



VISION CIRCLE NEWSLETTER

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Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write down the vision clearly upon the tablets, so that one can read it readily.

For the vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint;

If it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late.

The rash one has no integrity; but the just one, because of his faith, shall live. (Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4)

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**SPECIAL BLESSINGS TO
MARIA ELENA
MARTINEZ , PATTY
PODHAISKY & KAREN
ZIMMERMAN**

The Vision Circle sends you special blessings and many thanks for your love, loyalty and hard work as a part of the Vision Circle.

We wish all of you well as you continue your work and ministries!

A Gathering of the Sons and Daughters of Magdalen: We Are the Constitutions – A Reflection On Our Gospel Life

Retreat was held July 31 – August 6, 2011

The Gathering took place at the Christine Center in Milwaukee, WI where we were told, "A heart-centered home for the soul would welcome us!" The promise was kept according to the twelve who gathered for this Vision Circle retreat. Below are a few of the comments we received:

- I'm grateful for the community we shared during these days of prayer, contemplation, renewal and grace...a pace just right!
- The "Sons and Daughters of Magdalen Retreat" was a blessing on a multitude of levels! The shared topics and personal sharing amid moments of song, prayer, movement and laughter tended to my soul in ways few retreats ever have.
- It is good for us to be here – and share the blessing of our "we" in such a variety of ways.
- The place was so right; the people (participants, crew, et. al.) were the best. Sharing and togetherness to be registered among sacred memories! Kudos to all!
- It was a blessed time to again deepen our connections! How wonderful to be daughters of Magdalen together.
- What a gift it is to share soul space with my sisters. The variety of expressions of our sacred heritage is a wonder to behold. I am so glad I was able to make this pilgrimage to the Wisconsin woods.
- Words we use in our constitutions (#53) to describe community... A place where visions are shared and persons awakened to their true potential came to me as we moved through these days together. Moments like this shared experience bring to life for me our charism and the heritage of Mother Magdalen.

Are you inclined to “Call A Circle”?

All manner of gatherings is encouraged. A thought would be to possibly gather all types of musicians, dancers, etc.

Let the Vision Circle know about your gatherings so we can include this information in our next newsletter.

Inspired to share a reflection, post a question, write a message, connect? Find out who’s “out there” by joining our Franciscan Presence Google group

<http://groups.google.com/group/Franciscan-presence>

Do you have questions, creative ideas, or suggestions you wish to share with the Vision Circle? If so, contact your province Vision Circle representative.

Vision Circle...

“Our intention is to continue visioning, animating and deepening the embodiment of our North American Franciscan Presence in the way of Magdalen.”

Retreat - In order to carry on with all that has begun we are planning another Franciscan Presence Gathering in **July of 2012**. The Franciscan Federation Conference will be held in Cincinnati, OH July 27 – 30, 2012. We will plan to return to the Tiffin, Ohio retreat center where we held our first gathering in 2010. For those of you attending the Federation Conference we will plan to rent a van for the 3.5 hour drive to Tiffin. We anticipate the cost to be \$460.00 so please begin planning now for your 2012 retreat the first week of **August!** We will provide you will more details as we get closer to the date.

Communications - Through our common website...future possible webcast information coming in the near future.

WELCOME TO THE VISION CIRCLE: MICHEL GALLEGOS (SFP Associate), SUSAN MARTINEZ (SHP Associate) and SR. RITA CAMMACK (SHP) !

Your Vision Circle,

Joanne F., Mary L., Michel G., Rita C., Susan M., Donna R.

Inter-Province Website – www.franciscanway.org

Have you looked at our inter-provincial website lately?! Our wonderful web animators have been working to make our website user friendly, attractive, informational, inviting, FULL OF POSSIBILITIES!

Your province web assistants are ready and willing to add your events, stories, etc. to our website. Please contact either Mara Walton, and Nan Simon (HNP), Patty Podhaisky and Kris Fitzgerald-Rohr (SHP), Jan Gwinn and Andres & Minerva Sanchez (SFP). Your help is needed to keep our website fresh and exciting.

We encourage you to make www.franciscanway.org your home page so that you don’t miss out on any of the happenings!

How Do You Skype...?

A number of our sisters in SFP have downloaded the Skype application for their computers and are beginning to try it out. Two other sisters are roving around the province to get them up to speed. The Cantic Community has met by Skype a couple of times. This has been a great way to communicate between their regular meetings.

Sisters Mary Catherine and Alice HNP have thoroughly enjoyed speaking to and seeing Maria Elena Martinez and the Sisters in Chiapis via Skype. What a thrill it was! Also, they have enjoyed Skyping with Donna Rimmer, who went to their home to show them how to access the program. In time and with more use they hope this will become a better means of communication with our Sisters.