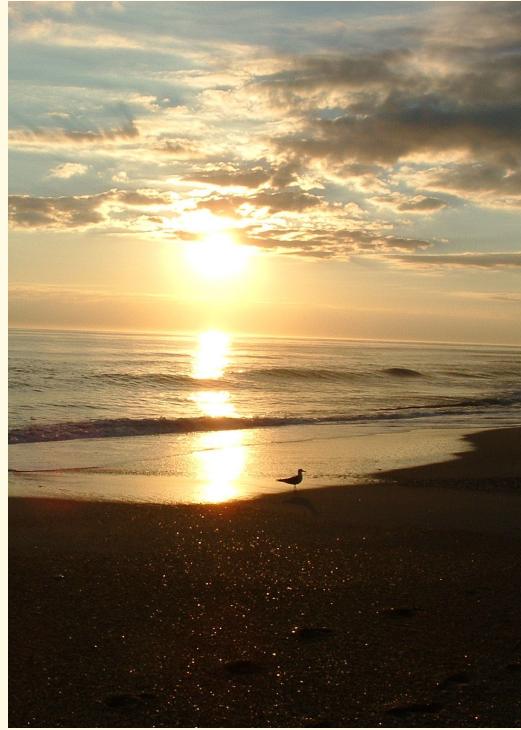


# THROUGH GRIEF TO NEW LIFE



## Spirituality for Meeting God in Transition Times

A Two Day Educational Workshop  
for Leadership and Members of Congregations  
Sponsored by the  
National Religious Retirement Office

## THROUGH GRIEF TO NEW LIFE: A Spirituality for Meeting God in Transition Times

In religious life, we are living in a time of radical, deeply unsettling change. With every change comes loss, and the need for healthy grieving and experiencing a new sense of hope. Crossing the bridge from the pain of loss to hope requires that we acknowledge what has happened and find ways to enable community members to support and minister to one another.

### SUMMARY OF WORKSHOP

*An educational workshop for  
Leadership and Members  
of Congregations*

- To introduce participants to the power of unresolved grief, its affect on a congregation as well as introducing a process that will help religious heal unresolved grief thus releasing the potential for a new freedom and spiritual vitality as they age.
- To provide support as well as information showing how unresolved grief issues can impact individuals, groups, and leadership teams themselves.
- To provide an overview of the healing process and components of the workshop for religious: ***Through Grief to New Life: A Spirituality for Meeting God in Transition Times.***

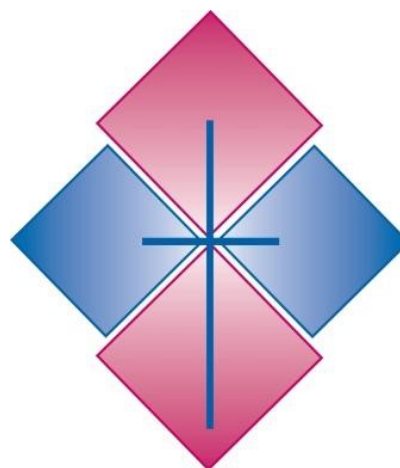
## OUR PRESENTERS

**Sr. Mary C. Hopkins, OP** is a Dominican Sister of the Congregation of Sinsinawa, WI. She is a Consultant on Third Age and Retirement needs for Congregations of female and male religious as well as dioceses. In addition to this she also preaches retreats for religious and has a spiritual direction and counseling practice. Mary is a member of the Spirituality and Aging Board of the American Society On Aging. Preparation for these various ministries includes a Masters Degree in Counseling/Spirituality from Loyola University, Baltimore MD, and a BA in Education from Edgewood College, Madison WI. Mary is also a Certified Grief Specialist and certified in Advanced Bereavement Counseling Skills.

**Br. Wayne J. Fitzpatrick, M.M.** is a Maryknoll Missioner and Assistant Regional Superior for the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers in the U.S. Region. Wayne holds an M.A. from the Maryknoll School of Theology and an M.S. from Loyola University, Baltimore in Pastoral Counseling. He holds a Certificate in Geriatric Care Management from Misericordia University, Dallas, PA. Wayne has also given workshops and retreats to clergy, religious and laity in the U.S., Canada and overseas on themes of the Spirituality of the Elder Years, Touching the Holy and Meeting God in Times of Change and Transition. Wayne is presently the Managing Director of Senior Care and Transition Services for the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers.

"Weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning"

*Psalm 30:5*



### ***Comments from previous workshops:***

*"A much needed topic at this stage of the religious life for all of us."*

*"Very practical advice and a good deal of hope."*

*"Extremely valuable and timely."*

*"Excellent gathering!"*

## Registration Information

The workshop will be held at:

**St. Paul of the Cross Passionist  
Retreat Center**  
23333 Schoolcraft  
Detroit, MI 48223

Website: [www.stpaulretreat.org](http://www.stpaulretreat.org)

**October 8 - 10, 2018**

### Plan Ahead

#### **Monday, October 8**

- \* Check in at 3:00 P.M.
- \* Dinner at 6:00 P.M.
- \* Evening Session at 7:00 P.M.

#### **Wednesday, October 10**

- \* Workshop concludes at 4:00 P.M.
- \* Dinner at 6:00 P.M.
- \* For participants that request lodging for three nights breakfast on Thursday morning is included.

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- ♦ Registration is **per person** and includes program, meals, and lodging for two or three nights. Details on the Registration Form.
- ♦ The remainder of all expenses will be paid for by the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Please continue to pray for these donors.
- ♦ For financial assistance to attend, or any questions, please contact Sister Stephanie Still at (202) 541-3215 or [SStill@usccb.org](mailto:SStill@usccb.org)

# Registration Form

*Through Grief to New Life Spirituality for Meeting God in Transition Times*

**October 8 - 10, 2018**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Institute: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration is per person. Includes program, meals (dinner Monday and three meals Tuesday and Wednesday), and lodging for two or three nights. Registration deadline is September 15, 2018.**

## Please Check The Following:

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Commuter: \$75 per person for two days includes meals

### I need lodging for:

Two nights (Monday Oct.8, Tuesday Oct.9)

\_\_\_\_\_ Single room: \$200 per person for two nights

\_\_\_\_\_ \*Double room: \$100 per person for two nights

### I need lodging for:

Three nights (Monday Oct.8, Tuesday Oct.9, Wednesday Oct.10)

\_\_\_\_\_ Single room: \$250 per person for three nights

\_\_\_\_\_ \*Double room: \$150 per person for three nights

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like breakfast Thursday morning

**\*I would like to share a room with:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to: **Retirement Fund For Religious** and mail with completed form to:

**National Religious Retirement Office**

**3211 Fourth Street, NE**

**Washington, DC 20017**