



PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES JANUARY – MARCH 2012 PROGRAMS

CHRIS ACOSTA (E-RYT 500) is the founder of St. Petersburg Yoga where he uses Yoga to treat not only specific and fundamental body/mind conditions but to actually use them as the perfect transformational and personalized tools. Chris teaches and lectures at all levels and runs the school for 200 and 500 level Yogis. He is also part of the faculty at the Omega Institute in New York.

SISTER MARY ARGHITTU, OSF, a Franciscan Sister of Allegany, has served in education, retreat and parish ministry, congregational leadership, healthcare governance and ministry with people who are affected by HIV/AIDS. Mary was on staff at the Franciscan Center from 1973-1981. She holds a BA in Education and an MA in Religious Studies.

SISTER CATHERINE CAHILL, OSF, a Franciscan Sister of Allegany, has been leading retreats at the Franciscan Center since 1985. Her focus has been on retreats for persons in 12 Step programs. In addition to her retreat work at the Center, Sister Cathy travels widely as a guest presenter at retreat houses across the U.S. Her background in education includes a BS in Education from St. Bonaventure University and a Master's in Education from Rhode Island College. She trained as a substance abuse counselor at Lutheran General Hospital in Chicago.

CAMILLE CALDWELL, ARNP is a contemplative spiritual director, facilitator of a weekly Centering Prayer group and trained teacher of contemplative practices such as Centering Prayer, Lectio Divina and Welcoming Prayer. She also works full time as a nurse practitioner in family practice. Her broad interspiritual orientation has led her to deeply explore and experience contemplative practices of all the great faiths including the Mystical Christian traditions. She is a conscious activist in several social and environmental groups.

MAUREEN CONNORS, PhD, is Co-Director of Programs for the Franciscan Center and Co-Director of Room for the Spirit in St. Petersburg, Florida. She serves on the Spiritual Life Committee of Eckerd College. She is a retreat and workshop facilitator and serves as a spiritual companion. Maureen brings her gifts in transition coaching, workplace spirituality and storytelling from her own spiritual journey.

REV. BILL COOLEY is retired after serving as a pastor for 28 years, most recently at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lakeland, Florida. He has attended the Group Spiritual Direction Workshop and has completed the Group Leaders Program for Contemplative Prayer Groups at Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation in Bethesda, Maryland. He has also trained and served as a Stephen Leader and as a leader in the Retreat in Everyday Life at the Franciscan Center of Tampa.

REV. JEAN COOLEY is a pastor of a small urban church in Lakeland. She has been a clinical social worker and Christian educator. Bill and Jean have been married for 43 years and are certified marriage enrichment leaders. They have two grown sons, both of whom are happily married, and two granddaughters.

FATHER MICHAEL COOPER, SJ, STD, is a Jesuit priest with a doctorate in Ignatian spirituality from the Institut Catholique in Paris. For the past 30 years Father Cooper has combined teaching with ministry training at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Loyola University in Chicago, and presently at Saint Leo University, where he is a professor in the Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies (MAPS) and University Chaplain.

SISTER CLARE A. D'AURIA, OSF, a Sister of St. Francis of Philadelphia, currently ministers as a staff member at the Franciscan Spiritual Center in Aston, Pennsylvania. For half of her 45 years in ministry, Sister Clare has served in retreat work, offering directed and conference retreats as well as numerous workshops in Franciscan spirituality throughout the United States. A certified spiritual director, she holds an MA in Theological Studies from the Washington Theological Union, Washington, DC and has also studied at the Franciscan Institute, St. Bonaventure University.

SISTER LINDA FISCHER, ASC, is a professed member of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ from Columbia, Pennsylvania. A teacher by profession, Sister Linda left the classroom in 2005 and since then has been involved in 12 Step retreat ministry. She calls her own journey in recovery one of the greatest blessings in her life and has recently celebrated 21 years of sobriety.

TIM FLOOD, an alumnus of Notre Dame University, is the first Enneagram teacher in Tampa Bay to be certified by psychologist Helen Palmer and psychiatrist David Daniels, MD, at the Tri Fold School, Berkeley, California. He is also certified in the MBTI (Myers-Briggs Type Indicator) and the BarOn EQi (Emotional Intelligence Indicator) and uses all three tools in his practice as a leadership coach.

SISTER BRIEGE MCKENNA, OSC was born in Ireland and entered the Sisters of St. Clare at the age of fifteen. After suffering for more than three years with rheumatoid arthritis, she was transferred to her community in Tampa. At 24, she was miraculously and instantaneously healed during the celebration of the Eucharist and some time later received, in prayer, the gift of healing for which she has become so widely known. In 1974, again during prayer, she was given a deep spiritual insight into the mystery of the call to priesthood. Since 1985 Sister Briega has been ministering to priests in collaboration with Father Kevin Scallon, CM. She is the 1988 recipient of the Poverello Award from the Franciscan University and the 2009 recipient of the Award for Outstanding Catholic Leadership from the Catholic Leadership Institute. Her book, *Miracles Do Happen*, has been translated into many languages throughout the world.

CAROL MITCHELL, PhD, is a spiritual director and retreat and workshop facilitator with a background in psychology. Carol is Co-Director of Room for the Spirit and Co-Director of Programs for the Franciscan Center. She has specialized in the interface between psychology and spirituality and the healing of trauma and abuse.

ROXANNE MORENO is the Chef and Kitchen Manager at the Franciscan Center. Due to her expertise, she has revitalized the meal selections and their preparation for the Center's guests. She has extensive background in vegetarian and vegan cuisine, and has worked as chef in a health food market. She is a member of the American Culinary Federation.

SISTER ANNE MARTIN ROBONIE, OSF, a Franciscan Sister of Allegany, spent 42 years serving in Jamaica, West Indies. Upon returning to the states, she was introduced to mandalas during a sabbatical at Berakah, in Fairfield, New Hampshire. Sister Anne has found the drawing of mandalas to be a way to deepen her prayer life and a path to freedom, healing and growth.

FATHER EDMUNDO RODRIGUEZ, SJ is a member of the New Orleans Province of the Society of Jesus. A native of Texas, he entered the Society of Jesus in 1953 and was ordained a priest in 1966. Presently he serves as retreat director at Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House in Lake Dallas, Texas. He conducts parish missions in English and Spanish. Over the years Father has served as a pastor, professor, provincial, and director of a youth center.

FATHER TOM WESTON, SJ has been involved in 12 Step programs since 1976. A former Director of the Jesuit Volunteers Corps and a teacher at Loyola High School in Los Angeles, he has degrees and experience in counseling, education and theology. He counsels, conducts workshops and seminars, and preaches retreats internationally and often. He lives and gardens in Oakland, California.