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. Ellen Francis, OSH
Order of Saint Helena
Location: North Augusta, SC
Available to: give presentations
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: sisters@osh.org

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
Cell: 845 233-8317

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
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: abrahamsga@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
Contact email or phone: srjulianw@gmail.com