



Mid-LIFE 2007

*An annual opportunity for Professional In-Service, Retreat,
Networking, Best Practices & Skills Development*

February 22-25

Mercy Center in Burlingame, CA

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A Christian Response to Immigration

with keynote speaker

Rev. Daniel G. Groody, CSC



Day of Retreat with
Sr. Grace Walle, FMI



Social Justice 101 with LIFE
moderator Marlena Johnston





Mid-LIFE 2007 Registration Form

We will gather near San Francisco at Mercy Center (www.mercy-center.org) in Burlingame, CA. Thanks to the generosity of the Marianist Province, the costs for the weekend program are as follows:

\$150.00* February 22-25, 2007 (3 nights) Includes optional **Retreat Day** on Friday, Feb. 23

The retreat starts at 9:30am on Friday morning and ends at 3:30pm

\$100.00* February 23-25, 2007 (2 nights) **Weekend Program**

Programming begins at 7pm on Friday & continues until Sunday's departure (departure time is at your convenience)

\$50.00 Commuter Rate (0 nights, but includes Saturday meals)

* Prices include food and lodging (single room), program costs, and transportation to and from the San Francisco International airport (the retreat center is only ten minutes away).

If you are flying in and out of San Francisco Airport, we ask that you:

- Arrive anytime Thursday evening if you are attending the **Friday Retreat Day**
- Arrive anytime **before 6pm on Friday** if you are attending the **Weekend Program**
- Depart at your convenience on Sunday

(REGISTRATION FORM – TEAR HERE)

PLEASE REGISTER BY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

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Friday Retreat & Weekend Program Fee (3 night stay w/meals)	\$150.00
Weekend Program Fee Only (2 night stay w/meals)	\$100.00
Friday Retreat Commuter Fee (includes meals)	\$ 40.00
Saturday Program Commuter Fee (includes meals)	\$ 40.00

Name _____ Institution _____

Mailing Address _____

Email Address _____ Telephone _____

Please make checks payable to “Marianist Province” and postmark by **January 13, 2007** to:
Brian F. Reavey Marianist LIFE 1341 N. Delaware Ave. #302A Philadelphia, PA 19125-4300



Mid-LIFE 2007 Speaker Biographies



Daniel G. Groody, CSC

Daniel G. Groody is a Catholic priest, a Holy Cross religious, a scholar, teacher, and film producer. He is currently an Assistant Professor of Theology and the Director of the Center for Latino Spirituality and Culture at the Institute for Latino Studies at the University of Notre Dame. He spent many years working in Latin America, particularly along the U.S.- Mexican Border, and is the author of various books and articles which have been translated into five languages, including *Border of Death, Valley of Life: An Immigrant Journey of Heart and Spirit*, and a forthcoming book called *Globalization, Spirituality and Justice: Navigating the Path to Peace* (2007). He is also editor of two forthcoming books, *The Option for the Poor in Christian Theology* (2007), and co-editor of *A Promised Land, A Perilous Journey: Theological Perspectives on Migration* (2007).

He holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Notre Dame in the Great Books Program (Liberal Studies), a Master of Divinity and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from the Jesuit School of Theology, and a doctorate in theology from the Graduate Theological Union. He is also the executive producer of various films and documentaries, including *Strangers No Longer* and *Dying to Live: A Migrant's Journey*, which has been accepted into various international film festivals, nominated for national awards, and has aired on PBS. He teaches courses in U.S. Latino Spirituality, Globalization, Christian Spirituality and Social Justice, and lectures widely in the United States as well as Latin America and Europe.



Grace Walle, FMI

Sr. Grace Walle, FMI was born in Philadelphia, PA in 1951 where she attended Catholic grade school and high school. In 1972, she entered the Marianist sisters and completed her BA in education from St. Mary's University in 1978. She worked for five years at Our Lady of the Pillar Retreat House in

San Antonio, Texas organizing retreats for women, families and young adults. In the 1970's Sr Grace was director of Life Camp (now Marianist LIFE South) for five years. For two years, she ministered at St. John Neumann Parish in San Antonio before becoming a campus minister at St. Mary's University in 1982. Her responsibilities included work in undergraduate campus ministry offering leadership development, confirmation preparation and an extensive retreat program. Sr. Grace has published several campus ministry retreat resource books, a leadership training guide and a "Service Works" manual outlining undergraduate and law school service projects. She was certified by the National Catholic Campus Ministry organization in 1993 and served as the Chair of the committee eight years. She has presented workshops on retreats and leadership development at several Catholic Campus Ministry Conventions. Her Masters is in pastoral counseling from Boston College and a Doctor of Ministry from McCormick Seminary in Chicago which was a concentration in pastoral Care in a Community Context.

In 1992, Sr. Grace became campus minister for the St. Mary's University School of Law. She presently is involved in providing pastoral counseling, coordinating service projects and promoting opportunities for prayer and reflection especially on the Social Justice Teaching of the church. In November of 2000, she accepted the Educating for Justice Award from the National Catholic Campus Ministry Association on behalf of the law school's efforts to put gospel message into practice through educational and service projects that promote the value and dignity of each person. In 2002, Sister Grace was awarded the Santa Maria Justice award by the Law School's Clinical faculty for outstanding contributions to the advancement of legal and social justice. In 2003, the St. Thomas Moore award was bestowed on her by the Law Faculty for her work in educating for justice and service to the community. She has been noted for her ability to "feed people with both food and faith." She was awarded the Mexican American Bar Association's Community service award for outstanding achievement and service to community. Her Doctor of Ministry project "Doing Justice at St. Mary's School of Law" was published in the St. Mary's Law Journal. In 2005 she received the Catholic Campus Ministry Charles Forsyth award as the outstanding campus minister for her work locally, regionally and nationally.



Marlena Johnston

Marlena Johnston earned her BA in English Literature, cum laude, from Sonoma State University, and a JD from the University of San Francisco School of Law. Marlena was elected the law school's student body president, and founded the "Law in Motion Program" which pairs law students with local volunteer opportunities. Through this program, students serve at a wide range of non-profits, from soup kitchens to law clinics for low-income wage earners. The program is still a thriving part of USF School of Law today.

Marlena has continually used her legal background to work on a variety of social justice issues. She has worked at both the *Center for Law and Global Justice* in Indonesia, and at the *United Nations* in Geneva, Switzerland on human rights issues. Marlena also served as a custodial advocate for the *National Center for Parents with Disabilities* in Berkeley, and an attorney for the *Employment Law Center and Legal Aid Society of San Francisco*.

After a successful four-year litigation career, Marlena left the law to pursue her true passion: teaching in the context of social justice education. Marlena began working at Archbishop Riordan High School in fall of 2004 as a Religion and English teacher. In 2005, Marlena assumed her current role as Riordan's Campus Minister and Director of Community Service Learning. Marlena attended Marianist LIFE Pacific as an Auxiliary Moderator in 2005 and as a Home Group Moderator in 2006. She currently serves as Archbishop Riordan's LIFE moderator.