

# Retreat into the Universe Story

REGISTRATION FORM, 2015 (Please Print)

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Send registration and \$50 check to:

**For IL Ritiro Retreat:** make payable to School Sisters of Notre Dame % Judith Best, SSND, 320 E Ripa Ave St. Louis MO 63125

**For Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat:** make payable to OLPR % Kathleen Storms, SSND, 820 W Central Park Ave Davenport IA 52804

## *Women's Retreat Locations and Dates:*

**IL Ritiro Franciscan Retreat Center**  
(14 participants), Dittmer, MO 63023  
**July 5 – 10, 2015**; opens with social at 5:30pm; 6pm supper; closes with 9am brunch

**Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat**  
(12 participants), Wheatland, IA 52777  
**August 9 – 15, 2015**; opens with 5:30pm social; 6pm supper; closes with 10am brunch

### *Cost:*

\$500 which includes \$50 nonrefundable deposit sent with registration. Balance of \$450 due upon arrival.

### *Facilitators:*

#### **IL Ritiro:**

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

#### **Our Lady of the Prairie:**

Kathleen Mary Kiemen, SSND, Kathleen Storms, SSND, Jeanne Wingenter, SSND

### *For More Information:*

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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 each day.

## *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 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 contemplation, for walking, for quiet.



Photos: Brother Guillermo Morales, OSF, & Kathleen Storms, SSND

## *Come...*

- ✦ deepen your awareness that the Universe is the primary revelation of the Divine
- ✦ awaken a consciousness of the sacredness of Earth and her cries for help at this critical time
- ✦ experience the single integral community of Earth – oak trees, deer, squirrels, humans – and ponder their rights to be recognized, revered, and supported by us.



Photo: John Bowman

*“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.*



Photo: Kathleen Storms, SSND

*“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:*

- ✦ **IL Ritiro** has an outdoor swimming pool, chapel, lake, 90 acres of woodlands, not handicapped friendly.
- ✦ **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, one handicapped accessible room.
- ✦ **Both facilities** have private bedrooms, shared bathrooms, AC. Meals are vegetarian. Please provide for your own special dietary needs.