

Religious Life Speakers' Bureau

Those listed here are pleased to offer programs, to preach, to give meditations, and to lead retreats, as indicated. Honoraria and travel expenses reimbursement are very much appreciated. The speakers are listed under monastic communities and under Christian Communities. Names will be added and entries will be updated on a regular basis.

You may also contact religious communities directly:

Monastic communities: www.caroa.net

Christian communities: www.naecc.net

Monastic Communities

The Rev. Miriam Elizabeth Bledsoe, OSH

Order of Saint Helena

Location: North Augusta, SC

Available to: preach, lead retreats/quiet days/workshops/meditations

Topics: prayer, discernment, desert spirituality, spiritual practices, rule of life, Mary the Mother of Jesus; willing to explore other topics as requested

In person and online

Contact: SrMiriamElizabethOSH@gmail.com

The Rev. Ellen Francis, OSH

Order of Saint Helena

Location: North Augusta, SC

Available to: give presentations, preach

Topics: religious life, living a rule of life, religious vows, spiritual practice of discernment, interfaith dialogue, art and craft as spiritual practice, and other topics as requested

Online only for now

Contact: ellenfrancisosh@gmail.com

Br. Robert James Magliula, OHC

Order of the Holy Cross

Location: West Park, NY

Available to: preach, lead retreats, and parish presentations

Topics: discernment, spiritual formation and practices

In person and/or online: both

Contact: superior@hcmnet.org

Phone: 845 384-6660 x3006

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Sister Elizabeth Grace Mills, CSM

Community of St. Mary

Location: Sewanee, TN

Available to: preach, give presentation, lead retreats and quiet days

Topics: Creating a Rule of Life, Quiet days/retreats on a variety of topics, How to become an Associate, Community of St. Mary History, Religious Life, Benedictine Balance and Spirituality
In person and/or online: Both

Contact: elizabeth925mills@gmail.com

Sister Hannah Winkler, CSM

Community of St. Mary

Location: Sewanee, TN

Available to: preach, give presentations, lead retreats and meditations

Topics: Advent and Lenten Quiet Days, Benedictine Monasticism, Rule of St. Benedict, Benedictine Spirituality, Nutrition and Spirituality, History of Religious Life, Lectio Divina

In person and/or online: Both

Contact: sisterhannahcsm@gmail.com

Society of Saint John the Evangelist

Location: Cambridge, MA

Available to: preach, give presentations, and lead retreats

Topics: prayer, discernment, building a personal rule of life, the Gospel of John, and seasonal offerings (Advent, Lent, etc.); we are also happy to work with groups to come up with other topics (we're quite open)

In-person and/or online

Email monastery@ssje.org

Name: Andrew Marr

Community: St. Gregory's Abbey

Location: Three Rivers, MI

Available to: preach, lead quiet days and retreats, give presentations or meditations

Topics: Benedictine spirituality, prayer

In person and/or online: in person negotiable if within driving distance; otherwise, online

Contact email: abbot@saintgregorysthreerivers.org

Name: Abraham Newsome

Community: St. Gregory's Abbey

Location: Three Rivers, MI

Available to: preach, lead quiet days and retreats, give presentations or meditations

Topics: Benedictine spirituality; presentations on St. Gregory's Abbey

In person and/or online: online preferable, but in person is negotiable

Contact email: abrahamsa@juno.com

Christian Communities

Name: Sr. Barbara Jean Brown. (Sr. BJ)

Community: Anamchara Fellowship

Location: Wisconsin.

Available to: preach, lead quiet days and retreats, give presentations or meditations
Topics: Learning your own spiritual language, Monasticism, Celtic Spirituality, or whatever...
In person and/or online: either
Contact email or phone: Sisterbjbrown@gmail.com. 302-420-7117 cell...can leave a message

Name: Thomas Bushnell, BSG
Community: Brotherhood of Saint Gregory
Location: New York City (happy to travel)
Available to: preach, lead quiet days & retreats, meditations
Topics: rule of life, prayer & bible, monastic history, monastic discipline in secular life, liturgical / liturgical theology / liturgical spirituality, medieval theology / spirituality
In person and/or online: in person strongly preferred
Contact email: tb@becket.net

Name: Br. Will White, CMJ
Community: [Community of the Mother of Jesus](#)
Location: Chicago, IL
Available to: *preach, give presentations, or meditations*
Topics: preach or provide meditations on lectionary readings or intersection of spirituality and current events; presentations on religious life, monastic practices, lectio divina, the daily office, the Marian tradition within the church, open to other topics as well.
In person and/or online: Both
Contact email or phone: wawhite25@gmail.com

Name: Sister Julian Wilson, AF
Community: Anamchara Fellowship
Location: Sheboygan, Wisconsin
Available to: *preach, lead quiet days and retreats, give presentations or meditations*
Topics: Religious Life, Living a Rule of Life, Celtic spiritual practices
In person and/or online: In-person or online
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