



Center for Spiritual Development

Soul Space

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

A Ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange

THE GOD OF SELF-EMPTYING LOVE

By Sister Jeanne Fallon, CSJ

*The wisdom of this world,
the practice of grabbing wealth, power and authority
over people and over creation,
is not the wisdom or the path that leads to an encounter
with the God of Self-Emptying Love.*

How do we come to know this God of self-emptying love? Perhaps just to ask the question is a first step. In the Gospel of John, Philip asks Jesus, “*Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied*” (14:8). Imagine, for a moment, Jesus shaking his head, saying to Philip, “You’ve seen me all this time. You’ve been with me healing the broken-hearted, feeding the hungry, forgiving the sinner, I even washed your feet...this is what God is like!”

And we know what God is like when we know Jesus, when we see his compassion for the leper, the blind, the deaf, the rejected of his world, when we see him weeping over Jerusalem. Jesus emptied himself on the cross, giving a

blessing and a promise to the man hanging on the cross next to him because he recognized Jesus' goodness and love. When we have personal knowledge of Jesus and how he spent himself, how he poured out his love, we have come to know the God of Self-Emptying Love.

For Reflection

What are some of the ways you have come to know what God is like? Perhaps one of these scripture passages will remind you:

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. Ps. 103:8

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Mt. 11:28

In Christ, all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell... Col. 1:19

EVENTS FOR MEN AND WOMEN



Love – The Living Heartbeat of BioSpirituality

| IN-PERSON ONLY

FRI APR 14th & SAT APR 15th, 2023
10 AM - 4:30 PM

Led by John Keane*, Sr. Jeanne Fallon, CSJ, and Fr. David Robinson, SJ

*visiting from Ireland

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Art in the Garden

| GARDEN OF ST. JOSEPH CENTER

MAY 6th, 2023 | 3 PM - 6 PM



Join the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange as we celebrate our 100 years of service to the world from Orange. Art in the Garden is the final event recognizing this milestone. We will honor **Sister Ellen O'Leary, CSJ**, Artist in Residence, and **Sister Theresa LaMetterey, CSJ**, Resident Musician.

Proceeds from this outdoor event benefit the mission and ministries of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange (including CSD).

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TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE



| SACRED HEART CHAPEL

THIRD THURS OF EVERY MONTH
From 7 PM - 8 PM

Offered in prayerful collaboration between Stillpoint and the Center for Spiritual Development

APRIL 20TH

MAY 18TH

JUNE 15TH

FOR SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS



Sojourner's Well – Grace and Grit: Tools for Supervision

| OFFERED IN-PERSON & ONLINE

SAT MAY 20th, 2023
9 AM - 12:30 PM

Led by Lucy Abbott Tucker

This workshop is for spiritual directors only.

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