



February 2018

A Special Invitation

Deepening the Contemplative Dimension of Servant Leadership

A Formation-Conference in the context of a retreat setting fostering the integrity of loving service and its relationship to Contemplative Service

Dear Friends,

The last formation entitled “*Deepening the Contemplative Dimension of Servant Leadership*” was offered in 2014. Due to numerous requests, the “*Deepening*” will be offered once again this year. **Mark your calendar for June 24-30, 2018** and plan to attend. We are excited to have you join us at the Marianist Center in St. Louis, Missouri as persons seeking to explore the contemplative dimension of servant leadership, fostering the spirit of loving service.

We have called this event a formation, a conference and a retreat. It is our expectation that the content of offerings will prompt new insights of service in the contemplative dimension as the week unfolds. It is a retreat in that we will share Centering Prayer, silence, ritual, chant and wisdom gatherings in community. Perhaps due to our desire for a deeper understanding of authentic service filled with heartfelt compassion for self and others, and discernment of the purpose of our call, the Spirit has inspired this event.

No one can “teach” the nature and essence of contemplative service. We can only reflect on our personal shared experience of service that strives to transmit the contemplative “*Christ in You, Christ in Me*” dimension of the gospel. This week will be a mutual learning experience for both staff and participants.

Susan Komis, Kess Frey and Susan Rush will be your staff servants. You will enjoy the hospitality and beauty of the Marianist Center coupled with a private room with private bath!

Note: Detailed information and registration form is included in the attached brochure.

Travel: We ask that you register as soon as possible as space is limited. For persons arriving St. Louis via air travel, please make your flight reservation to **arrive St. Louis no later than 2:00 pm on June 24th** and **departure flight time on June 30th not before 2:00 pm**. This insures that we will be able to provide shuttle transportation to and from the retreat facility in one group.

“Meet me in St. Louis”... is calling your name! See you this summer in June!

With Holy Expectation,
Susan Komis, Susan Rush and Kess Frey

“His power is at work among you ...do you not recognize yourselves as people in whom Christ is present?”
2 Corinthians 13:3, 5