and hosted by the Sisters is scheduled for Valentine's Day this year! The Tea is held from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. and entertainment will also be provided by the Sisters. Pre-paid reservations for the Valentine Tea are required by February 2.

Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon

The Sisters, living in simplicity and sisterly love, provide a lifespan of education and caring to the community. Their 43-acre campus in Beaverton is home to the ministries which fulfill the Sisters' mission: Valley Catholic School (pre-K through Grade 12), Valley Catholic Music School, Maryville Nursing Home and the SSMO Foundation.

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*Established by the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon in 1992, the **Bethany Center** provides lifelong learning opportunities, personal and social transformation, and deepens the understanding of the word of God and the implication of the gospel in our world today. Bethany Center is a place of hospitality, spiritual refreshment and learning, and a catalyst for mission.*

Calendar of Events

2009-10

September 26

9:00 - 3:00 p.m.

The Challenge to Live Religious Life
Today as Disciples of Jesus

Anthony Gittins, CSSp

December 5

9:00 - noon

Praying with Icons

Mary Katsilometes

February 14

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Valentine Tea

March 27

9:00 - noon

Remembering our Story: Readings and
Psalms of the Easter Vigil

Dr. Elaine Park

May 22

9:00 - noon

Joy, Happiness, Anger and
Disappointment: Sorting Out Skills for
Life in Community

- Rev. Raymond Carey

To register for Bethany Center workshops, please contact Sister Noreen at 503-644-9181 ext. 1268, or by email: snoreeno@ssmo.org.

Registration Fees:

September 26 - \$20

February 14 - \$20

December 5, March 27, and May 22 - \$15 each.

All workshops will take place in the Bethany Center Conference Room in the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon Convent, located on the corner of Tualatin Valley Highway and Murray Boulevard.