# Retreat into the Universe Story

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### **Locations and Dates:**

IL Ritiro Franciscan Retreat Center (14 participants), Dittmer, MO 63023 June 22 – 28, 2014; Opens with 6 p.m. supper, closes with 6 p.m. supper

Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat (12 participants), Wheatland, IA 52777 July 21 – 26, 2014; Opens with 6 p.m. supper; closes with 10 a.m. brunch

## Cost:

SSND, 820 W. Central Park Ave. Davenport, IA 52804

IL Ritiro Retreat: Judith Best, SSND, 320 E. Ripa Ave. St. Louis, MO 63125

Send registration and \$50 check to:

Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat: Kathleen Storms,

\$500 which includes \$50 nonrefundable deposit sent with registration. Balance of \$450 due upon arrival. Checks made to *School Sisters of Notre Dame* 

# Facilitators:

# IL Ritiro:

Judith Best, SSND, Maxine Pohlman, SSND, Paulette Zimmerman, SSND,

# Our Lady of the Prairie:

Judith Best, SSND, Kathleen Storms, SSND, Paulette Zimmerman, SSND

# For More Information:

IL Ritiro: Judith Best, SSND at <a href="mailto:jbestssnd@gmail.com">jbestssnd@gmail.com</a>
Our Lady of the Prairie:
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# What is Earth Asking?

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This silent retreat will include morning ritual and presentations and an optional sharing later.

# Presentations include:

- → Birthing a New Story: The Universe Story
- ★ Exploring the Nature of the Universe in its Guiding Principles
- ★ Experiencing a Council of All Beings
- **→** Gleaning Wisdom from Mentors
- **→** Living out of the Universe Story

# Option of Two Sites:

The 90 acres of **IL Ritiro**, one hour west of St. Louis, MO OR the 200 acres of **Our Lady of the Prairie**, 40 minutes west of Davenport, IA are suitable for



### Come...

- deepen your awareness that the Universe is the primary revelation of the Divine
- experience the single integral community of Earth that includes every being – oak trees, deer, squirrels, humans – and ponder their rights to be recognized and revered.



"There is a great book: the very appearance of created things. Look above you! Look below you! Note it. Read it... Can you ask for a louder voice than that?"

--St. Augustine, Sermon 126, The Essential Augustine, adapted.



"We need to go to the Earth as the source whence we came and ask for its guidance. We cannot discover ourselves without first discovering the Earth and the imperatives of our own being."

--Thomas Berry

# Additional Information: RESERVATIONS ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL WOMEN AFTER MARCH 1, 2014.

- → IL Ritiro has an outdoor swimming pool, chapel, lake, 90 acres of woodlands.
- → Our Lady of the Prairie has a 2.5 mile cosmic walk, outdoor labyrinth, pond, 130 acres of rolling prairie grasses, 30 acres of woodland.
- → Both facilities have private bedrooms, shared bathrooms, AC.
   Meals are vegetarian. Please provide for your own special dietary needs.