

## Religious Life Speakers' Bureau

*Those listed here are pleased to offer programs, to preach, to give meditations, and to lead retreats, as indicated. Honoraria and travel expenses reimbursement are very much appreciated. The speakers are listed under monastic communities and under Christian Communities. Names will be added and entries will be updated on a regular basis.*

*You may also contact religious communities directly:*

*Monastic communities: [www.caroa.net](http://www.caroa.net)*

*Christian communities: [www.naecc.net](http://www.naecc.net)*

### Monastic Communities

The Rev. Miriam Elizabeth Bledsoe, OSH

Order of Saint Helena

Location: North Augusta, SC

Available to: preach, lead retreats/quiet days/workshops/meditations

Topics: prayer, discernment, desert spirituality, spiritual practices, rule of life, Mary the Mother of Jesus; willing to explore other topics as requested

In person or online

Contact: [SrMiriamElizabethOSH@gmail.com](mailto:SrMiriamElizabethOSH@gmail.com)

The Rev. Ellen Francis, OSH

Order of Saint Helena

Location: North Augusta, SC

Available to: give presentations, preach

Topics: religious life, living a rule of life, religious vows, spiritual practice of discernment, interfaith dialogue, art and craft as spiritual practice, and other topics as requested

In person or online

Contact: [ellenfrancisosh@gmail.com](mailto:ellenfrancisosh@gmail.com)

Br. Robert James Magliula, OHC

Order of the Holy Cross

Location: West Park, NY

Available to: preach, lead retreats, and parish presentations

Topics: discernment, spiritual formation and practices

In person or online

Contact: [superior@hcmnet.org](mailto:superior@hcmnet.org)

Phone: 845 384-6660 x3006

Cell: 845 233-8317

Sister Elizabeth Grace Mills, CSM

Community of St. Mary

Location: Sewanee, TN

Available to: preach, give presentation, lead retreats and quiet days

Topics: Creating a Rule of Life, Quiet days/retreats on a variety of topics, How to become an Associate, Community of St. Mary History, Religious Life, Benedictine Balance and Spirituality  
In person or online

Contact: [elizabeth925mills@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth925mills@gmail.com)

Sister Hannah Winkler, CSM

Community of St. Mary

Location: Sewanee, TN

Available to: preach, give presentations, lead retreats and meditations

Topics: Advent and Lenten Quiet Days, Benedictine Monasticism, Rule of St. Benedict, Benedictine Spirituality, Nutrition and Spirituality, History of Religious Life, Lectio Divina

In person or online

Contact: [sisterhannahcsm@gmail.com](mailto:sisterhannahcsm@gmail.com)

Society of Saint John the Evangelist

Location: Cambridge, MA

Available to: preach, give presentations, and lead retreats

Topics: prayer, discernment, building a personal rule of life, the Gospel of John, and seasonal offerings (Advent, Lent, etc.); we are also happy to work with groups to come up with other topics (we're quite open)

In-person or online

Email [monastery@ssje.org](mailto:monastery@ssje.org)

Name: Andrew Marr

Community: St. Gregory's Abbey

Location: Three Rivers, MI

Available to: preach, lead quiet days and retreats, give presentations or meditations

Topics: Benedictine spirituality, prayer

In person and/or online: in person negotiable if within driving distance; otherwise, online

Contact email: [abbot@saintgregorysthreerivers.org](mailto:abbot@saintgregorysthreerivers.org)

Name: Abraham Newsome

Community: St. Gregory's Abbey

Location: Three Rivers, MI

Available to: preach, lead quiet days and retreats, give presentations or meditations

Topics: Benedictine spirituality; presentations on St. Gregory's Abbey

In person and/or online: online preferable, but in person is negotiable

Contact email: [abrahamsa@juno.com](mailto:abrahamsa@juno.com)

Sr. Kristina Frances, SSM

Community: Society of St. Margaret

Location: Duxbury, Massachusetts

Available to: preach, lead retreats and quiet days and offer workshops and parish presentations

Topics: Religious life in the contemporary world, living the vowed life, forms of prayer, creating and living a Rule of Life, spiritual practice of discernment, creating a spiritual foundation, balancing technology and spirituality, silence, music as meditation, seasonal content for Advent and Lent. Willing to explore other topics as requested.

Online or in person.

Contact: [kristinafrances@ssmbos.org](mailto:kristinafrances@ssmbos.org)

### Christian Communities

Name: Sr. Barbara Jean Brown. (Sr. BJ)

Community: Anamchara Fellowship

Location: Wisconsin.

Available to: preach, lead quiet days and retreats, give presentations or meditations

Topics: Learning your own spiritual language, Monasticism, Celtic Spirituality, or whatever...

In person or online

Contact email or phone: [Sisterbjbrown@gmail.com](mailto:Sisterbjbrown@gmail.com). 302-420-7117 cell...can leave a message

Name: Br. Thomas Bushnell, BSG

Community: Brotherhood of Saint Gregory

Location: New York City (happy to travel)

Available to: preach, lead quiet days & retreats, meditations

Topics: rule of life, prayer & bible, monastic history, monastic discipline in secular life, liturgical / liturgical theology / liturgical spirituality, medieval theology / spirituality

In person and/or online: in person strongly preferred

Contact email: [tb@becket.net](mailto:tb@becket.net)

Name: Br. Richard John Lorino, BSG

Community: Brotherhood of Saint Gregory

Location: Diocese of Central Florida

Available to: preach, lead parish retreats

Contact email: [rjlny@aol.com](mailto:rjlny@aol.com)

Name: Br. Christian Ventura, OCS

Community: Order of Christ the Saviour (Episcopal Dominican Friars)

Location: Baltimore, MD

Available to: preach, give presentations, lead retreats/meditations/prayer or group spiritual direction.

Topics: Inclusive Orthodoxy, Thomistic Theology, Anglican Healing/Deliverance Ministry, Anglo-Catholicism, Intersectionality of Religion and Public Health, and whatever else desired!

In person or online

Contact email or phone: [brchristianop@gmail.com](mailto:brchristianop@gmail.com)

Name: Br. Will White, CMJ

Community: [Community of the Mother of Jesus](http://Community of the Mother of Jesus)

Location: Chicago, IL

Available to: preach, give presentations, or meditations

Topics: preach or provide meditations on lectionary readings or intersection of spirituality and current events; presentations on religious life, monastic practices, lectio divina, the daily office, the Marian tradition within the church, open to other topics as well.

In person or online

Contact email or phone: [wawhite25@gmail.com](mailto:wawhite25@gmail.com)

Name: Sister Julian Wilson, AF

Community: Anamchara Fellowship

Location: Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Available to: preach, lead quiet days and retreats, give presentations or meditations

Topics: Religious Life, Living a Rule of Life, Celtic spiritual practices

In person or online

Contact email or phone: [srjulianw@gmail.com](mailto:srjulianw@gmail.com)