

8th Summer Seminar for Secular Franciscans July 6-9, 2017



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"Multiculturalism and Diversity: Who is My Neighbor?" – Presenters



Mary Stronach, OFS - Multiculturalism has been at the center of Mary's life, vocation and vision. As a foreign language teacher at the high school and college levels in Spanish, Italian, French and Latin, she has addressed diversity and how to work with people from different backgrounds. She has presented on multiculturalism and cultural competency in her role as Outreach Coordinator for an interpreting/translation organization call the Multicultural Association of Medical/Legal Interpreters. The organization serves refugees and immigrants from dozens of regions of the world – from Myanmar to Mexico.

Mary has been a Secular Franciscan since 2003 and has served at all levels. On the local and regional fraternity levels, she has been Formation Director and Commission Chair. On the

national level, she and her husband, Bob, have been Public Relations Chairpersons since 2003. More recently, Mary was elected International Councilor. Mary has also served as translator/interpreter for the Presidency of the OFS in Rome, Italy.

Carolyn D. Townes, OFS is a spiritual life and leadership coach and a loss-to-life mindset strategist, where she uses faith-based principles to provide spiritual and emotional wellness to women moving from the pain of grief and loss to a new life of purpose and peace. Her passion and mission is to help them go from a place of tragedy and trauma to a place of peace and joy.

Since professing in 2000, Carolyn has served in leadership roles in the Secular Franciscan Order, including local fraternity minister and regional secretary. She is currently the Animator for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) on the regional and national levels and serving on the International JPIC Commission. She is also an Action Commissioner and board member for the Franciscan Action Network.



Registration Information

Download registration form or register online at: <u>https://my.francis.edu/sfubus/ICFL/ICFLseminar.asp</u> Payment must accompany registration and is NON-REFUNDABLE. Register before June 1st to receive a \$25 discount on the RESIDENT registration fee. Absolutely no registrations accepted after Monday, June 19^{th.} Other questions? Contact Fr. Joe Lehman, TOR, (814) 472-3054 (daytime) or e-mail <u>ilehman@francis.edu</u>