

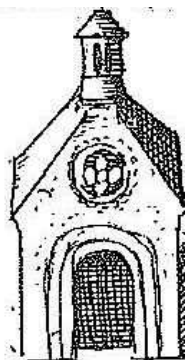
FACILITATORS

Sister Mary Jo Chaves, OSF coordinated the first Franciscan Hermitage Experience in 1996. Each Hermitage continues to touch people's lives significantly. Sister Mary Jo ministers at the Franciscan Spiritual Center, Milwaukie, as a spiritual director and retreat coordinator.

Connie Isgro joined the Franciscan Hermitage Experience team in 2003, finding the Hermitage Experience to be at the heart of her spiritual journey. Connie is a lay Franciscan and a judge pro tem working with the mentally ill in the civil commitment process in Multnomah County, Oregon.

Dorothy Charbonneau joined Sr. Mary Jo Chaves and Connie Isgro in coordinating the Franciscan Hermitage Experience in 2008. Dorothy is an educator, home school consultant, and a Companion of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia.

Mary Jo, Connie and Dorothy bring a broad range of expertise to The Franciscan Hermitage Experience. Through their unique and diverse gifts, they weave a rich tapestry of storytelling, hospitality, and Franciscan spirituality.

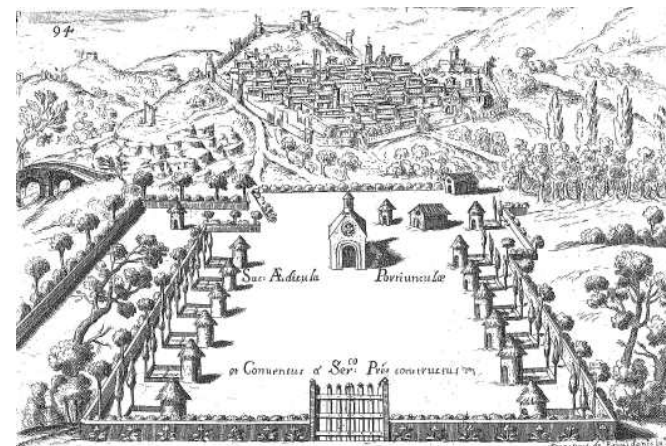


“Everywhere you looked you were gifted with beauty and signs of God’s goodness.” - Marilyn Fink

“Not a thing was overlooked— from the bottom of my rejuvenated heart— I thank you.” - Judi Paisley



FRANCISCAN HERMITAGE EXPERIENCE



JUNE 5-8, 2009

NOVEMBER 13-16, 2009

JUNE 11-14, 2010

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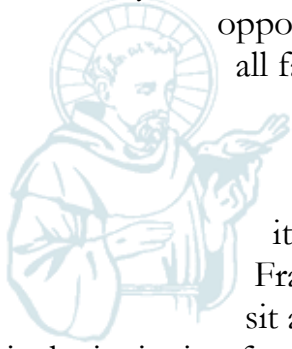
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FRANCISCAN HERMITAGE EXPERIENCE

Franciscan Hermitage Experience is a four day silent retreat that provides the opportunity for people of all faith traditions to enter deeply into the presence of Jesus through the spirituality of St. Clare and St. Francis of Assisi. “To sit at the feet of Jesus” is the invitation for each person who participates in this experience. In *The Rule for Hermitages* written by St. Francis, the scripture story of Mary and Martha was central. Franciscan Hermitage Experience uniquely incorporates these roles. The “Marys”, the participants, sit at the feet of Jesus. The “Marthas”, the facilitators, tend to the needs of the participants.

Franciscan Hermitage Experience follows a regular rhythm of eating, prayer and reflection with a special emphasis upon sharing your experience with those who journey with you for the weekend. Within this framework, the spirituality of Francis and Clare of Assisi will be presented through song, scripture, reflections, readings and poetry.



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“The Franciscan Hermitage Experience filled my heart’s desire to look deep into myself and find there the abundant presence of God, who created me simply to be. The experience is a gift that touches the heart and soul through all the senses. It helped me reach beyond myself and put me in touch with the needs of a family member who is suffering and crying out for the touch of Jesus in her life. It is an all-encompassing three days that makes a difference. You are being offered this gift. Is Jesus inviting *you* to come and sit at His feet?”
-Karen Stangel



CEDARS RETREAT CENTER



Franciscan Hermitage Experience is held at The Cedars Retreat Center in Oregon City. This four day silent retreat, offered in June and November, is limited to 11 participants. Due to the high demand for this retreat, early registration is encouraged.

Cost: \$350 (includes meals and lodging)
Scholarships are available.

To Register Contact:
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“Just to be,
is a blessing;
just to live,
is holy.”
-A. Heschel