

The Well Spirituality Center
invites you to

A SPRINGTIME
SABBATICAL

“Awakening to Our Place
in the Universe Story”

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This sabbatical offers a contemplative experience that will nurture within the participant a sense of one-ness with all of creation and a renewed vision of life anchored in the Universe Story. The sabbatical will consist of a blend of education, contemplation, art, and ecological field trips.

The Well is ideally located on woodland property west of Chicago with close access to many museums and other ecological and cultural resources.

This springtime sabbatical is under the leadership of Bridget Spurduto, Executive Director of the Well, who will also teach the Universe Story classes. Other facilitators, including John Surette SJ, Mary Southard CSJ, Pat Bergen CSJ, and Kathy Sherman CSJ, will share their insight and knowledge with the sabbatical participants.

The following offerings will augment the curriculum:

Wholemaking with Judy Cauley CSJ

Nature Journaling with Evie Sommers CSJ

*Come and Paint
with Mary Southard CSJ and Carol Cummins*

Consciousness Evolving in the Sacred Universe with Pat Bergen CSJ

Recovering a Sense of the Sacred, a Retreat with Carolyn Toben

*Seventh Annual Summer Institute
A CONSCIOUSNESS FOR OUR TIME
Carolyn Toben, Gail Worcello, Miriam Therese MacGillis*

SABBATICAL CORE CONTENT:

Sacred Universe I: Walking with God in Our Sacred Universe

Discoveries in science have led to the emergence of a new worldview influencing every aspect of living. Discussion will bring this emerging worldview into conversation with the Christian tradition, including implications and applications for prayer, justice, and everyday life activities.



Sacred Universe II: Finding Our Place in Our Sacred Universe

Grounded in our place in the Universe Story, we will explore the planetary implications of the new story and the invitation for humanity to consciously enter into a wisdom and consciousness that matches our growing power and presence on the planet.

Sacred Universe III: Empowered by Our Sacred Universe

The ten powers of the universe—concentration and exhilaration, attraction, creativity, maintaining achievement, destruction, working together, changing the self, changing the whole, care and magnificence—will be brought into dialogue with the Christian tradition resulting in new understandings of the role of humanity at this time in history.

Sacred Universe IV: Living in a Christified Universe

Teilhard de Chardin suggested that evolution is a process of Christogenesis or the birthing of a Christified cosmos. We are living in Christogenesis at the present time but have yet to explore what this means for us. What is Christogenesis? Who is the God of a Christogeneic universe? We will explore these questions and more as we seek to understand the meaning of Christian life in a world of evolution and complexity.

Sacred Universe V: Music of the Cosmos

Everything in the universe works together in perfect harmony, creating a symphony of unity. Discussions will address the question: What holds everything together? Revelations coming from our elegant and awesome universe will be explored in the light of our Christian tradition.

Come and Paint



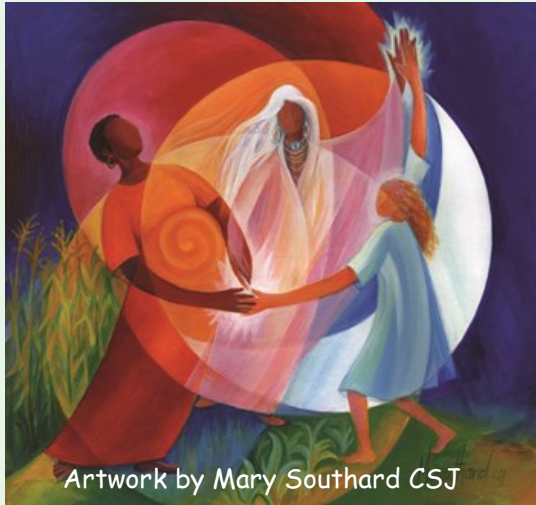
This popular paint/prayer experience is facilitated by renowned artist and spiritual guide Mary Southard, CSJ and Carol Cummins. Painting and reflecting will be in the context of the Universe Story and its impact on our sense of meaning at every level. Painting provides a way of more deeply entering into and experiencing an unfolding within our own souls. Artistic ability is not needed to participate fully in this experience.

Summer Institute

Sabbatical participants will experience The Well's Seventh Annual Summer institute which includes presenters on spiritual and ecological topics.

It is no accident that the Universe Story has been given to us at this moment when the human is invited into a new consciousness, a deep and sacred awareness of our place in creation as planetary beings and co-participants in God's great work. It is the time of our great turning.

Won't you join us?



Artwork by Mary Southard CSJ

Cost: \$4,200

Register before December 15th and receive a 10% discount
\$500 non-refundable deposit due at registration

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