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Brother David Steindl-Rast
Dear Franciscan Friends,

“When you can’t go far, you go deep.”

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This passage might make you wonder if we Sisters have taken up fishing. No, we haven’t, although fishing is certainly a biblical occupation and an exercise in faith.

This summer we Sisters went deep. We gathered at our Tau Center headquarters for 4 days to discern a common path for our future. We sat in silence together, listening. We listened for the deep questions from the Holy Spirit. How are we called to be ancestors of the future? Who do we want to be for each other and for the life of the world? Given who we are, our realities, our willingness to invest in a future we may not see, how do we want to spend our time, our energy, our lives in the coming years?

Come to think of it, in some ways, our time together was a whole lot like fishing. We had to be really quiet and listen to the cries of the world around us, to nature around us, to God’s heartbeat, to our history and Franciscan charism and mission. We had to go deep to hear the questions, and we had to wait.

Peter Block says that transformation comes more from pursuing profound questions than seeking practical answers. We agree. Jesus asked deep questions. Who do you say I am? Who is the neighbor? Can you drink this cup? If you love those who love you, what’s noble about that? Why are you afraid?

We know you have deep questions, too, and we pray there is someone with whom you can share the questions. Sorry, teachers, it’s really not about the answers. God is in the questions. It’s not about how far you go, it’s about how deep you listen.

In other news, Nicole Heerlein served her last day as Director of Franciscans for Earth on August 16. Nicole accepted a position as Associate Director, Strategic Engagement for Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) in Chesterfield. General Minister Sister Renita shared, “Although Nicole was with us for a short time she truly helped spread the word about our Franciscans for Earth commitment through social media and networking with many organizations. We are grateful to her and shall miss the spirit she brought to all of us at the office.”
"For us, autumn is a time of harvest, of gathering together.
For nature, it is a time of sowing, of scattering abroad."

This quote by the late mid-western naturalist, Edwin Way Teale, comes to mind when we look at the lives of our Sisters. Each woman enters the community, answering God’s call, working to come together with a common heart... to be sent out to sow the seeds of hope and joy in society by witnessing Gospel values. Just as we can appreciate autumn from these different points of view, there are many groups within the Catholic Church with similar callings, yet diverse missions and ministries. When we work together with them to plant the seeds of God’s goodness, we can surely expect hope and joy to take root.

This month we look at two of our Sisters who serve other communities of Catholic religious. Sister Rose Marie Przybylowicz ministers as administrative assistant to the president of Glenmary Home Missioners based in Fairfield, OH. Sister Barbara Siderewicz is receptionist and assistant for the Congregational Offices of the Sisters of St Joseph of Carondelet located in St Louis.

Sister Stories: Working Together in the Spirit
Conversations with Sister Rose Marie & Sister Barbara...

Sister Rose Marie Przybylowicz

Q - First, tell me about your roots... 
I grew up in Dayton, OH, in an area now called Old North Dayton. Back then, our neighborhood had five Catholic churches. Each was built by immigrants wanting to preserve their ethnicities, languages and cultures; people from Poland, Ireland, Germany, Hungary and Lithuania.

My parents were first generation Americans. Dad moved to Dayton when he was 16 to avoid laboring in the Pennsylvania coal mines where he was born. He worked his way up to become a supervisor. Mom created a comfortable home and good meals. I am the oldest of three (I have a sister and a brother). St Adalbert Parish, was the center of our lives.

What brought you to the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help?
Our Sisters served at my elementary school, and early on I wanted to be Sister. I went to high school with Notre Dame de Namur Sisters for 2 years, before transferring to St Joseph Commercial High School with the Sisters of Charity. After high school I worked for 3-1/2 years for George A Pflaum Publishers, as an Assistant Bookkeeper and Secretary. The company created religious and civic reading materials for students in Catholic schools. I really enjoyed the job and the people, but something kept nagging at me— I felt I still wanted to enter religious life. When I shared the news with my family and coworkers, they were all surprised. The company later featured me in a vocations publication.

I had been exposed to many communities in school and my Precious Blood pastor wanted me to consider the Precious Blood Sisters in Dayton, but my inclination was to stay true to my Polish heritage and the Sisters who first sparked my interest. In the summer of 1963, I professed final vows.

I taught elementary school in St Louis, MO, Chicago Ridge, IL, and Fairborn, OH, and...

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Please describe your current ministry. I am the Executive Assistant to Fr Dan Dorsey, President for Glenmary Home Missioners headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio. This 80-year-old small society of 29 priests, 12 brothers, 12 students in formation, (as well as lay people and volunteers), focuses on establishing a Catholic presence in areas with little or none, mostly in Appalachia and the Deep South. [According to Wikipedia, in 2017 in the southern US, 173 counties had no Catholic congregation and another 196 had a congregation but no resident pastoral minister.] Glenmary uses five tenets when evaluating a mission: universality, Catholic nurture, ecumenism, evangelization and social justice; and has started and grown more than 100 mission churches to the point of being viable enough to turn over to the local diocese. Glenmary founder Father William Howard Bishop always emphasized that 'the Church' we serve is the entire county, and everyone in it. 

In addition to taking phone calls, I write letters, maintain personnel records, attend Council Meetings, annual Assemblies and Chapters, and record and transcribe minutes. Because of my previous experiences, I am able to assist and advise Fr Dan whenever he asks for input. And most days, I am lucky to be able to attend noon Mass. Working with the Glenmarians has given me a new perspective on rural life in Appalachia, as well as the many opportunities, challenges and triumphs that can go along with sharing our Catholic faith and the hope it provides. For information on their ministry, please visit their website at glenmary.org.

Sister Barbara Siderewicz

Q - Fill us in on your background...I am originally from St Francis of Assisi Parish in Omaha, NE. Our Sisters staffed the school there for nearly 50 years. There are many in the community from Omaha, including several Sisters who are related to me. I am the oldest of 12, five boys and seven girls. One brother lives in South Dakota. One sister is in Georgia. The rest of my immediate family remains in Omaha. My mother stayed home to care for my two brothers with special needs. My father was a hardworking man as a meat packer. When the meatpacking industry moved from Omaha, he retrained to become a boiler engineer at Douglas County Hospital.

I went to the Sisters’ aspiranture high school in St Louis. I professed first vows in 1970, and final vows in 1973. I taught middle school for several years, but for the majority of my ministry I was an elementary school principal, primarily in the St Louis area: Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pius V in the city, Pius X in Glasgow Village, St Casimir’s, Sts Joachim and Ann in St Peters, as well as St Matthew’s in Oak Creek, WI. I taught for a short time at Queen of Peace in Belleville, and Confirmation to the PSR students at Immaculata Parish in Richmond Heights. I ministered in Leadership as Secretary General/Archivist/Team Member for the Sisters from 2005 to 2010.

Q - Tell me about your current ministry.

I minister as receptionist and administrative assistant for the Congregational Leadership Team of the Sisters of St Joseph of Carondelet (CSJs). I began this ministry after my time in FSOLPH Leadership. I answer the phones, take and transcribe meeting minutes, and perform other tasks as needed. This office has the responsibility to ensure that the life and mission of the congregation is alive in the provinces of Albany, Los Angeles including Hawaii and Japan, St Louis, and St Paul and in the vice province of Peru. Their congregation consists of 939 vowed sisters who share their charism and mission with more than 800 men and women associates. They were founded in 1650. In 1836 they came to America in response to a request from Bishop Joseph Rosati to open a school for the deaf in St Louis.

In mid-July, I attended their Congregational Chapter which was held here in St Louis, as one of the two chapter secretaries. It is much like the annual Chapter event we hold at Tau Center each June, but instead of all the Sisters being invited as we are, they elected delegates and chapter companions from each province and the vice province of Peru. Like us, they discerned, prayed, discussed and made decisions, and as we will do next year in June, they also elected new congregational leaders.

Even though our communities are distinct in size and structure, the similarities are many. Just as we have a Chapter theme for FSOLPH, “Tending the Heart of the World... prayerfully, prophetically, courageously” the CSJs’ chapter theme was “Called Together for the Life of the World.” These themes set the tone for the work of the Chapter and implementation of their chapter decisions over the next six years. They become much more than words -- they are almost central to their charism inspiring each Sister to be centered and focused. The CSJ mission is: “to continue Christ’s mission in the world which calls us to live in the spirit of the Beatitudes with generous and courageous love. Within our mission of unifying love, communion calls us to act in healthy and just

"We must seek not so much to pray but to become prayer”
— St Francis of Assisi
AN EVENING OF LESSONS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY FROM ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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Please register at fsolph.org/events to join us from 6:30 to 8pm:

Mon, Oct 7, St Francis Aviston, IL

Have you really looked at the logo of the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help? It is on our stationery and newsletters, on our website and Facebook page, and you should discover when reading this issue that we now have it on our Tau Center windows in Kirkwood! Perhaps you have wondered just what it symbolizes for us. It expresses who we are and what our mission is through three symbols.

The first symbol is an open heart. It represents our call as women religious to live open to the graces God gives us as we minister and embrace wholeheartedly the gifts of each day. The openness of this heart symbolizes that all are welcome, and we want to reflect God’s inclusive love for everyone.

The beauty of the logo is embodied in its simple lines and the movement of the thread, the second symbol, which flows freely through it. It speaks of the journey of our lives and our awareness of God’s pervading presence always with us, moving in and out of our lives.

The third symbol, a Franciscan Tau cross, lovingly placed within the heart speaks of our life-giving response to walk in the spirit of Francis and Clare of Assisi. They knew how to embrace the cross, to carry both the beauty and the pain of God’s world as they lived Gospel values throughout their lives.

As Franciscans we say our mission is “to be a transforming presence by witnessing Gospel values”. We do so compassionately and joyfully embracing the journey and cross with hearts full of love.

ways within the Earth Community and Church and with Each Other and the Dear Neighbor.”

Our FSOLPH mission is: “to be a transforming presence in society through witnessing Gospel values. Faithful to our charism in the mission of the Church, we prophetically respond to the needs of contemporary society. As compassionate women alive in the spirit, we enable and empower others to live the Gospel with hope and joy.”

Each community has its own gifts and blessings and is called to a particular charism. We as Sisters within our communities live and celebrate that charism each day, but the bottom line for all of us is living the Gospel. This is our underlying connection. There is room for the mission and charism of all the unique communities within the Catholic Church. I think the church is serviced by these different charisms, and the world benefits from all the differences we as members of communities bring.

Sister Barbara poses by the statue of St Joseph in the Congregational office of the Sisters of St Joseph of Carondelet, where she currently ministers.

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A few of the many photos taken on June 22, when friends and family of our seven Jubilarians gathered at St Justin the Martyr Parish for a beautiful Mass celebrated by Father Urban Osuji, CM, and Father Ralph Parthie, OFM. A joyful reception and meal followed at the parish hall. Our 2019 jubilarians are, (top photo standing L-R): Sister Charlotte Struckhoff, 60 years; Sisters Laura Reynolds, Renita Brummer, Ann-Pierre Wilken and Rosalie Wisniewski, 50 years; Sister Elaine Urbaneck, 75 years; (and seated) Sister Barbara Mary Novak, 60 years.

We had a great time and turnout July 26 for our inaugural Kids’ EcoWorkshop at Tau Center.
Thank you to all who supported the Sisters Sunshine Gala held on July 20 at Orlando’s in St Louis! As you can see, our Sisters (wearing sunflowers) had a wonderful time celebrating “all that is good and right in the world” with our wonderful guests. Upon contacting the big winners of the $3000 Reverse Raffle, Patty & Steve Wilken of Ohio (who were not present), the grand prize was donated back to the Sisters! Mary Klevorn was the $500 runner-up, Joe & Judy Claes, Othelia Gunia and Irene Hanneken each won $100. St Louisans Jeanne Herzberg brought home the Wagon of Cheer and Susan Purcelli won the beautiful quilt. Betty Diesen of Germantown, IL, was pulled for the 10x prize. Mark your calendars now — our 2020 Sisters Sunshine Gala will be held Saturday, July 25, in St Louis.
OPPORTUNITIES & EVENTS

FRANCISCANS FOR EARTH
FREE ECO-SERIES EVENTS

Registration is requested for all eco-events via the 'Events' tab on our website, www.fsolph.org, or call the office at 314-965-3700.

ECO-FILM - Paris to Pittsburgh
Tue, Sept 17, 7pm Kirkwood Tau Center
Thu, Sept 19, 6:30 DeSoto Community Ctr
Join us for a free screening and discussion of this National Geographic documentary, which brings to life the efforts of passionate individuals battling the most severe threats of climate change. Set against the national debate over the energy future and the US decision to exit the Paris Climate Agreement, the film captures what’s at stake for communities around the country and the inspiring ways Americans are responding.

ECO-FILM - Atomic Homefront
Tue, Oct 8, 7pm Kirkwood Tau Center
Thu, Oct 17, 6:30 DeSoto Community Ctr
This film focuses on issues in our own backyard. Atomic Homefront documents citizens of Coldwater Creek in Bridgeton, MO, who want answers about the radioactive waste dumped in nearby landfills. In case you haven’t heard, an uncontrolled subsurface fire is encroaching on 47,000 tons of radioactive waste. Speak directly to those involved. Just STL Moms will join the discussion at the Kirkwood showing.

ECO-SPEAKER - Former KSDK Meteorologist Mike Roberts to speak on Climate Change
Tue, Nov 12, 7pm Kirkwood Tau Center
Save the date to join us as we welcome former KSDK meteorologist Mike Roberts to Tau Center in Kirkwood to speak on climate change. More information to come at www.fsolph.org or through the Franciscans For Earth Facebook group. Join today!

OCTOBER 2019

Season of Creation Series
Sun, Sept 1 to Fri, Oct 4, Facebook
Log on for daily reflections and informational posts in celebration of and concern for all of God's Creation. Join our Franciscans for Earth Facebook group to see our messages and to share in the discussions.

Blessing of Pets
Sun, Oct 6, 1pm Kirkwood Tau Center
Help us celebrate the Feast of St Francis (which is actually Oct 4). Bring your pet to Tau Center on Sunday for a special blessing in commemoration of St Francis of Assisi and his love and respect for all creatures.

Paving Paths for Peace & All Good
Thu, Oct 7, 6:30pm
St Francis Parish Center in Aviston, IL
Please plan to join us for this simple evening of hope and connection, to see what we can learn about modern life through a story from 13th century Italy. Feel free to invite your families and friends to do the same. So far this year, we presented this story of the picnic between St Francis and St Clare in Monroe, LA; in Effingham County and Chicago Ridge, IL; and in Kirkwood, MO. All are invited to join us for this free evening, and we promise we won’t take a collection. Although not required, to help us plan you can register on our website, www.fsolph.org, under the events tab.

Come & Be Retreat In the Country!
Sat, Oct 19, 9am Franciscan Farm, DeSoto
Gather with us for a special outing and mini-retreat. This day is open to men and women of all ages and faith. Lunch is provided, and spiritual materials are available to enhance your experience. The cost is $20/person, $30/couple. Registration is requested by Oct 11. Contact Sister Renita at srenita@fsolph.org or 314-965-3700, x 102.

DECEMBER 2019

Advent Video Series
Sun, Dec 1 - Tue, Dec 24, Facebook
Watch for your neighbors, friends, aunts, cousins, coworkers and former teachers as the Franciscan Sisters offer to pray for your intentions each morning during the season of Advent. Follow our Facebook page, and don’t forget to like, share, and comment when you see your favorite Sisters! And of course, leave your prayer intentions — each day we will get them to all of our Sisters across the country so they can join you in prayer.

Joy to the World Nativity Display & Baby Supply Drive
Mon, Dec 9 to Sun, Dec 15, 10am to 4pm; Kirkwood Tau Center
All are invited to experience the incarnation of The Word made flesh through a Christmas tradition inspired centuries ago by St Francis of Assisi. Bring family, friends and coworkers to share in viewing more than 250 different nativity sets from around the world, including the Sisters’ beautiful Fontanini lobby display and new this year, a Fontanini village! Admission is $5 each OR a pack of diapers OR donate a new or gently used baby item to go to area pregnancy care centers. Watch www.fsolph.org for a list of needed items.

“Faith in God leads us to recognize Him in His creation, which is the fruit of His love for us, and which requires us to care for and protect nature.”
— Pope Francis
The Hunger for Farmers Markets
by Jack Zimmerman, Farm Coordinator

Participating in the De Soto Farmers Market is one way that Franciscans for Earth works to be a transforming presence in the world, witnessing Gospel values by promoting care for Creation through sustainable farming practices and appreciation for the beauty and diversity of the Earth. We have collaborated with the market for years as a vendor and donor/supporter, forging strong bonds with our neighbors and collaborating to bring healthy, affordable food options and a greater sense of community to the local area.

The popularity of farmers markets has grown tremendously in recent years. Why is that? The reason that comes to mind right away is to fulfill the hunger for delicious food. There’s no question that a stunning variety of the most delectable, nutritious food. There’s no question that a stunning variety of the most delectable, nutritious food.

Do you hunger for a healthier environment? Food in the US travels an average of 1,500 miles before it reaches your plate. All the shipping involved uses staggering amounts of resources, including fossil fuels that contribute to climate change and additional forms of pollution, such as single-use plastics and other packaging that end up as trash.

Conventional agriculture—the mainstay of supermarket food—uses more resources and creates more toxic by-products than the food at the farmers market which is typically grown locally using methods that minimize negative impacts on the environment.

Do you hunger to be more in tune with nature? Shopping at the farmers market means you’re buying fresh, seasonal products that help you to reconnect with the natural cycles in your region. Whether anticipating the delicious taste of asparagus in the spring, savoring the first tomato of the summer, or indulging in pie made from crisp apples in the fall, eating seasonally is a way to be more in sync with God’s earth—our home—and the turning of the year. In addition, all the unusual offerings—from white Hakurei turnips to purple cauliflower—offer an amazing opportunity to revel in the planet’s biodiversity.

Do you hunger for humane treatment of animals? Confined animal feeding operations (or CAFOs) supply the majority of animal products in the grocery store. The short lives of these creatures are spent in cramped, unnatural conditions under great stress. Farmers markets typically feature meats, dairy products and eggs from animals that have been raised without hormones or antibiotics, eating natural diets and green grass and moving about with greater freedom.

Do you hunger for community? Farmers markets are where you meet up with friends and neighbors, bring the kids and enjoy live music. They are places to connect with one another away from screens and work, taking in the fresh air and lingering, unhurried, over a coffee and some homemade pastry. Sounds nicer than pushing your cart down the aisles under the fluorescent lights, doesn’t it?

Do you hunger for healthier options? Grocery store food is frequently coated in wax, gassed to stimulate ripening or irradiated in transit. Much of it is highly processed, genetically modified and grown using herbicides, pesticides, hormones, antibiotics and other potentially harmful products and practices. By contrast, many small-scale local farmers do everything possible to use sustainable techniques and produce the most nutritious food by growing heirloom varieties and harvesting field-ripened produce right before market.

Do you hunger for justice? Small family farms struggle to compete with the agribusiness that dominates the US food system. Buying directly from farmers gives them a better return on their investment of time, labor, resources and heart, providing the support they need to survive in the global food marketplace. In Laudato Si’, the 2015 encyclical On Care for Our Common Home, Pope Francis made it clear that social and environmental justice cannot be separated. As the Catholic Rural Life organization so succinctly said, “Eating is a moral act,” and by extension, shopping for food is, too.

No matter what your reason is, go out and support your local farmers market. Your taste buds, your neighbors and your spirit will be glad you did.

10-reasons-support-farmers-markets

FFE Facebook Group
Are you concerned about our common home? Do you want to share your insights, discuss concerns, and ask questions of like-minded people? Join our Facebook group "Franciscans For Earth." The mission for Franciscans for Earth is to be a community of people engaging in education, collaboration, and advocacy for the ecological transformation of the world. Won’t you join us?
In February, the University of South Carolina Press released *Fire and Forgiveness: A Nun’s Truce with General Sherman* by Martha Dunsky with illustrations by Monica Wyrick. Martha and Monica are the nieces of our late Sisters Norbert and Bernard Lokai.

This 48-page hard-cover is written through the eyes of a young girl named Jane at a convent school in Columbia, South Carolina, during the Civil War. Jane is in a personal war with classmate Clara. Making peace seems impossible, despite encouragement from Mother Baptista. As the girls brood, they hear the cannons of the Civil War explode outside their school as General Sherman and the Union army attack their city. Mother Baptista asks Sherman for protection, and he promises the students and Sisters will be safe in their school. Despite his promise all must flee in the middle of the night through a chaotic, burning city. Will Mother Baptista forgive Sherman for breaking his promise? Can Jane and Clara make peace when the adults in their world are at odds and at war? This compelling story is based on first-person accounts of true events. *Fire and Forgiveness* is a reminder of the important role forgiveness and peacemaking play in life’s conflicts big and small, whether between quarreling children, proud adults, or warring nations.

Martha Dunsky is a member of the Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators, a former award-winning television reporter/videographer and producer and a retired technical editor for the National Air and Space Intelligence Center. Monica Wyrick has a fine arts degree and has worked in advertising, as a muralist, and as an art instructor and illustrator. *Fire and Forgiveness: A Nun’s Truce with General Sherman* is available from booksellers everywhere and from USC Press at www.uscpress.com.

When asked for comment, Martha explained, “Our book’s theme is the importance of forgiveness and peacemaking at every age. I discuss how to be a peacemaker with students during my school author visits. Last spring, Monica and I gave presentations at five elementary schools in Ohio and South Carolina. This fall, I expect to visit at least half a dozen Ohio schools.

"Franciscan Sisters Bernard and Norbert were our mother’s oldest sisters. We have fond memories of visiting Sister Bernard when she served at a nursing care center in Green Springs, OH, in the 1970’s. She helped care for our older sister Mary Anne, who was semi-comatose there for almost 7 years following a car accident. She also looked after her mother—our Grandma—in her final years there. Every time we visited, Sister Bernard had made the most beautiful decorations for the hallways by recycling trash and repurposing everyday items in creative ways. She also crocheted each of us an afghan as a wedding gift. My sister Michele and I attended her 100th birthday party in St Louis in 2013. We were struck by how mentally sharp and physically agile she was. She walked the hall without a walker and recalled the names of her fellow novitiates as she told us the history of the Franciscan Sisters. At the party, she chastised her 90-year-old brother for not wanting to learn how to use an i-pad. ‘Why not? What else do you have to do?’ she asked. She was a true role model for cheerfulness (I’ll never forget her laugh), unflinching faith, and a life of service to others. We miss her greatly.”

"This is just as it should be,” says Sister Renita. “Our Sisters live their lives in service, planting seeds of Franciscan peace and joy that hopefully grow in the lives of those they touch. Thank you Martha and Monica, for continuing to spread Franciscan seeds of forgiveness and peacemaking through your work, in the hearts and minds of the next generation.”

*The late Sister Bernard Lokai at her 100th birthday celebration with niece Martha Dunsky.*
Perpetual Prayer Cards

Need a special gift or remembrance? Consider enrolling your loved one for Perpetual Remembrance in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Membership of Prayer. Each member shares in the graces of the Eucharist Celebration offered monthly, and in the daily prayers and good works of each of our Sisters. For the $25 donation, the enrollee (or a family member if given as a memorial) will receive a beautiful gold presentation booklet with a personalized certificate inside. Visit our website or call Sister Connie at (314) 965-3700, x109, with your name, address, phone number, email address and credit card information, as well as the recipient’s mailing address, and the name of the enrollee.

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With prayers of thanksgiving

And sincere appreciation for everyone who supported the Sisters Sunshine Gala & Reverse Raffle including our very generous, anonymous, STL benefactor!

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& Guest Emcee Lisa Johnston, Storyteller Phyllis Hostmeyer,
St John Bosco Troubadours, Rivertown Sound,
everyone at Orlandos, our Sister Volunteers,
& all those who chose to join us for the evening!

Staff members celebrated our Tau Center volunteers on Aug 1 with desserts and a short prayer service.

Thank you to all of our volunteers!
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**Come & Be RETREAT IN THE COUNTRY**

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Savor scenic beauty in nature's silence & invite solitude to soothe your soul.

Sat, Oct 19
9am-2pm
Franciscan Farm
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Desoto, MO

$20/person, $30/couple includes lunch & parking.
Contact Sister Renita at (314) 965-3700 with questions or to register.

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