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After a distinguished teaching career, she is now professor emerita of New Testament studies and Christian spirituality at the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, California. She is the author of numerous books including a major trilogy on religious life: Finding the Treasure: Locating Catholic Religious Life in a New Ecclesial and Cultural Context (2000); Selling All: Commitment, Consecrated Celibacy, and Community in Catholic Religious Life (2001); and Buying the Field: Catholic Religious Life in Mission to the World (2013).

Her most recent work is Jesus Risen in Our Midst: Essays on the Resurrection of Jesus in the Fourth Gospel (2014).

Registered seminar participants may purchase Sandra Schneiders’ trilogy on religious life from Paulist Press at a 40% discount.
The Consecrated Life

Pope Francis has designated 2015 the Year of Consecrated Life. "A radical approach is required of all Christians," the Pope stated in making this announcement, "but religious persons are called upon to follow the Lord in a special way: They are men and women who can awaken the world." Cardinal João Braz de Aviz, Prefect of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, noted that 2015 is also the 50th anniversary of the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council. "We believe that the Council has been a breath of the Spirit not only for the whole Church," he stated, "but perhaps especially, for the consecrated life." The Prefect designated three objectives for the Year of Consecrated Life: grateful remembrance of the recent past, embracing the future with hope, and living the present with passion. Women and men religious, oblates and associate members of religious orders, and women and men in discernment about consecrated life are invited to explore these objectives with Sandra M. Schneiders, IHM in the context of a week of prayer at Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana.

A special feature of this seminar is the opportunity for persons discerning a call to consecrated life to request a mentor for the duration of the seminar. Anyone who desires will be paired with a professed member of a religious order with whom she or he may share prayer, meals, and conversation throughout the week.

COSTS

$ 40 Non-refundable registration fee ($65 for registrations received after April 1, 2015)
$180 Board – Sunday dinner through Saturday breakfast
$160 Single room in Regina Hall*
$200 Tuition (There is a 10% discount for groups of three or more traveling together from the same community within a religious congregation.)

$580 Total

*Limited number of air conditioned apartments in Opus Hall are available for an additional $75 for the week. Lodging for Saturday, June 13 and Saturday, June 20 is available for an additional $45 per night. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Inn at Saint Mary's for a discounted rate. For pricing and information, contact Kathy Guthrie, (574) 284-4636 or kguthrie@saintmarys.edu.

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