Enter in Relationship, Take a Hike!

In his latest encyclical, On Care for Our Common Home, Pope Francis calls us to recognize the earth as our common home and a gift from God that we must preserve and maintain. In many ways, Pope Francis focuses on our need to engage in a relationship with the earth particularly alongside relationships with all of creation. He states that “the human person grows more, matures more and is sanctified more to the extent that he or she enters into relationships, going out from themselves to live in communion with God, with others and with all creatures” (Laudato Si, 240). Jesus often models this dynamic throughout scripture, particularly when he goes into the wilderness to pray. As we continue on our Lenten journeys, what are some ways you can grow deeper in relationship with God, others, and all creatures? Are there ways that you might recognize the face of Mercy in nature and develop a relationship with our common home?

One opportunity to consider is taking a hike for a weekend by participating in one of our upcoming wilderness retreats. The Men’s Wilderness Retreat is offered April 1-3, and the Women’s Wilderness Retreat is offered April 15-17. Each opportunity offers students a glorious weekend of backpacking, reflection, and relationship building in the Red River Gorge in Kentucky. If finances prove to be a challenge, scholarships are available upon request. Sign-ups are available online at http://tinyurl.com/UDRetreats. If you have questions please contact Mike Bennett at mbennett3@udayton.edu (for Men’s Wilderness) or Tinamarie Stolz at stolzt1@udayton.edu (for Women’s Wilderness).

Mike Bennett, Campus Minister
For Retreats and Faith Communities

Featured Marianist Mission

Please remember the following Marianist Missions through your generosity and through prayers throughout the year: Our Lady of Nazareth School in Nairobi, Kenya; REDS program in Ranchi and Bangalore, India; MIRACLE in Karonga, Malawi; Marianist Sisters’ Health Clinics in Kpatchile, Togo, West Africa and Singhpur, Jharkhand, India.
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Criminal Justice Plunge
Saturday, March 19
Participants will experience a wide range of challenges and social justice issues that people who are or have been incarcerated experience. The day will include presentations, site visits, as well as a documentary screening in order to dive deeper into understanding life in the criminal justice system. Cost is $15. Registration is on-line at the Center for Social Concern website.

Register Now For May BreakOuts
Are you interested in helping others? Have you always wanted to learn about a different way of life or part of the country? Sign up now for a May BreakOut. The Center for Social Concern is sponsoring a trip to Cincinnati, OH, with St. Vincent DePaul’s Ozanam Center for Service Learning, May 8-14. This trip is a great opportunity to learn and serve. For more information please visit our website. Questions? Contact Mary Niebler at mniejbler1@udayton.edu.

Romero: A Way of the Cross
Tuesday, March 22, 12:30pm
Please join the Center for Social Concern and Pax Christi for Archbishop Oscar Romero’s Stations of the Cross for Peace and Justice. We will meet in the Nazareth courtyard between Liberty Hall and the Chapel and process around campus recalling the words of Romero and the suffering of Jesus as we pray for those who suffer injustices in today’s world.

Table of Plenty: Building Bridges or Building Walls on Our Campus and in Our Culture
Tuesday, March 15, 12:30-1:45pm, Liberty Hall Rm 08
Please join us for this month’s discussion on this important topic. Lunch will be provided by the Center for Social Concern staff. We hope you will join us! RSVP on-line by March 13. PATH eligible.

Women’s Wilderness Leader Application
Are you a woman who absolutely loves the wilderness? Have you been on the Wilderness Retreat to beautiful Red River Gorge? Think about applying to lead the upcoming Women’s Wilderness Retreat on April 15-17. Applications are due March 17. Questions? Please contact Meaghan Crowley at crowleym1@udayton.edu.

EXPERIENCE: UDIM Spring Retreat
April 1-3, Governor’s Island
Where in your journey with Christ are you in need of a fresh experience of God’s love for you? Won’t you come and experience God with us? Won’t you register today and join UDIM for our EXPERIENCE 2016 retreat? God always meets us on the Island...won’t you come and experience God with us?

Miryam Award 2016
Monday, March 21, 4:30pm
Congratulations to the 2016 Miryam Award recipients: Irene Dickey and Molly Schaller, as well as the others who were nominated. To honor them, please join us in the Marianist Hall Chapel for a prayer service at 4:30pm. The reception and award presentation will immediately follow in KU’s Barrett Dining Room. To RSVP for the reception, call Sue Terbay at 937-229-2524.

Taizé Prayer and Reconciliation Service
Tuesday, March 15, 8pm Immaculate Conception Chapel
All are welcome and encouraged to attend this prayerful Lenten service, which includes music in the style of the monks of Taizé, France. The service also includes the opportunity for the sacrament of individual reconciliation with one of several Marianist priests.

Pursuing Your Passion:
Working for Justice Beyond UD
Tuesday, March 15, 6:30pm-8:30pm, McGinnis Center
Join us to explore how you can integrate your passion for justice into concrete actions beyond UD. Graduating seniors should RSVP at http://bit.ly/JusticeBeyondUD. Light dinner and refreshment provided.

Catholic Relief Services Student Ambassador Training
Sunday, March 20, 10am-2pm, Liberty Hall Rom 08
Learn about global poverty and injustice. Educate others. Develop leadership skills. Mobilize your campus. Connect faith to action. Transform your community and the world. Become a CRS Student Ambassador. RSVP by March 16 to http://tinyurl.com/crsambassador. Questions? Contact danielle.roberts@crs.org