



# Offerings

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## ABOUT US

The Spiritual Renewal Center is an ecumenical Christian ministry providing spiritual direction and renewal opportunities to all members of the community.

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## OUR HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9-5  
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The Center will be closed  
May 27 & June 19

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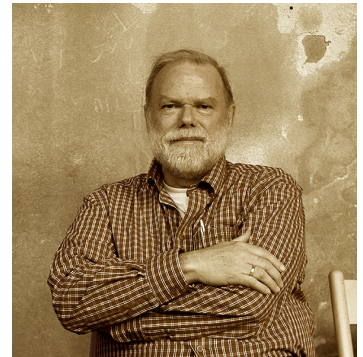
## The Spirituality of Peacemaking Thomas Merton & Jim Forest in Dialogue

Thursday, June 13 | 7:00 PM | Hybrid  
Presented by Rev. Dr. Steve Moore

Actor Martin Sheen described peace activist Jim Forest as trying to answer the question, “How do we live an honest life in such a dishonest world?” Jim as a young man corresponded and collaborated with Thomas Merton, who was a great spiritual master of that age. **This talk will focus on the relationship between Forest and Merton in light of the new**

**material from Forest’s memoir and the letters he wrote to Merton that were just published for the first time this year.** Fee: \$25, or whatever you can afford.

The Rev. Dr. Steven Moore is the director of the Spiritual Renewal Center, an Episcopal priest, and a licensed clinical psychologist. He has been reading Merton since the age of fifteen and been a member of the International Thomas Merton Society for most of his adult life.



## An Evening with Fr. David McCallum Reflections on Synodality and Discernment

Wednesday, August 7 | 7PM

Join us as we spend some time hearing from the Center’s old friend Fr. David McCallum. Fr. David is now the founding Executive Director of the Program for Discerning Leadership at [www.discerningleadership.org](http://www.discerningleadership.org). Fr. David is a Jesuit who has worked in a variety of areas

and from 2009 to 2020 served LeMoyne College (his alma mater) in a variety of leadership positions. He is a longtime friend of the Center and has been involved in the Synod and teaching discernment all across the globe. Suggested donation is \$25 per session.

## Poetry Series to Begin

Wednesday, May 22 | Noon & 7 PM Hybrid

Facilitated by Rev. Beth DuBois & Friends

Come help us celebrate the seasons by reading and discussing poems of Spring on Wednesday, May 22 at noon and 7pm. Registrants will receive a packet of poems featuring both classical and contemporary poems for discussion and will be asked to share their favorite poem of Spring. We'll continue the conversation with poems of Summer on July 10th. Plans are to present sessions with Fall and Winter poems as well. Sessions will be held at the Center and on Zoom. Cost is \$15. We are also hoping to present programs around the Poetry of Advent and Poetry of Lent in the upcoming liturgical seasons. Look for information regarding further offerings here. We hope you'll help us to ensure continuation of poetry as an offering in the Center's repertoire of spiritual practices.

Preregistration is required for many events.

Registration through our website is preferred. You can also register by emailing us at [mail@spiritualrenewalcenter.com](mailto:mail@spiritualrenewalcenter.com)

Please include your full name, email, phone number, and program name.

Suggested fee for most programs is \$25.



## Theologically Speaking Facilitated by Steven Moore

Mondays | 12:05 PM - 12:55 PM Hybrid

Join Steve as we continue our study with *The Nature of Theology* by Roger Haight, SJ. This work provides a framework for considering theology and how it impacts our lives. Offered in drop-in seminar style, there is **no required registration** and no set fee. You are welcome to come whether you have read the book or are just interested in the topic. We are offering this hybrid during the lunch hour so you can attend either in person or via Zoom. Free will offering.



## HORIZONS Foundational Program for the Training of Spiritual Directors

New class starting October 2024 at the Center

**The Spiritual Renewal Center has been committed to the training of spiritual directors for over thirty years. Do you sense God's call to this ministry?** HORIZONS is a practicum-based program for people wanting to develop their gifts as spiritual directors. Monthly sessions focus on the principles and practices of spiritual direction, alongside close supervision of direct practice. Applicants must have **substantial knowledge of theology, scripture, and spirituality, and a minimum of one year's experience receiving spiritual direction.**

The first year of HORIZONS meets at the Center from October 2024 through June 2025, on the first Monday of each month, 1-5:00 p.m. **Tuition is \$750 per year. A certificate is awarded after the program. Next Fall's cohort is forming— contact Center Director Steve Moore for more details and an application.**



## The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola:

A 30-Week Adventure in Prayer

The Center is again offering the classic *Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola* in a thirty-week format, often called the 19th Annotation. For more than 500 years, the *Spiritual Exercises* has been an important way that people can nurture a closer relationship with Christ through the Scriptures and daily prayer. Our next cohort begins this September!

Each participant commits to 30-60 minutes of daily personal prayer with prescribed materials, and tuition is \$600 per year. **For more information or to apply, contact Steve at 315-447-6546 or [smoore@spiritualrenewalcenter.com](mailto:smoore@spiritualrenewalcenter.com). Space is limited, so register now!**



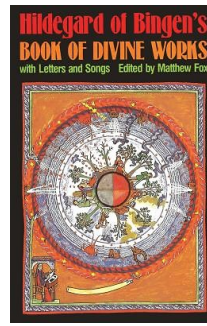
## Elemental Kinning... Being One with God's Creation Through the Gift of Fire

Wednesday, June 5th | 10:00 - 11:30 AM *in-person only*  
Facilitated by Mary Colleen Sinnott

"The world is charged with the grandeur of God. It will flame out, like shining from shook foil..." (Gerard Manley Hopkins) Come join us for our final reflection on the Earth's elements as we look at Fire... just in time for the season of Pentecost and the blaze of summer! Fee is \$25 or whatever you can afford.

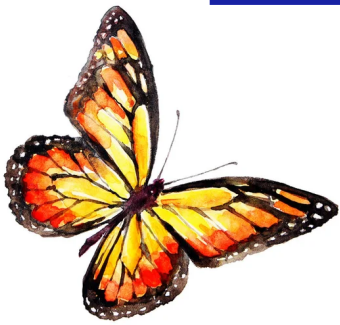


Mary Colleen Sinnott is a long-time friend of SRC, a volunteer chaplain at St. Joseph's Hospital, a member of St. Lucy's, and a member of the Church of the Woods, Canterbury, NH.



Wisdom Wednesdays:  
"The Book of Divine Works"  
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM *Hybrid*  
Facilitated by Steven Moore

Our guided reading of The Book of Divine Works by St. Hildegard of Bingen continues this month. Hildegard, a Rhineland mystic of the twelfth century, has been called an ideal model of the liberated woman. She was a poet and scientist, painter and musician, healer and abbess, playwright, prophet, preacher and social critic. The Book of Divine Works, written between 1170 and 1173, is a cosmology that reunites religion, science, and art, and readers will discover an astonishing symbiosis with contemporary physics in these 800-year-old visions. Our sessions will follow an informal seminar style as we engage in a close reading of the text. All are welcome! Free will offering.



We are excited to offer a new "Makers Series" Facilitated by Meg Castellini starting Thursday, June 20 | 10 AM - 2 PM *in person* Join Meg & Friends for a few hours of creating and sharing as we explore themes of spiritual metamorphosis. More details will be available soon!



What Does *Grace* Look Like? is a series of reflections about God's grace.

This issue's grace story comes from Mary Anne Corasaniti, our Board President.



An amateur athlete and tomboy growing up, I have always enjoyed sports. Although I no longer watch professional sports the way I used to, this year I did view the fourth quarter of the 2024 Super Bowl and the exciting overtime. This is what sports is about, I thought, people doing their best to the very end of the game and providing excitement for those who are viewing whether in-person or otherwise.

Days later, in a conversation with my supervisor for the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, I was telling him about the amazement, joy and excitement I feel as I watch the Holy Spirit moving people making the Exercises to a better understanding of God's love for them. "Watching them forgive themselves for things they might have done and then accepting God's love for them as unconditional is, for me, far more exciting than this year's Super Bowl or anything else I have ever watched," I said. My life is full of God's graces, but one of my most profound graces is journeying with others through the Spiritual Exercises as they find the freedom to be the person that they and God want them to be.

That's What *Grace* Looks Like

## Recurring Groups at the Center

**The Ignatian Spirituality Group** for those who have completed the **Spiritual Exercises** is facilitated by Lou Sogliuzzo, SJ, and takes place on the **2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 PM**. {5/8 & 6/12}

**Women's Faith Sharing Group** meets on the **3rd Thursday of the month at 2:30PM**. {5/16 & 6/20} This group is facilitated by Kathy Papa. Suggested donation is \$20 per session.

**The Contemplative Prayer Group** led by Thomas O'Connor meets **every Wednesday at 5PM**.



## Gift Shop is Ready for Spring!

We have just received an abundance of new merchandise in the Hand to Hand Gift Shop and hope you will stop in for a look soon. The shop is brimming with new items from Ten Thousand Villages which are Fair Trade certified. Purchases support native artisans who are receiving a fair wage for their efforts while working in environmentally safe conditions. *You CAN change the world by changing the way you shop.*

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**We are continuing to look for volunteer subs to cover for our scheduled front desk helpers when they are not available for their shifts.** If you can help occasionally by covering a 4 hour shift we'd love to hear from you. Training will be provided! Call the center and leave your number or contact [volunteer@spiritualrenewalcenter.com](mailto:volunteer@spiritualrenewalcenter.com). It will be one of the best 4 hours of your week!!!



## Connect with the Spiritual Renewal Center

Get social with the Spiritual Renewal Center and find us on Facebook and Instagram today. You can also share your email address with us at [spiritualrenewalcenter.com](mailto:spiritualrenewalcenter.com) and get the the latest information sent right to your inbox.



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