

Our Speakers



Rev. Thomas Nelson, O.PRAEM., National Director of the INSTITUTE ON RELIGIOUS LIFE, is a member of St. Michael's Abbey in Silverado, California. Ordained in 1981, Father holds a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome, and has many years of experience in teaching, lecturing and spiritual formation. He is the local superior of the Norbertine community in San Pedro, California, and teaches in the *Vita Consecrata* Institute at Christendom College.

Bro. Augustine Kelly is the founder of an emerging religious institute of men, the Monastic Brothers of St. John the Baptist. Located in the Diocese of Kansas City–St. Joseph, their charism is to renew the message and spirit of St. John the Baptist today within the Church. The community is essentially contemplative, but hopes also to be involved in pro-life activities and a ministry of spiritual friendship and hospitality to priests.

Sr. Maria Stella Whittier, C.J.D., is a member of the Sisters in Jesus the Lord, a private association of the faithful in the Diocese of Kansas City–St. Joseph. As canonesses, the community chants the Liturgy of the Hours in a parish setting. They also serve the Church through promoting the Sacred Liturgy and music, engaging in pro-life work, involvement in the mass media, and have started mission work for the Church in Far-Eastern Russia.

**Franciscan Prayer Center
2100 N. Noland Road
Independence, MO 64050
816-252-1673**



Travel Directions to Center

From the North:

Take I-435 South. Take Hwy 24 / Independence Avenue exit (through town Hwy 24 is called Independence Avenue). Go east on Independence Avenue approximately 5-7 miles to Noland Road (William Chrisman High School on NE corner / 7-Eleven on SE corner). Go north on Noland Road. Continue as directed below.

From the East:

Take I-70 west to Noland Road. Go north on Noland Road approximately 6 miles. Continue as below.

From the West:

Take I-70 east to Noland Road (2 exits past the Royals/Chiefs Stadiums). Go north on Noland Road approximately 6 miles. Continue as below.

From all directions:

- 1 mile north of Independence Avenue, Noland Road dead ends and veers to the right (you will see a large sign saying "Sisters of St. Francis").
- Follow the curve of the road and go through the gates.
- Follow the long driveway to the circular drive.
- Enter at door to the left of chapel.

IRL Regional Meeting

*For the Greater
Glory of God*

CELEBRATING THE
YEAR FOR PRIESTS



Saturday, March 13, 2010

**Franciscan Prayer Center,
Independence, MO**

**Religious, Priests,
Consecrated Persons,
Seminarians, Students
& Laity Invited!**



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“Priesthood is love for the Heart of Jesus...the gift of our priesthood originated directly from that Heart.”

—Pope Benedict XVI



In honor of the 150th anniversary of the death of St. John Vianney, Pope Benedict XVI inaugurated a special “Year for Priests.” The Holy Father’s primary intention is to deepen the commitment of all priests to the interior renewal for the sake of a more forceful and incisive witness of the Gospel in today’s world. It is also intended to encourage all the faithful to pray for their priests, and to beg the Lord of the Harvest for more priestly vocations.

This year’s regional meeting will offer reflections on the vocation to the sacred priesthood, with special emphasis on how it relates to the consecrated life. In a particular way, the day will remember the priestly life and ministry of Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J., Servant of God. Father Hardon helped to found the INSTITUTE ON RELIGIOUS LIFE in 1974, and spent much time and energy working for the authentic renewal of the consecrated life. He passed away on December 30, 2000, and his cause for canonization has been officially opened.

Everyone is welcome to attend this day of spiritual renewal, reflection and affirmation of the consecrated life.

Respond by March 9, 2010

Please register me/us for this conference. There will be _____ persons (@ \$10 / person*).

*Use separate sheet to submit additional names — *Students FREE*

I/we cannot attend. Enclosed is a donation of \$_____ to support your important work.

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Send registration to:

Sr. Connie Boulch, O.S.F., 300 East 36th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111

Make checks payable for registration or donation to the “INSTITUTE ON RELIGIOUS LIFE”



Saturday Schedule March 13, 2010

- 8:30 AM Registration
- 9:00 AM *Spirituality of Authentic Priestly and Pastoral Ministry*
— Rev. Thomas Nelson, O.PRAEM.
- 10:15 PM *Preparing for Christ, the Bridegroom and the Lamb*
— Bro. Augustine Kelly
- 11:30 AM Holy Mass
— Most Rev. Robert Finn,
Main Celebrant and Homilist
- 12:30 PM Lunch (*provided for Pre-Registrants*)
- 1:45 PM *Sharing in the Priestly Mission of Christ*
— Sr. Maria Stella Whittier, C.J.D.
- 3:00 PM Rosary and Benediction

Schedule and speakers subject to change.

