

## 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](http://www.caroa.net)*

*Christian communities: [www.naecc.net](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:srjulianw@gmail.com)