



## Women at the Well *Dialogues*

Visioning Carmel for the 21st Century

To: Session 1 & 2 Participants, CCA Prioresses and Contact Persons

May 29, 2019

Dear Sisters,

In this communication, the *Women at the Well Dialogues* Project Team is pleased to share:

- Your feedback from Session 2 (see *Session 2 Final Summary* attached)
- Additional resources on the theme of discernment you recommended in your evaluation
- The theme and registration link for Session 3, Tuesday, June 25th

We are aware that the Holy Week/Easter season is a particularly busy time for our communities. So we are all the more grateful to you for sending us feedback on Session 2. The unanimous thing we're picking up from your feedback is enthusiasm and gratitude for this program! Our CCA sisters are loving the opportunity to connect and share on topics of importance in a format that is accessible to everyone.

Also gleaned from your feedback: a desire for less pre-session reading and more time in small groups. Consequently, the Session 3 pre-reading will be further streamlined and we'll omit Elizabeth's input talk - adding time for the small group sharing. We will include the 2-minute video presentations from the remainder of our communities, which you affirmed 100 %.

We are grateful to have had wonderful note-takers and facilitators for Session 2. When we received the small group summary reports we saw so much overlap with the Participant Evaluation responses that we decided, rather than send 7 pages of small group reports, to incorporate all your feedback into the Session 2 Final Summary (attached). With this in mind, we are omitting note-takers for Session 3 - but with the understanding that we will call upon them again for future sessions in which notes are explicitly needed.

We provided space on the evaluation form for you to recommend further resources on the topic of personal discernment. Several of you responded. This information is at the bottom of page 6 of the Final Summary. We would also like to bring it to your attention here:

- Timothy Gallagher, OVM has at least 4 books on discernment including one on Examen of Consciousness that is quite good and very practical. Same author has written on Discernment of Spirits (2 volumes)
- de Caussade's *Abandonment to Divine Will*

- *Contemplative Dialogue* (Liz Sweeney) fits well with Personal Discernment and Discernment of Spirits.
- *Discernment* by Rose Mary Doherty
- Consciousness Examen through the writings of George Aschenbrenner SJ - esp. his article in *Review for Religious* Jan.1972 or in other periodicals.

### **Session 3**

The title for is Session 3, ***Bridging Personal and Communal Discernment***, builds on the topic of personal discernment: A short article by Fr. Brian McDermott, SJ, will be included in your pre-session reading as well as articles by Sr. Pat Farrell, OSF and Sr. Carole Shinnick, SSND. Session 3 materials will be sent to you after you complete your registration. And this is the time to register! Again, we remind you that each session requires a separate registration.

### **Session 3 Date/Time**

**Tuesday, June 25th, Eastern 1:30-3pm; Central 12:30-2pm; Pacific 10:30–12 pm**

Please click on the following link for the **[Session 3 Registration Form](#)**

Kindly note, the **registration deadline is June 5th.**

Hope to see you there! Don't hesitate to be in touch if you have any questions.

Peace and Easter blessings,

*Claire, Elizabeth, Celia*