

Wisdom Center at Most Precious Blood 2011 Schedule



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SPIRITUAL ELDERING

(formerly called "Elder Training")

In a new location

22 Sessions

Tuesdays

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Begins September 20

Registration Deadline: September 12

NEW LOCATION IN 2011

Church of the Risen Christ

3060 S. Monaco Parkway

Denver, CO 80222

Facilitator: Sr. Macrina Scott, OSF

Certified Sage-ing Leader

Cost \$220 before August 30

(\$250 after August 30)

For more information

Please call Sr. Macrina Scott, OSF

(303) 756-3083, ext 129

What is SPIRITUAL ELDERING?

The "Spiritual Eldering" training program is a pioneering process developed by Wisdom Center. Its purpose is to support individuals in their transition into elderhood. Using exercises developed by Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi (author of "From Age-ing to Sage-ing") and consistent with the "conscious ageing movement," it assists us in harvesting the rich experience of our lives. It helps us find patterns that make each life a unique work of art, healing whatever needs healing, to make us complete and free to serve our world as wise elders.

As Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB reflected, "The gift of these years is not merely being alive—it is the gift of becoming more fully alive than ever." (*The Gift of Years*, BlueBridge, 2008)

Major Topic Areas

What is a Spiritual Elder?

Life Review: Gratitude and Healing

Telling My Story: Decade by Decade

Facing My Death—To Live More Fully

Becoming An Active Elder

The Biblical Story and My Story

Course Requirements

Regular class participation

About 1 hour of reading/reflection for each session

Two individual sessions with Sr. Macrina

No tests or written homework!

Deadline for registration: 9/12/11

Wisdom Center is a ministry begun by the Franciscan Sisters of Marycrest and now continued by Most Precious Blood Parish.

It offers programs in spirituality for the second half of life inspired by the work of

Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi.

It aims to serve elders of all religious traditions and those with none.

Opening Event 2011

**“Gray Hair is the Crown of Glory”
(Proverbs 16:31)**

Reflections on Aging and the Elderly in Biblical Wisdom Literature

Sunday, September 18

2:00 PM

Most Precious Blood Parish Center

\$10 for registration before September 8

\$15 after September 8

Angeline Hubert was a much loved teacher in the Denver Catholic Biblical School for 20 years. She then moved to teach the same program at the Dallas School of Ministry. Since returning to Denver in 2009 she has been much in demand for classes, lectures, workshops, and days of reflection on scripture, spirituality, and related topics.

How to be a Perfect Stranger in Heaven: Learning Religious Etiquette from the Elders in the Book of Revelation

Wednesday, October 5

10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Most Precious Blood Church – RCIA Room

\$15

In Revelation starting in chapter 4, John is a visitor to heaven. Like the “perfect stranger” in the popular guidebooks, upon entering God’s house he needs some clues about how to behave at the unfamiliar ceremonies going on. The 24 elders help make John feel at home and offer examples of right behavior in God’s home. Of course they also remind us how we ought to behave in our relationship with God.

Steve Mueller, PhD, author of *The Seeker’s Guide to Reading the Bible: A Catholic View* and *The Seeker’s Guide to Jesus in the Gospels*, has taught scripture, theology and philosophy to college students, and he helped develop and taught in the original Denver Catholic Biblical School program of scripture study for adult laity. He was also Editor-in-Chief for *Living with Christ*. He is a popular speaker on biblical theology and spirituality.

Our Evolving Search for God— a Worldview Based on the New Cosmology

Wednesday, October 12

9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Most Precious Blood Church – RCIA Room

Facilitator: Thoy Smith, retired Catholic School Educator & Retreat Leader

\$15 registration before October 3; \$20 after

We will explore ways to integrate the new story of the universe with our search for Holy Mystery. Recommended, but not required, advance reading: *Radical Amazement* by Judy Cannato.

Writing My Stories in the Light of the Jesus Story—Workshop on Turning Your Life into Story

Fridays, October 21, 28, November 4

10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Most Precious Blood Church – RCIA Room

Facilitators: Sister Macrina Scott, OSF,

Director of the Wisdom Center

and Carol Sullivan PhD,

experienced teacher of writing and literature.

For the three sessions

\$30 early bird registration before October 7;

\$35 after October 7

Reunion: Riches and Poverty According to Luke

Wednesday, November 9

10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Most Precious Blood Church – RCIA Room

\$10

This is a time for those who have completed the Elder Training or Spiritual Eldering program to reconnect and share their ongoing adventures as elders. To spark sharing they will use a chapter from Sister Macrina's book on the Gospel of Luke.

Tobit: An Intergenerational Tale

Wednesday, November 16

10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Most Precious Blood Church – RCIA Room

\$15

Listen afresh to the adventures of two generations of the biblical families of Tobit and Raguel, and reflect on the wisdom they offer for today's elders.

Sister Macrina Scott, OSF, a Marycrest Franciscan, has taught and written on scripture for 30 years, and she now serves as director of Wisdom Center.

Advent Retreat: Elders in the Bible

Wednesday, December 7

9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Most Precious Blood Parish Center

\$30 must be sent by November 25

Lunch is included

A day of prayer in the company of elders from the Bible. Prayer, input, and sharing. Take a fresh look at Abraham and Sarah, Moses and Miriam, Eleazar and the mother of the seven martyred sons, Job and his wife, Elizabeth and Zechariah, Simeon and Anna, and the Elder Mary. Bring your Bible.

Sister Macrina Scott, OSF, founder of the Denver Catholic Biblical School and author of *Bible Stories Revisited: Discover Your Story in the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles* and *Bible Stories Revisited: Discover Your Story in the Old Testament*, is an experienced retreat leader.

Ash Wednesday Retreat at Loretto Spirituality Center 4000 S. Wadsworth Blvd.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

February 21, 22, 23

Retreat will begin with supper Tuesday and end with lunch Thursday. Mass and distribution of ashes will be included, as well as quiet time, time for sharing, and talks by Sister Macrina on the first chapters of the Gospel of John. For registrations before February 11: \$150 for overnight; \$85 for commuters. After February 11, add \$25.



Email is the best way we can keep you up to date on Wisdom Center activities. If you are not receiving emails from us, please send your email address to: macrina@mpbdenver.org.



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REGISTRATION FORM

Advance registration is required for all programs.

Register by phone (303-756-3083) or email (macrina@mpbdenver.org).

Pay at the door, except for Spiritual Eldering and the Advent and Ash Wednesday retreats.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____

___ **“Spiritual Eldering”** - \$220 (\$250 after August 30)

___ **Advent Retreat** \$30

___ **Ash Wednesday Retreat** - \$150 overnight, \$85 commuter, \$25 late fee after February 11

**Partial scholarships based on need
 are available for all programs.**

*Please make all checks payable to **Wisdom Center** and
 enclose payment with registration. Mail registration to:*

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