

# BALTIMORE CARMEL *News*



*Discover the Fire of God's Love*

*Fall 2021*

*We are very excited to share our annual  
Festival of Learning*

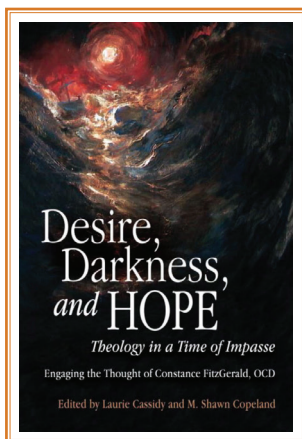
*Please Join Us for a Very Special (Virtual) Event*  
***Transforming Spirituality In A Time of Plague***

November 12-13, 2021

Theological reflections by authors of  
*Desire, Darkness and Hope, Theology in a Time of Impasse*

Engaging the Thought of Constance FitzGerald, OCD

Facilitated by Dr. M. Shawn Copeland



Passages from *Darkness, Desire and Hope*,  
edited by Laurie Cassidy and M. Shawn Copeland  
will be explored during the weekend.

The book is available through Liturgical Press  
or Baltimore Carmel (in person).

**Register on our Website: [hope.baltimorecarmel.org](http://hope.baltimorecarmel.org)**

Friday, November 12, 7:00-9:00 PM  
*Contemplative Prayer and White Supremacy*

Presenter: Laurie Cassidy

Responders: Brian McDermott, S.J. and  
Maria Teresa Morgan



Saturday, November 13 10:00 AM-Noon  
*Toward a Spirituality of Racial Justice*

Presenter: Bryan Massingale

Responders: Roberto Goizueta and Alex Mikulich



Saturday, November 13 1:15-3:15 PM  
*Impasse and Climate Crisis*

Presenter: Margie Pfiel

Responders: Susie Babka and Andrew Prevot



Saturday, November 13 3:30-4:15 PM  
*Interview/Conversation*

Janet Ruffing, RSM and Constance FitzGerald, OCD

*The program will conclude with 4:30 PM Vespers*

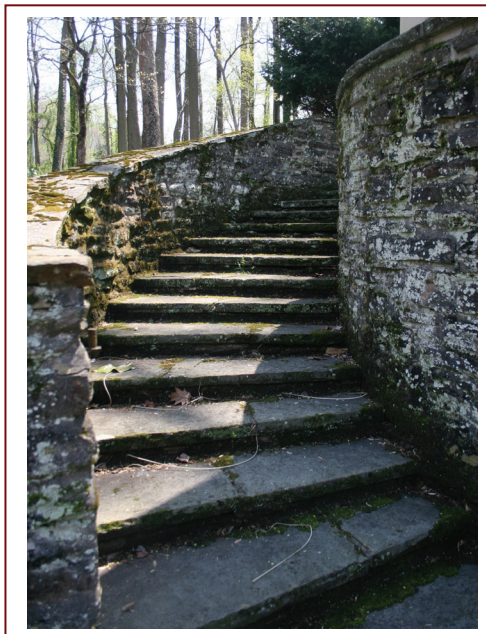
A *Lectio Divina* process will provide time for  
reflection, prayer and group sharing after each section.

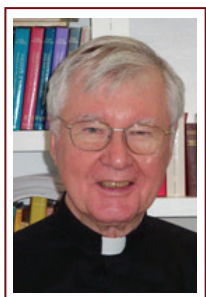
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**Laurie Cassidy** is a theologian and spiritual director currently teaching in the Christian Spirituality Program at Creighton University. An award-winning author and editor, her books include *Interrupting White Privilege: Catholic Theologians Break the Silence*, edited with Alex Mikulich. Her latest book,

*The Scandal of White Complicity and US Hyper-Incarceration: A Nonviolent Spirituality of White Resistance*, is coauthored with Alex Mikulich and Margaret Pfeil (Palgrave Macmillan, 2013). As well as being an antiracist activist, she has ministered in the area of spirituality for the past thirty years and provided spiritual direction, retreats, and workshops across the United States. Her research and writing explore the political and cultural impact of Christian mysticism in personal and social transformation.





**BRIAN O. McDERMOTT**, SJ, is special assistant to the President at Georgetown University. He previously served as Rector of the Jesuit Community, Research Professor in the Department of Theology, and Affiliate Professor in the Department of Pastoral Counseling at Loyola University Maryland. He re-

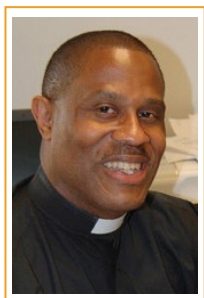
ceived his doctorate in systematic theology from the University of Nijmegen, The Netherlands, in 1973. From 1973 to 2000, he was a member of the faculty of Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge, Mass., serving as academic dean for eight of those years. For sixteen years he was director of Tertians for the Maryland and New York Province. Fr. McDermott is the author of two books, *What are They Saying About the Grace of Christ?* (Paulist Press) and *Word Become Flesh: Dimensions of Christology* (Liturgical Press) as well as numerous articles and reviews. Currently, he trains individuals to become spiritual directors and trains spiritual directors to become directors of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.



**MARIA TERESA MORGAN** is assistant professor of theology at Saint John Vianney College Seminary, where she also coordinates the Humanities Program. She is a frequent contributor to *El Ignaciano*, the on-line Jesuit magazine of the Pedro Arrupe Institute. Her area of interest lies in Christian spirituality and in theological aes-

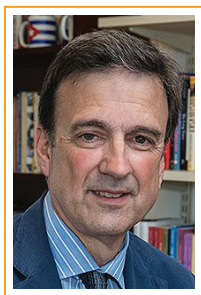
thetics. Her contribution, *The Sentinel*, draws from Constance FitzGerald's concept of societal impasse and presents a reflection on the dark night in view of the COVID-19 pandemic. Maria Teresa and her husband Robert reside in Miami, Florida.





*BRYAN N. MASSINGALE* is the James and Nancy Buckman Professor of Theological and Social Ethics, as well as the senior ethics fellow in Fordham's Center for Ethics Education. Professor Massingale is a leader in the field of theological ethics and a noted authority on issues of social and racial justice. He is president-elect of the Society of Christian Ethics, past convener of the Black Catholic

Theological Symposium, and a former president of the Catholic Theological Society of America. An award-winning author, Professor Massingale has served on the editorial boards of *Theological Studies*, *the Journal of Moral Theology*, and *the Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*. The recipient of four honorary degrees, his contributions to justice advocacy have been recognized on numerous occasions, and in 2012 he received Catholic Charities USA's Centennial Gold Medal for leadership and service in the social mission of the Roman Catholic Church and the YWCA's "Eliminating Racism" award in 2014.



*ROBERTO S. GOIZUETA* is the Margaret O'Brien Flatley Professor Emeritus of Catholic Theology at Boston College. Dr. Goizueta is a former president of both the Catholic Theological Society of America and the Academy of Catholic Hispanic

Theologians of the United States. The *National Catholic Reporter* named him one of the ten most influential US Latino/a educators, pastors, and theologians. His book *Caminemos con Jesus: Toward a Hispanic/ Latino Theology of Accompaniment* (Orbis, 1995) was named one of the “Fifty Foundational Books in Race, Ethnicity, and Religion” by the Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Religion.



*ALEX MIKULICH* is an antiracist Catholic social ethicist and activist. He coedited and contributed to *The Scandal of White Complicity and US Hyper-Incarceration: A Nonviolent Spirituality of White Resistance and Interrupting White Privilege: Catholic Theologians Break the Silence* (Orbis, 2007), which won the 2008 Theological Book of the Year Award from the College Theology Society. He is author of *Embracing Racial Intimacy: A Way of Unlearning White Supremacy* (2021). The

*National Catholic Reporter* publishes his monthly column “Decolonizing Faith and Society,” which questions the oppressive side of Western modernity and Christianity to imagine communal futures in which the earth and all peoples may thrive. He and his beloved lifetime partner Kara are proud parents of two African American children. He currently cares for adults with special needs in a farm-to-table shared-living community in the Berkshire mountains.





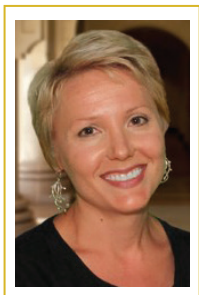


MARGARET R. PFEIL holds a joint appointment in the Theology Department and in the Center for Social Concerns at the University of Notre Dame. She is a faculty fellow of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies. Her research interests include Catholic social thought, racial justice, ecological ethics, ecumenical dialogue, and peace studies. With Tobias Winright, she coedited *Violence, Transformation, and the Sacred: They Shall Be Called Children of God* (Orbis, 2012). With

Gerald Schlabach, she coedited *Sharing Peace: Mennonites and Catholics in Conversation* (Liturgical Press, 2013), and with Laurie Cassidy and Alex Mikulich she is coauthor of *The Scandal of White Complicity and US Hyper-Incarceration: A Nonviolent Spirituality of White Resistance*. With Fr. Don McNeill, CSC, she edited the volume *Act Justly, Love Mercifully, Walk Humbly with Your God* (Andrews McMeel Universal, 2016). She is a cofounder and resident of the St. Peter Claver Catholic Worker Community in South Bend, Indiana.

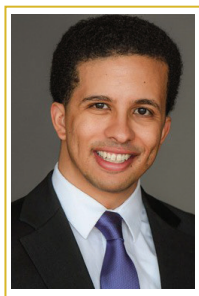






*SUSIE PAULIK BABKA* is associate professor of theology and religious studies at the University of San Diego, where she teaches courses specializing in the relationship between art and religion, theological aesthetics, the doctrine of God, and the consideration of aesthetics in interreligious encounter. She is the author of *Through the Dark Field: The Incarnation through*

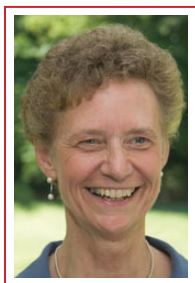
*an Aesthetics of Vulnerability* (Liturgical Press, 2017); is coeditor of *You Say You Want a Revolution: 1968-2018 in Theological Perspective*, with Elena Procaro-Foley and Sandra Yocum (Orbis, 2019); and is currently working on *Ambiguity and Resilience*, which explores the role art plays in empowering communities. She has published articles on a variety of subjects exploring the role of visual art in religious belief, including on Kathe Kollwitz as witness to suffering, the Virgin of Guadalupe and female self-portraiture, Superman and Jesus, Buddhist-Christian dialogue and modern art's influence on the Catholic Church. Her PhD is from the University of Notre Dame.



*ANDREW PREVOT* is associate professor of theology at Boston College. His research spans the areas of spiritual and mystical theology, philosophical theology and continental philosophy of religion, and various forms of political, liberation, black, and womanist theology. He is the author of *Theology and Race: Black and Womanist Traditions*

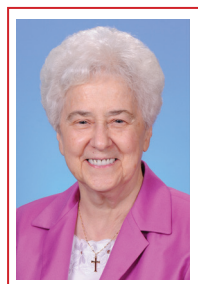
*in the United States* (Brill, 2018) and *Thinking Prayer: Theology and Spirituality amid the Crises of Modernity* (Notre Dame, 2015) and coeditor of *Anti-Blackness and Christian Ethics* (Orbis, 2017). He is currently working on a book-length study on the mysticism of ordinary life.





*JANET RUFFING, RSM*, a Sister of Mercy, is Professor Emerita of Spirituality and Spiritual Direction at Fordham University where she directed the spiritual direction program from 1986 until her arrival at Yale Divinity School in the spring of 2010. She has published five books and numerous articles on spiritual direction and supervision, mercy spirituality, female religious

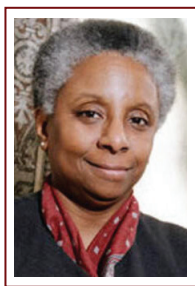
life and leadership, kataphatic mysticism, prayer, and other technical topics in spirituality. She has lectured or given workshops in the US, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, France, the UK, Ireland, India, Thailand, the Philippines, Korea, Hong Kong and Macau. She was a founding member of Spiritual Directors International and is past president of The Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality. She has also chaired the mysticism group in the AAR, been an associate editor for *The Way*, and on the Editorial Board for *Presence*. She has experience in teaching religion and English in secondary schools, in the formation of spiritual directors, permanent deacons, and women religious.



*CONSTANCE FITZGERALD, OCD*, member of the Carmelite Community in Baltimore, Maryland, is a theologian. Not only has she served her community as prioress, formation director, archivist / historian and treasurer, she was one of the founders of the Association of Contemplative Sisters in the U.S. (1969), a founding member of the Carmelite Forum (1982-2013), and a key consultant to the early work

of the Institute for Communal Contemplation and Dialogue. Sr. FitzGerald has devoted her life to the explication and interpretation of the writings of the great Carmelite mystics, with special attention to the writings of Saint John of the Cross. In 2009, she became the first contemplative nun to address the Catholic Theological Society of America (CTSA) and in 2017 the first contemplative nun to be honored by the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) with the Outstanding Leadership Award in recognition of her spiritually creative and prophetic contributions to religious life.





*M. SHAWN COPELAND*, professor of systematic theology emerita at Boston College, is an internationally recognized and award-winning writer and scholar. She is the author and/or editor of six books including *Knowing Christ Crucified: The Witness of African American Religious Experience* (2018) and *Enfleshing Freedom: Body, Race, and Being* (2010), as well as 130

articles, book chapters, and essays on spirituality, theological anthropology, political theology, social suffering, gender, and race. A former president of the Catholic Theological Society of America (CTSA), Professor Copeland is the recipient of six honorary degrees and has been recognized for outstanding contributions to theology by the Catholic Theological Society of America with the John Courtney Murray Award (2018) and by the University of Dayton with the Marianist Award (2017) and by the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities with the Monika Hellwig Award for outstanding contributions to Catholic intellectual life.



*COLETTE ACKERMAN, OCD*, is currently prioress of the Baltimore Carmel community. Sr. Ackerman is the archivist for Carmelite Communities Associated (CCA), the first association of Carmelite nuns in the United States. She has served CCA in leadership and as a consultant. Sr. Ackerman has served in the ministry of initial

formation for her community and has published on St. Therese of Lisieux and other areas of Carmelite spirituality and history. Her areas of special interest include the development of a strong community life based on St. Teresa's model of friendship, inclusion, and care; the transmission of Carmelite spirituality through various forms of outreach; and, especially, the witness of a contemporary, contemplative community sharing liturgy, prayer, and companionship with those seeking a connection with God in their daily lives of struggle and hope.

## Other Upcoming Events:

*Sunday, October 3 at 9 a.m.*  
Eucharistic Celebration of Therese of Lisieux  
Join us Virtually or In-Person



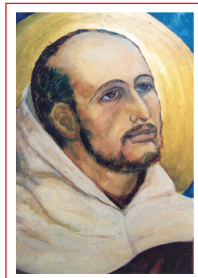
*Sunday, October 17, 9 a.m.*  
Eucharistic Celebration of Teresa of Avila  
Join us Virtually or In-Person

## Lectio Divina (Virtual)

October 9 at 2 p.m.  
Dianne Bergant, CSA  
providing the commentary



October 30 at 2 p.m.  
Pat Parachini, SNJM  
providing the commentary



**The Beauty of the Incarnation:**  
An Advent Candlelight Service with St. John of the Cross  
December 13 at 7 p.m.  
Join us Virtually or In-Person