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

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Retreat into the Universe Story

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

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.

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.

“Come…"

“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.