Sandra M. Schneiders, IHM

Professor Schneiders received her BA from Marygrove College, her MA from the University of Detroit, her licentiate of sacred theology from the Institut Catholique de Paris, and her doctorate of sacred theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. 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 in the new millennium: 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). Forthcoming in 2014 is the book Jesus Risen in Our Midst: Essays on the Resurrection of Jesus in the Fourth Gospel.

Registered seminar participants will be eligible to purchase Sandra Schneiders’ trilogy Religious Life in a New Millennium from Paulist Press at a special seminar price. Contact Kathy Guthrie, (574) 284-4636 or kguthrie@saintmarys.edu for more details.
Catholic Religious Life in a New Millennium

“The Reign of God, “ Jesus said, “is like a treasure hidden in a field which a person found . . . and out of joy sold all to buy that field” (Matt 13:44). What is this treasure that inspires some to sell all? What does it mean to give one’s life completely to the service of the reign of God in the context of a new millennium marked by social, cultural, ecological and economic crises? Women religious, men religious, oblates and associate members of religious orders, women and men in discernment about religious life, and all who wish to deepen their religious commitment are invited to explore these and other fundamental questions 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 religious life to request a mentor for the duration of the seminar. If they so desire, they will be paired with a professed member of a religious order with whom they can share prayer, meals, and conversation throughout the week.

COSTS

$ 40 Non-refundable registration fee ($65 for registrations received after April 1, 2014)
$180 Board – Sunday dinner through Saturday breakfast
$160 Single room in Regina Hall*
$200 Tuition (There is a 10% discount for groups of 3 or more from the same religious community.)

$580 Total

*A limited number of air conditioned apartments are available for an additional $75 for the week. Lodging for Saturday, July 12 and Saturday, July 19 is available for an additional $45 per night.

SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 13
1:00 – 4:15 p.m. Registration
5:30 p.m. Dinner

Monday, July 14 – Friday, July 18
7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Morning prayer
9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Morning sessions with Sandra Schneiders, IHM

Monday: The Mystery of the Incarnation as the Foundation of Religious Life
Tuesday: Evangelical Poverty
Wednesday: Poverty of Spirit
Thursday: Prophetic Obedience
Friday: The Prophetic Vocation

11:15 a.m. Eucharist
11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Lunch
1:30 – 2:45 p.m. Facilitated discussion
3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Afternoon sessions

Monday: The Gift of Religious Communities of Women to the Church and the World
Susan Ross, Loyola University
Tuesday: Monasticism’s Gift of Contemplative Prayer to the Church and the World
Keith J. Egan, Saint Mary’s College
Wednesday: The Gift of Religious Communities of Men to the Church and the World
Cornelius Hubbuch, CFX
Thursday: Giving All: The Witness of Martyrs
Film: They Killed Sister Dorothy
Response and discussion facilitated by Elizabeth Bowyer, SND
Friday: Giving All: The Witness of Martyrs
Film: The Last Journey of Oscar Romero
Response and discussion facilitated by Robert Pelton, CSC

5:15 p.m. Dinner
7:15 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Evening Vespers: Lady Chapel, University of Notre Dame; Some optional evening activities will also be scheduled.

Saturday, July 19
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast