



About Our Speaker

Caryn Crook, OSF was born and raised in Fulton, NY. She attended Keystone Jr. College in Pennsylvania and received an Associate in Arts Degree. Caryn then attended the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry where she received her Bachelor of Forest Biology. Following graduation, Caryn entered the Peace Corps and lived in the Central African Republic for two years teaching farmers how to raise Tilapia in ponds.

Following her commitment in the Peace Corps, she began working for the US Fish and Wildlife Service in a program entitled "Partners for Fish and Wildlife". In this position, she was responsible for restoring wildlife habitat on private property concentrating mostly on wetland restoration.

She entered the Sisters of St. Francis in 2005 and in 2007, she began working at the Spirituality and Nature Center at Alverna Heights as the Franciscan Ecology Coordinator.

During the past four summers, Caryn has taken classes in Franciscan Studies at St. Bonaventure University. Her goal is to incorporate her knowledge of wildlife biology with the Franciscan Theology of Creation.



For more information on this day-long event, call the Parish Nurse Ministries of New York, Inc. at 716-566-1163 or email pnmny179@aol.com

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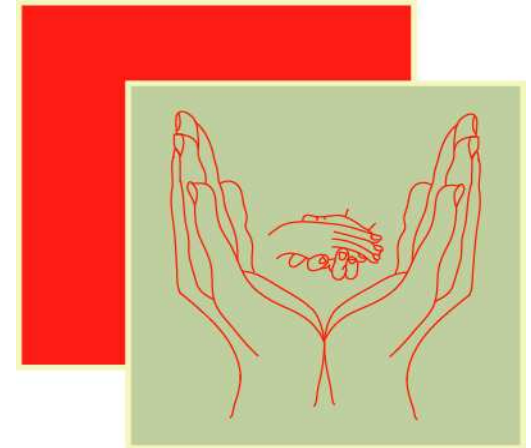
Finding the Abundant Life...

As Stewards of God's Creation

Saturday, April 24, 2010

Christ the King Seminary
(Main Dining Hall)

711 Knox Road
East Aurora, New York 14052



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About this Ecumenical Conference

One can view creation through many different lenses. This ecumenical presentation will cover the teachings of Francis of Assisi and other Franciscan Scholars on creation and God's relationship with Creation. It will also focus on the science of Ecology to further define creation as we understand it today. Emphasis on the ecological crises that face us today and how we, as believers in the one true God, are called to address them.

We believe God has given us the task of stewardship of the whole of creation as part of God's plan of life that is abundant, whole and eternal. Not only do we have a responsibility for the care of each other, but also the care of the environment. So, in addition to being mindful of the ways humans relate to one another for health and wellness, we also need to find ways to intentionally relate faithfully to the environment.



Learning Objectives

Participants will be able to:

1. Articulate a deeper understanding of creation and God's relationship to creation and the created;
2. Explain some of the principles of Ecology that underpin the structure of creation;
3. Develop a deeper understanding of our Creator;
4. Define the role humankind plays in creation; and
5. State what is "ours to do" regarding the ecological crises of the world today.



Agenda

8:00 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast (Main Dining Hall)
8:30 am	Opening Prayer - Rev. Deacon Thomas Tripp St Peter's Episcopal Church Welcome - Lois Smith, President, PNMNY, Inc. - Parish Nurse, Jordan Grove, Missionary Baptist Church
8:45 am	First Session - God and Creation - Sister Caryn Crook, OSF
9:45 am	Break and Vendor table visits
10:15 am	Second Session - Ecology and Creation - Sister Caryn Crook, OSF
11:15 am	Private Reflection with facilitating worksheets/Vendor visits
12:00 pm	Grace before Lunch - Rev Gregory Faulhaber, Vice Rector, Christ the King Seminary
1:15 pm	Third Session - What is "Ours to Do" - Sister Caryn Crook, OSF
2:15 pm	Closing Devotion - Arlene Zawadzki, Parish Nurse - UB Newman Center - Sue Allen, Parish Nurse - Good Shepherd Community of Faith
2:45 pm	Evaluation



Registration Form

Fees include meals, breaks, and conference materials

(Please check one)

- PNMNY member fee \$45.
 Registration Fee for non-members \$50.

Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Daytime Phone and Cell Phone

Email Address

Position/Title and Place of Employment

Faith Community Affiliation

Emergency Contact and Phone Number

Lunch Entrée Choice (Check one)

- Salad with Grilled Chicken
 Grilled Chicken and Vegetables

Overnight Stay (Optional)

- Dorm Room available for 4/23/10 - \$25

Please register before April 14, 2010

Return registration with check or money order to:

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