

FRANCISCAN PREACHING: A RETREAT-WORKSHOP

Monday, July 30, 2018 – Friday, August 3, 2018

Marytown Conference Center, Libertyville, IL

Description:

Our Franciscan Perspective on living in the world colors the way we preach. The week will be a combination of reflection on how we preach as Capuchin Franciscans and suggestions on how we can preach in ways that even more fully express our lived Franciscan tradition and patrimony. People appreciate our Franciscan style and content and derive hope and consolation from it. This is our gift to the Church.

Monday, July 30 (Blessed Solanus Casey)

Registration in the afternoon, getting settled, informal gathering

5:15 Supper

7:00 Evening Prayer

Evening Session: (Bill C. and John P.) Description of our time together and what we hope to accomplish. “To Think and Preach Franciscan: Some Core Insights”

Social follows

Tuesday, July 31 (St. Ignatius of Loyola)

7:45 Breakfast

9:00 Morning Prayer

9:30 Conference: “Who are You, God, and Who am I?”

This session will focus on the importance of beginning with the Trinity in thinking and preaching about God: God in relationship, God as dynamic love and mercy, God as creator of a finite and dependant world. The other half of the story is ourselves, finite creatures, yet each of us loved, intended, unique—and always in relationship.

Quiet time for reflection

11:30 Eucharist

12:30 Lunch

Siesta

3:00 Session: “Characteristics of How We Preach”

Why are people attracted to our preaching? What appeals to them? What moves their hearts? (and all for good reasons)

5:00 Dinner

7:00 Evening Prayer

Social

Wednesday, August 1, 2018 (St. Alphonsus Liguori)

7:45 Breakfast

9:00 Morning Prayer

9:30 Conference: “Jesus, our Way, our Truth, and our Life”

The Incarnation is the Mystery through which we were born. God so loved us that God sent the Son, the WORD

BECOME HUMAN. God did this freely, out of LOVE. Jesus is thus the first-born of all creation, THE Sacrament of GOD TRIUNE, who is the human face of God. Jesus is our Way, our Truth, and our Life.

Question: Where is sin in all this good news?

Reflection time

11:30 Eucharist

12:30 Lunch

Siesta

3:00 Conference: “Preaching Jesus”

How did Jesus preach? Simply, using of stories, images, and examples.

5:00 Dinner

7:00 Evening Prayer

Social

Thursday, August 2, 2018 (Feast of Our Lady of the Angels)

7:45 Breakfast

9:00 Morning Prayer

9:30 Conference: “Preaching Grace, Rather than Sin”

Franciscan preaching focuses on grace over sin, optimism over pessimism. This gives the hearers POWER to cooperate with God in living the gospel in the world.

The Franciscan Insight focuses on MERCY over human justice, perfect joy over getting even, possibility and opportunity over limitations

Franciscan preaching recognizes the uniqueness of each person and the freedom that God has given to each of us to love and do good,

Quiet Reflection

11:30 Eucharist

12:30 Lunch

Siesta

3:00 Conference: “Pope Francis and Franciscan Preaching”

Since becoming pope, Pope Francis has regularly emphasized the importance of preaching. His emphasis and style affirm our own “Franciscan” preaching. Of special importance are his exhortations *Gaudium Evangelii* and *Gaudete et Exultate*.

5:00 Dinner

7:00 Evening Prayer

Social

Friday, August 3, 2018

7:45 Breakfast

9:00 Morning Prayer

9:30 Conference: Open discussion on the content of these days, best practices, etc

11:30 Eucharist

12:30 Lunch and Departure