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The Theological Foundations of Contemplative Outreach A Commentary by Thomas Keating

(Part One of a Two-Part Series)

1. Contemplative Outreach is a spiritual network of individuals and small faith communities committed to living the contemplative dimension of the Gospel in everyday life through the practice of Centering Prayer.

ontemplative Outreach is a spiritual network and a living organism. Like any living organism it needs nurturing and guidance. At each level of its growth an appropriate response is called for. The resources that people need will shift as they grow because their needs will be different. It is the responsibility of the leadership to listen to these needs, and then find creative solutions for what people say that they need. Thus, the mutual listening throughout the whole spiritual network is one of the fundamental principles to which we are committed.

In the words of the Vision Statement, we are "a network of individuals and small faith communities committed to living the contemplative dimension of the Gospel in everyday life." One of the chief concerns of most people who begin the practice of Centering Prayer is how to live the contemplative life in their everyday world. They want to know how to work contemplative prayer and action into the realities of a society that is moving at an ever faster clip, with more and more noise, busyness and less and less respect for periods of solitude and silence. There is a lack of spaciousness in our culture. Western society is characterized by the increasing speed of communication. We don't have time to sit down and read a letter quietly because the writer wants an email in return. It is because of this sort of pressure that many people ask themselves, how can we possibly make a commitment to the Centering Prayer practice in daily life? Where can we find twenty minutes twice a day? How can we take a day of retreat when all our family, relatives, and friends want us to do something else? How can we pursue the spiritual journey if our spouse or other members of the family are jealous of the time we give to God? All these are practical problems that need to be addressed. The small faith community is a place where those who are committed to the Centering Prayer practice can find support and encouragement.

2. The contemplative dimension of the Gospel manifests itself in an ever-deepening union with the living Christ and the practical caring for others that flows from that relationship.

"The contemplative dimension of the Gospel" refers to the spiritual meaning and significance of sacred scripture. From this perspective, enlightened by the inspirations of the Holy Spirit, we do not read the

text like a newspaper, book, even a sacred book, but as an interaction with the word of God present not only as the source of the text, but also present in us. Centering Prayer awakens us to the Eternal Word of God dwelling within us. The external word of scripture reinforces our conviction of the presence of the Word of God within us. We begin to read scripture with the perspective and inspiration of the ones who wrote it. Under the influence of the Spirit we penetrate the meaning of the text and the significance of the symbols of the Old and New Testament, especially the meaning of the wisdom sayings of Jesus, his example, and the wonderful richness of the stories taken from John's Gospel which are paradigms of God's grace in our own spiritual journeys.

Scripture, from the contemplative perspective, is the penetration of the meaning of the sacred text as an expression of our own experience of grace. We perceive that the same grace that was offered to the people in the Gospel is the source of our own experience of prayer and of daily life. We confidently identify with Peter, James, John, Mary of Bethany, Martha, and Lazarus. As we perceive our interior life described in those stories, we begin to relate to Christ in a new way. The Spirit inspires us to listen as the Spirit inspired the sacred writer to write. Scripture is so profound that everybody's private life is laid out there. The awareness that the Spirit is within us inviting us to live in imitation of Christ, empowers us to be Christ in the world, to become a kind of fifth gospel, manifesting the goodness and tenderness of God in our daily lives. We become the word of God through the contemplative dimension of scripture.

As we penetrate the scripture through contemplative prayer, we awaken to the Spirit's movements within us more and more. This awareness leads to an ever-deepening union with Christ, living our lives with us and sometimes for us, extending the message of the Gospel to the people in our particular circle of loved ones, friends, and the people we work with.

The contemplative dimension of the Gospel changes the way we live daily life. This is what is meant by the phrase "the practical caring for others" which is the complementary side of the contemplative dimension of the Gospel. Caring for others in this sense is sharing the Fruits of the Spirit: charity, joy, peace, meekness, faithfulness, goodness, patience, self-control, and gentleness, through which the Spirit mani-

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fests the mind of Christ in our lives. The Beatitudes are even more profound assimilations of Christ's teaching and example flowing from the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit – reverence, fortitude, piety, counsel, knowledge, understanding, and wisdom. The Fruits of the Spirit and the Beatitudes are the signs that Christ is actually living in us. They continue to grow and manifest themselves in various ways. One of these ways is the purification of the unconscious and the consequent liberation from our false selves. Every time we move to a new relationship with Christ, every other relationship goes through a paradigm shift so that we relate in a new way and at new depths to God, ourselves, other people, the cosmos, and to the events in daily life.

3. Centering Prayer consists of responding to the call of the Holy Spirit to consent to God's presence and action within. It furthers the development of contemplative prayer by preparing our faculties to cooperate with this gift.

This principle distinguishes the practice of Centering Prayer from the gift of infused contemplation. The question might be asked: How do we know when Centering Prayer becomes infused contemplation in the strict sense of the word? We don't necessarily know. And it is not the best question to ask because it focuses our attention on ourselves. Certainly this much is true; Centering Prayer cannot be judged on the basis of the psychological content of a particular period of the prayer. Centering Prayer is rather a discipline to prepare us for the kind of silence that leads to the experience of the presence of God at ever-deepening levels through the deep rest conveyed by the practice. Centering Prayer will hasten the Night of Sense, which, according to St. John of the Cross, is the beginning of infused contemplation. The length of the Night of Sense cannot be predicted because it is different in every person. God decides how much time it will take depending on one's vocation and preparation. It is a spiritual rite of passage that moves us away from an over-dependence on our psychological experience and lets go of our desire for sensible consolation in prayer that comes from the false self and its constant search for satisfaction. The Night of Sense over time lays that desire to rest. Our experience may then open out in one of two directions. One is an exuberant mysticism in which consolations of a spiritual kind tend to multiply. Or we may encounter what St. John of the Cross calls the "hidden ladder" or the "hidden staircase," which is perhaps a quicker path to divine union than the other, but which is in a rather bare, boring and sometimes dry-as-dust experience. It takes a lot of determination to wait it out.

Both of these experiences move into another interior rite of passage that is called the Night of the Spirit in which the Holy Spirit searches the deepest recesses of our unconscious and heals the psychological wounds of a lifetime. The Spirit also awakens the spiritual capacities that are hidden in the unconscious. These are the Fruits and Gifts of the Spirit and, above all, the presence of our Creator and Redeemer who is the source of our being at every level and whose presence is manifested in varying degrees according to the purifying and liberating process of the dark nights.

Centering Prayer is primarily for beginners. Beginnings may take a long time for many of us because we can't give it our full attention or because there is a significant amount of psychological disturbance due to our false selves. This is a time when we need to be faithful to the basic practice and to experience its effects in daily life. These are often quite subtle or even hidden from us. The Fruit of the Spirit called patience enables us to get used to the experience of waiting upon God and to grow in ever-increasing confidence in God. A subtle peace arises in the Night of Sense that is not so much a consolation as a growing attraction for solitude and silence even in the midst of activities that may be very demanding.

4. The source of Centering Prayer, as in all methods leading to Christian contemplative prayer, is the indwelling Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Its focus is the deepening of our relationship with the living Christ. Its fruits are ecclesial: it builds communities of faith and bonds the members together in charity.

Centering Prayer, like all methods leading to contemplative prayer, has its source in the divine indwelling of the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. That is the fundamental principle on which contemplative prayer is based. Faith in the divine indwelling changes our whole perspective. Instead of beginning the spiritual life with ourselves and reflecting unduly on our sins or false selves and all the things we need to do to try to establish peace in our psyche, it starts out with the fact that God is already here. We have everything we need in order to begin, continue, and complete the spiritual journey. The New Testament celebrates a right relationship with God. The realization grows that the divine presence is within us and the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are living their own interior life within us. At the deepest level we are more God than ourselves. The divine indwelling also needs to be recognized and affirmed in various ways that are helpful in daily life. The promise of Jesus to those who believe in him is that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit will come and make their permanent abode in them. Actually, God is already present to us as the source of our being before the issue of grace arises. When we sit in Centering Prayer we are sitting with our life's companion who is always available to us. Unfortunately, we are not always available to God. The goal of the journey is to manifest God both in the deep rest of contemplative prayer and in activity: to experience his presence in prayer, and then to move into activity without losing the sense of the Source of all that is. As the contemplative dimension of our prayer increases, we perceive the presence of God in everything and everything in God. The divine indwelling becomes a living relationship within and evident in everyone else who also enjoys the divine indwelling.

The focus of Centering Prayer is the deepening of our relationship with the living Christ, that is, the glorified Christ risen in our hearts and abiding forever in the Christian community. We enter into Christ's passion, death, resurrection, and ascension by consenting to God's affirming and purifying action within us. As we sit in Centering Prayer, we identify with Christ on the cross and are healed of our emotional wounds.

The final point of this theological principle is the fruits of Centering Prayer, which we say are ecclesial. This is an important dimension of Centering Prayer. One cannot have a deep contemplative life without its being social at the same time. The way that we express this relationship to others, this interdependence with others, will differ according to our state in life. The tendency of the prayer is to bond with others who practice it. The community is not just people gathered together visibly.

What is a Christian community? It is a place where we find like-minded people joined together to help each other grow into divine union. A contemplative community is focused on the essence of what church really is, that is, a community of people called together by God to experience the fullness of the divine life as a community and not just privately. Hence, the need to celebrate it together through various forms of ritual and worship as well as in periods of silence.

5. A commitment to the regular practice of Centering Prayer is the primary expression of belonging to the spiritual network.

Everybody who practices Centering Prayer regularly is part of the spiritual network of Contemplative Outreach. Among all the things we may do by way of service, the greatest is to practice the prayer. Service does not take the place of the two daily periods of Centering Prayer. The greatest service we give each other is actually being faithful to our commitment because in doing it we are invisibly reinforcing it and putting the vibrant energy of contemplative prayer into the community. That is more valuable than any other service, however generous it might be. Without that, you will find that service will begin to diminish in its effectiveness. It needs to be said over and over again that the first expression of belonging to the spiritual network is to be available to God on a daily basis. St. John of the Cross used to say, "If you find you are too busy to give time to a daily period of prayer, double it!" If you do it regularly, you will find that you actually have more leisure time and you see that there are a lot of things that you don't have to do that you used to think were necessary. Busyness diminishes because of a new perception of what is important. By our daily fidelity to the prayer, life begins to change of itself.

There are also practices to bring the effects of Centering Prayer into daily life. Contemplative prayer is allowing God to become the center of our lives rather than maintaining the false self and ourselves as the center of the universe. At some point there is a paradigm shift in everything we do. Sometimes we did things for ourselves or simply because they had to be done. Take daily work for instance. Nobody is saying to stop doing that. What I am saying is to start doing it for a different reason, namely, as a manifestation of our experience of Christ and not just as a way of earning a living. Centering Prayer is a way of bringing Christ and our experience of divine wisdom into everyday life, family, professional career, business, or whatever we are doing. That is why we call service in the Contemplative Outreach milieu, "contemplative service". The motive and inspiration of our activity comes from the insights we are receiving in Centering Prayer and our service to others is thus gradually being reinforced by its regular practice.

(to be continued)

President's Letter

Dear Friends,

Through the years, as Executive Director, I have watched Contemplative Outreach grow and expand beyond anyone's expectations – except the Holy Spirit's. Now, in my new role as President I am greatly encouraged by all the support received from those who are deeply committed to the vision and foundations of Contemplative Outreach. I envision a wonderful future ahead for all of us as we thrive and grow in God's love and service.

This year, our Annual Conference Meeting will be held in the Dominican Republic from October 10th to the 15th. We are very excited because it is the first time we are going outside of the USA for a large international gathering. In 1986 the Dominican Republic was the first place outside of the USA to form a Contemplative Outreach Chapter. We felt it was fitting to hold the meeting there. The theme for the meeting is Contemplative Outreach: Toward a Global Transformation. Our focus will be *all* our international chapters.

Thank you for your generous response to our annual direct mail appeal. We appreciate your kindness and financial support.

We have more *RESOURCES* available, three videotapes on the practices that bring the fruit of Centering Prayer into daily life. *An Introduction to Lectio Divina* with Fr. Carl J. Arico, *The Prayer of Forgiveness* with Sr. Bernadette Teasdale, *Contemplative Service* with David Frenette. I am sure you will enjoy the new addition to our video library.

Two new books by Fr. Thomas Keating are available, Fruits and Gifts of the Spirit and St. Therese of Lisieux. You will find ordering information on the resource page 6.

The videotape series, *The Contemplative Dimension of the 12 Steps* has received wonderful reviews. We are delighted that so many people are enjoying the tapes. Thank you for your orders!

Our Contemplative Outreach Study Program is available to anyone with an established daily practice of Centering Prayer. Contact Bonnie Shimizu at 970-927-3858 or bjs@rof.net for more information on how to register.

Susan Komis, Chair of the Coordinator's Communication, offered workshops on Leadership and Facilitator Formation in several of our Chapters. If your Chapter would like to know more about this workshop, contact Susanat 888-350-5088 or susankomis@earthlink.net.

I invite you to visit our website at www.contemplative outreach.org often, we have new information posted each week. The website is a natural way for a network like Contemplative Outreach to keep in touch. Let us know how you like the website. Feel free to email this office with your comments, suggestions, and questions at office@coutreach.org.

We had 175 participating groups for our United Day of Prayer on March 17th. Many of the participants most enjoyed creating a silent bond across the globe. Plan on joining us next year, the third Saturday in March.

Spring is the time of year when everything blooms forth with new life. My prayer is that we will all take the time to be renewed and refreshed during this season.

With a grateful spirit,

Gail Fitzpatrick-Hopler, President

The Spanish Corner

By IIse Reissner

Some exciting news that we would like to share with you is -

As announced previously, Extensión Contemplativa has two fundraising events coming up in the near future: two *contemplative* pilgrimages (our pilgrimages are quite different from any other tour you may have been part of, and those that have joined us in the past know this very well!) The first will be a very intense 13 days in the Holy Land, visiting as many significant places in the life of Jesus as possible and ending with a half-day retreat. It is mostly intended for those of you that understand Spanish, as both our guide and our priest will be Spanish-speaking. Date: It was originally planned for May, but now postponed until November 3rd. Our airline will be ALITALIA, giving us a chance to offer a post-extension of four days in Italy, visiting Rome and Assisi. Cost: \$2,402 for the basic part (from Miami or New York) and \$643 for the Italy extension. (Air/land, hotels, breakfast, dinner and all expenses are included, except airport taxes, tips, and visas.)

The second 11 or 18-day contemplative pilgrimage will depart on April 26, 2002, and will follow the footprints of Peter and Paul. Our guide will be our old-time friend Samir, who has been with us in the past, and our spiritual director, Fr. William Meninger, who spent three years in this area as a Biblical scholar. We will spend one week in Israel, focusing and reliving events in the lives of Peter and Jesus, fly to Athens/Thessaloniki in Greece to join those not going to Israel, and, for six days follow Paul's steps in Greece in our comfortable motorcoach, and then embark for a three-day cruise to visit the Greek islands and Ephesus in Turkey. Cost: for Greece only, \$2,675, for Israel and Greece, \$3,795 from New York on Olympic Airways. (Air/land, hotels, shore excursions, breakfast, dinner, and all expenses included except airport taxes, tips and visas.)

If you are interested, please contact us at (407) 767-7567, or Fax (407) 767-6414 and we'll send you a brochure.

Growth - When our Board met in January, we decided that each one of our members would be serving the needs of those places where a Spanish-speaking representative of Contemplative Outreach is required. Adalberto Henriquez will travel to El Salvador and Nicaragua in Central America, and two local people will be his support contacts. A visit to Argentina in April is being planned by Dr. Hugo Mejía or Ricardo López, again with two local people serving as their support contacts (one of them is moving from Miami to Argentina, where she is originally from, and the other participated in our Formation Program in July in Orlando). Isabel de Marion-Landais was in Puerto Rico for a weekend workshop on Lectio Divina, will return within the next couple of months; and, due to geographical location, will be following up with Carmen Sánchez. A visit to Venezuela is being planned next. Meanwhile, Carmen Sánchez is going to offer our first seven-day retreat in Spanish in Miami on October 18th to 24th (cost is \$400, phone number to call for registration is (305) 661-6966, Fax (305) 666-2075). And, another Formation for Service is being planned for next year.

Our second bi-annual international meeting will be held in Orlando the weekend of July 20 - 22. We ask our readers who feel they can make a contribution to the Spanish national and international effort to let us know if they would like to attend, as the space is very limited at the San Pedro Retreat Center. We would also like to have your ideas and suggestions for this meeting. **Donations** for Extensión Contemplativa can be sent to Contemplative Outreach, indicating on your check that your donation be used for the Spanish Ministry. Thank you... Adiós, amigos – hasta la próxima – que Dios los bendiga a todos...!

A Moment With the Lord By Joanne O'Rourke, NYC

I asked the Lord for favors And thought he never heard, His message was be silent And say your sacred word.

I asked he give me knowledge So I could better pray, You learn my will by being still Was what he seemed to say.

I asked him for the gift of faith So I could spread his word, He said, be free, just trust in Me For I'll decide who's heard.

I beckoned then for wisdom So I could change the lands, He did request I learn to rest And leave things in His hands.

I told him from his gentleness My spirit would renew, He said let go and let Me grow For I created you.

There's a spirit deep within you In my likeness which is true, With all life's pain, it's now turned feign It's time to make it new.

If you won't sit in silence You'll never hear my voice, You only know one way to go And you always make the choice.

And so I rest in silence
Wondering if I'm heard,
The thoughts do flow, I let them go
And say my sacred word.



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Book Reviews

New Books By Father Thomas

Barbara Wuest

Over the Christmas break, I had the opportunity to read *Fruits and Gifts of the Spirit* and *The Better Part*, two new books by Fr. Keating. And I highly recommend both of them. Whether you've been centering for several years or have just begun this practice, I think you will find them helpful and inspiring. I have read every book that he has written, some of them two or three times. But in these two, I found that the same material is written differently. Deep and profound insights are presented in a beautifully simple way. How can he describe such complex inner workings of the soul in such clear sentences? These books speak to the heart more directly than the earlier ones. There is a more lyrical quality to the writing. In fact, in *Gifts and Fruits of the Spirit*, Fr. Keating includes two poems. Here is one stanza from his poem called "The Night of Self".

"When all anxious seeking stops Unity begins. But every time I act Even if to pray Unity dissolves."

This amazing stanza - which could only be written by someone who "walks the talk"-comes in at the end of the book. The chapters that precede it are full of what I would call lyrical substance. The section on "The Gift Counsel" was especially helpful to this reader. And in The Better Part, the chapter on "The Eucharist" is worth reading over and over. Keating writes: "Contemplative prayer...reduces the obstacles to the transforming energy of the Eucharist so that we can manifest in our attitudes and behavior the living Christ within us...A contemplative practice is not dissociated or separate from the dynamic movement of Lectio and the sacraments. If we do not have a discipline to reduce the obstacles in us to experiencing the presence of God, the full power of the sacraments is diluted and they do not achieve their full potential to transform us. That is why some people can receive Communion every day for years and remain unchanged. They do not make a serious effort to face the obstacles in themselves" (56). This is only a small sampling of the insightful stanzas and sentences you will find in these latest books. I'd suggest you take a look.

From the Center Poetic Prayers and Meditations

By Robert J. Hope

Forward by William A. Meninger

From the biblical Psalms, through the writings of Augustine and Bernard, to the verses of John of the Cross, Gerard Manley Hopkins, and Thomas Merton, the language of prayer has also been the language of poetry. Writing out of this tradition, Robert J. Hope presents the reader with intense verse reflections on the universal presence of God in ourselves and in all of nature. The imagery is richly erotic, reverently evocative of the beauty of floral and faunal creation, and transparently candid in its expression of the awe experienced by mystics, lovers, and children.

"With this beautiful book, meditation according to *The Cloud of Unknowing* and its contemporary counterpart, Centering Prayer, has come of age. There are thousands of people who will welcome *From the Center* with appreciation and understanding. Let this book speak to your heart as it does to mine." –William A. Meninger

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95% percent of the royalties will support Contemplative Outreach. Robert J. Hope is a Commissioned Presenter of Centering Prayer and a New England Coordinator for Contemplative Outreach.

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Updates

(Editor's Note: Because of limited space, we aren't able to include one-day activities and workshops in the Calendar of Events. The Updates section is a great place to let the readers know of the one-day opportunities that your chapter has to offer.)

Alta, WY

The Alta Retreat Center is growing along with Contemplative Outreach. Our newly formed Board of Trustees now includes Sr. Catherine Bazaar, Fr. Martin O'Loghlen and Rev. Eugene Sutton. We look forward to expanding our contemplative prayer programs, and are thrilled with the enthusiastic responses to our 30-Day Retreat coming up this summer. It's hard for us to be impartial about this spectacular place we call home, Teton Valley. We hope and pray that you will choose to come see for yourself to experience the solitude and sabbath our quiet mountain retreat offers. Peace in Christ, Rev. Sandy Casey-Martus, ARC Director (307) 353-8100.

Denver, CO (Contemplative Outreach of Colorado)

Record enrollment in classes and special events at our Center for Contemplative Living reflects the growing number of people who desire a spiritual presence in their busy lives. In January, 56 people attended the Basic Introductory Workshop and 40+ people attended the Basic Centering Prayer Course. Fr. Thomas Keating will be the keynote speaker for our 8th Annual Contemplative Conference on March 24. Fr. Vince Hovley, SJ and Sr. Eleanor Sheehan, CSJ of Sacred Heart Retreat House, and Kathy Hendricks, Interim Parish Director of Pax Christi, will host conference workshops on aspects of developing a spiritual outlook on life. Spring 2001 marks the beginning of our "two-tier" approach to meeting the needs of those beginning a Centering Prayer practice as well as those of the more seasoned practitioner. In addition to the Spiritual Journey Series, our curriculum includes a "False Self Film Festival", workshops on the Welcoming Practice and Prayer of Forgiveness, and a Centering Prayer immersion experience. In April, David Frenette, a former Chrysalis House staff member, will present a five-day retreat with a three-week follow-up course on the Christian Heritage. The second session of the Nine-Month Course will finish in May and plans for the Fall group are in the making. Our activities continue into the summer with our St. Malo Weekend Intensive Retreat in June. July 15-21, local leaders and I will present Formation and Training of Presenters for the Introduction Workshop on Centering Prayer. As we near maximum use of our facility and volunteer staff, we are ever mindful of our vision and our common search for spirituality in the 21st century. Sr. Bernadette Teasdale, (303) 698-7729.

Long Island/Queens, NY

In response to the question, "What are we doing next year?" from participants at the closing of The Living Flame II Program, grew our Enrichment Program – a series of four monthly presentations including the Welcoming Prayer, Lectio Divina, the Forgiveness Prayer and the Power of Silence. Introductory Workshops are scheduled in Suffolk County, a newly developing Centering Prayer area for Long Island. In the Fall of 2001, we will be offering the

Formation for Contemplative Outreach Service using the model that was so successful in New York City – meeting one Sunday a month for six months. Coming to Long Island in the Fall of 2002 is the "on the road" team of Cathy McCarthy and Joanne O'Neill to present the Nine-Month Course: The Practice of Contemplative Living at Our Lady of Grace Center in Manhasset. The Long Island/Queens Chapter has made its pledge to the Contemplative Outreach Fundraising Campaign in addition to tithing twice a year to the International Office. Long Island Steering Committee Barbara Sullivan (516) 481-0472.

Northwest (Contemplative Outreach Northwest)

The relationship with God keeps stimulating Contemplative Outreach Northwest to stretch ourselves with more workshops and more kinds of workshops by our presenters (16 between January and July) more people (1200) receiving the newsletter, and more people visiting our website (www.conw.org). Cynthia Bourgeault will give a five-day workshop in Seattle in July, and Bill Sheehan and Susan Komis are coming to give weekend or longer workshops this year. We have 30 Centering Prayer groups. Many share the work, giving the coordinator time to volunteer to Monroe Penitentiary, co-teach a workshop for the assistants at the L'Arche community here, co-present Centering Prayer to clergy and lay people at an organized Annual Ministry Resource Day in March, and give an 11th Step workshop at a national 12-Step convention in June. Thus the prayer feeds our lives. Barbara Huston (206) 282-9076.

Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill, NC (Contemplative Outreach of the Triangle)

We are officially Contemplative Outreach of the Triangle, but outside of our neighboring states, we are probably better known geographically by the three cities above. However you know us, we are experiencing wonderful growth in Centering Prayer. Our Core Team of Flo Hartye, Betty Stoddard, John Kelsey and I meet the first Saturday of every month for administrative and planning purposes. We have been doing that for over a year. We are into our second year of Quarterly Days of Prayer - with dates set for June, September and January, 2002. A different Church hosts each Quarter. We expect to have Centering Prayer retreats and Formation Training in our area in 2002. There are currently 20 Centering Prayer groups meeting on a regular basis. They represent Episcopal, Presbyterian, United Church of Christ, Roman Catholic (plus Newman Center), and Lutheran faith traditions. We are all greatly looking forward to Fr. Thomas' appearance here on Saturday, September 8. He will be speaking on Transformation and Centering Prayer – a topic already generating a lot of interest. We have a separate Planning Team already in place, doing an outstanding job. We anticipate a great turnout and a boost that will take our burgeoning activity and interest to greater heights...and depths. Jim Biggins (919) 969-9604 jbiggins@mindspring.com.

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Updates

Tampa, FL

Greetings from the Tampa Bay area! There has been a lot of resistance to writing a paragraph for the newsletter in the past because of the assumption only those areas doing "great and wonderful" things would be of interest until this thought came: There must be many other areas where progress is being made slowly in this great work with which we are charged. And so, the resistance was overcome in order to encourage smaller groups. Thus, we are writing to let readers know our area is growing steadily and slowly. The number of prayer groups has grown to 10 over the last several years. In addition to four or five Introductory Workshops yearly, we sponsor the United in Prayer Day each March, and, for the first time, will have two sites – one in Crystal River and one in St. Petersburg. In the Fall we added an "Uncovering Your Hidden Motivation" workshop, and in the last two winters, offered the "Welcoming Prayer Workshop". Another highlight was a weekend retreat on Centering Prayer and Enneagram presented by Fr. Bill Sheehan and Jean Jolly of Tampa. While in the area, Fr. Bill presented an evening for the community at large on Lectio Divina that enriched us greatly. We seem to add events as the needs arise. With both of us retired as of the summer of 2000, it seems the pace is picking up a little...more Introductory Workshops, more events at which to present the Centering Prayer concept. Other leaders seem to be emerging, and that gives us hope for even more to be accomplished as we slowly move forward - hopefully, always under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. John & Marge Rafftery, Co-Coordinators 727-345-7908.

Walden, NY (Contemplative Outreach of Orange County)

In June St. Andrew's Retreat House will be hosting the first 21-Day Centering Prayer Immersion Retreat with Fr. Thomas Keating, Fr. Carl Arico and David Frenette. The response from the last Newsletter was so overwhelming that we added one January 12-Feb 1 and June 1-21, 2002. We are presenting three One-Day Introductory Workshops per Quarter, and now need to begin focusing on Days of Prayer, supporting Centering Prayer Groups and other one-day Workshops. The "Living the Welcoming Prayer in Daily Life" with David Frenette was incredible, and we have scheduled another this December. A new Contemplative Living Community formed from the last Nine-Month Course and is meeting monthly at the Butler, NJ office. We tithe 2.5% of our gross income each month to the Int'l Office, and have made our pledge for the next five years. We continue to be in awe of God's great goodness and generosity in our ministry at St. Andrew's and are especially grateful to Contemplative Outreach for their continued support. Cathy McCarthy 845-778-2102 or Email cathymc@frontiernet.net.

National Calendar of Events

June 2001- March 2002

Introduction to Centering Prayer Retreats/Workshops

A contemporary presentation of the discipline of Centering Prayer as silent communion with God beyond concepts, words and images.

Walden, NY St. Andrew's Retreat House	Aug 10-12	Contemplative Outreach Staff Contact: Cathy McCarthy (845) 778-2102
San Salvador, El Salvador Casa Oracion	Aug 23-24	Contemplative Outreach Staff Contact: Leila de Membreno (503) 263-3457
Cullman, AL Benedictine Center	Aug 30-Sep 1	Contemplative Outreach Staff Contact: Sr. Eleanor Harrison (256) 734-8302
Melbourne, KY Moye Spiritual Life Center	Oct 13-14	Contemplative Outreach Staff Contact: Sr. Micki Martin (859) 441-0679
Walden, NY St. Andrew's Retreat House	Nov 2-4	Contemplative Outreach Staff Contact: Cathy McCarthy (845) 778-2102
Beech Grove, IN Benedict Inn Retreat & Conference Center		Contemplative Outreach Staff Contact: Sr. Antoinette Purcell (317) 788-7581
Cullman, AL Benedictine Center	Jan 25-27	Contemplative Outreach Staff Contact: Sr. Eleanor Harrison

Introduction to Lectio Divina Retreats/Workshops

Conferences and practice introducing us to the most traditional way of cultivating a friendship with Christ.

(256) 734-8302

Andover, MA Oct 5-7 Contemplative Outreach Staff Contact: Sr. Lorraine Pianka (978) 858-0856

The "Welcoming" Prayer Workshop

A spiritual practice of "Letting Go" of feelings, emotions, thoughts and body sensations into the present moment during the ordinary routines of daily life. Prior Centering Prayer experience necessary.

Walden, NYNov 30-Dec 2David FrenetteSt. Andrew'sLiving the Welcoming
Prayer in Daily LifeContact: Cathy McCarthy
(845) 778-2102

Centering Prayer and the 12 Steps (The 11th Step)

The purpose of this weekend is to introduce or expand the experience of Centering Prayer as a part of a daily 12 Step Practice and to stimulate a desire and resolve to practice prayer and meditation on a daily basis. This weekend is also called *The 11th Step Retreat*.

St Louis, MO June 15-17 Contemplative Outreach Staff Contact: Diane Guerra Retreat Center (314) 918-8288

NEW Centering Prayer and the 12 Steps (The 11th Step) - PART II

This workshop will focus on the "Human Condition", the roots of our fourth step, and the "Psychology of the Spiritual Journey." This workshop is recommended, but not limited to people who have made the first Contemplative Dimension of the 12 Steps workshop, are in a 12 Step Program and have a regular Centering Prayer practice.

Walden, NY
St. Andrew's
Retreat House
Oct 26-28
Donald Masters
Contact: Cathy McCarthy
(845) 778-2102

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Richmond, VA Richmond Hill Re	June 1-2 treat for Facilitators	Susan Komis Contact: April Swofford (804) 783-7903	White Plains, NY	Sep 27-30 Facilitator's Workshop	Contemplative Outreach Staff Contact: Tom Skinner (914) 328-0420
Manchester, NH Joseph House Contemplative Retre		Contemplative Outreach Staff Contact: Sr. MaryAnne Laughlin (603) 627-9493	St. Louis, MO Marianist Retreat Center	Sep 28-30	Fr. Bill Fickel Contact: Diane Guerra (314) 918-8288
Houston, TX Ruah Center at Villa De Matel Conve	June 1-2 ent	Contemplative Outreach Staff Contact: Janet Troy (713) 928-6053	Pacific City, OR Nestueca Sanctuary	Sep 30-Oct 1	Contemplative Outreach Staff Contact: Gini Graham (503) 645-3448
Seoul, Korea Sang Ji Retreat Center	June 12-16 4 Day	Contemplative Outreach Staff Contact: Sr. Marie David 011-822-923-3547	Houston, TX Ruah Center at Villa De Matel Conve	Oct 5-6 ent	Contemplative Outreach Staff Contact: Janet Troy (713) 928-6055
Manchester, NH Joseph House Contemplative Retre	June 8-9 at Center	Contemplative Outreach Staff Contact: Sr. MaryAnne Laughlin (603) 627-9493	Walden, NY St. Andrew's Retreat House	Oct 5-7	Sr. Juanita Morales Contact: Cathy McCarthy (845) 778-2102
Houston, TX Ruah Center at Villa De Matel Conve	June 13-14 ent	Contemplative Outreach Staff Contact: Janet Troy (713) 928-6055	St. Joseph, MN St. Benedict's Monastery & Retreat	Oct 5-7 Center	Contemplative Outreach Staff Contact: Sr. Helene Mercier (320) 363-7114
Washington, DC Dayspring Retreat Center	June 15-17	Contemplative Outreach Staff Contact: Carol Wilkenson (301) 428-9348	Frenchville, PA Bethany Retreat Center	Oct 5-7	Contemplative Outreach Staff Contact: Nicole Fedder (814) 263-4855
Manhasset, LI, NY St. Ignatius Retreat House	June 22-24	Contemplative Outreach Staff Contact: George Gerardi (516) 826-0552	Nonson, Korea Seton Center for Spirituality	Oct 10-14	Contemplative Outreach Staff Contact: Sr. Sylvia Kim 011-8241-733-2352
Waldoboro, ME Wellspring	June 28-Jul 1 4 Day	Contemplative Outreach Staff Contact: Adele Millette (207) 832-6263	New Baltimore, PA St John the Baptist Retreat Center	Oct 12-14	Fr. Mark Begly Contact: Fr. Mark Begly (814) 733-2210
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Frenchville, PA Bethany Retreat Center	July 12-15 4 Day	Contemplative Outreach Staff Contact: Nicole Fedder (814) 263-4855	Pusan, Korea Pusan Center for Spirituality	Oct 16-20 4 Day	Contemplative Outreach Staff Contact: Fr. Pyo 011-8235-384-9690
San Antonio, TX St. Mary's University	July 13-15	Fr. Thomas Keating Contact: Timothy Koock (210) 615-8291	Albany, NY Dominican Spiritual 7 Life Center	Oct 19-21 The Power of Silence	Fr. Carl Arico Contact: Bruce Gardiner (518) 325-5546
Belton, TX Cedarbrake	Aug 3-5	Contemplative Outreach Staff Contact: Barbara Cook (512) 347-9673	Boston, MA	Oct 25-28	Contemplative Outreach Staff Contact: Theresa Kim (617) 277-7455
Dickinson, TX Christian Renewal Center	Aug 17-19	Fr. Bill Sheehan Contact: Retreat House (281) 337-1312	Richmond, VA Richmond Hill	Oct 26-28	Fr. Bill Sheehan Contact: April Swofford (804) 783-7903
Houston, TX Ruah Center at Villa De Matel Conve	Aug 31-Sep 1 ent	Contemplative Outreach Staff Contact: Janet Troy (713) 928-6055	Seattle, WA Episcopal Diocesan House	Oct 26-28 Facilitator's Workshop	Susan Komis Contact: Mike Regis (206) 328-2318
Seattle, WA Rainbow Lodge	Sep 7-8	Fr. William Sheehan Contact: Fr. William O'Hallahan (206) 935-0358	Houston, TX Ruah Center at Villa De Matel Conve	Nov 2-3 ent	Contemplative Outreach Staff Contact: Janet Troy (713) 928-6055
Walden, NY St. Andrew's Retreat House	Sep 7-9	Contemplative Outreach Staff Contact: Cathy McCarthy (845) 778-2102	Encino, CA Holy Spirit Retreat Center	Nov 2-4	Contemplative Outreach Staff Contact: Sr. Linda Snow (818) 784-4515
Temecula, CA Vina De Lestonnac	Sep 21-24 4 Day	Contemplative Outreach Staff Contact: Martha Rodriguez (619) 226-6000	Brooklyn, MI DeSales Center	Nov 9-11	Contemplative Outreach Staff Contact: Margaret (517) 592-8218

Sewanee, TN St. Mary's Retreat Center	Nov 11-13	Contemplative Outreach Staff Contact: Carol Wray (615) 373-0613	Waldoboro, ME Wellspring	Mar 2-4	Contemplative Outreach Staff Contact: Adele Millette (207) 832-6263
Frenchville, PA Bethany Retreat Center	Nov 16-18	Contemplative Outreach Staff Contact: Nicole Fedder (814) 263-4855	Immaculata, PA Villa Maria Spirituality Center	Mar 8-10	Contemplative Outreach Staff Contact: Sr. Margaret Gradl (610)644-1152 or 647-6630
Shuyler, NE St. Benedict Retreat Center	Nov 16-18	Contemplative Outreach Staff Contact: Sharon Anderson (402) 346-8429	Holy Week Retro Walden, NY St. Andrew's	<u>eat</u> March 27-31	Fr. Carl Arico Contact: Cathy McCarthy
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St. Benedict's Monastery & Retrea	t Center	Contact: Sr. Helene Mercier (320) 363-7114	Retreat House		(845) 778-2102
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Life Center		(859) 441-0679	Alta Retreat		Contact: Rev. Sandy Casey-Martus
Houston, TX Ruah Center at	Dec 14-15	Contemplative Outreach Staff Contact: Janet Troy	Center Intensive Center		
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Rapid City, SD					(451) 777 7951
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Contemplative Outreach is a spiritual network of individuals and small faith communities committed to living the contemplative dimension of the Gospel in everyday life through the practice of Centering Prayer. The contemplative dimension of the Gospel manifests itself in an ever-deepening union with the living Christ and the practical caring for others that flows from that relationship.

Our purpose is to share the method of Centering Prayer and its immediate conceptual background. We also encourage the practice of Lectio Divina, particularly its movement into Contemplative Prayer, which a regular and established practice of Centering Prayer facilitates.

We identify with the Christian Contemplative Heritage. While we are formed by our respective denominations, we are united in our common search for God and the experience of the living Christ through Centering Prayer. We affirm our solidarity with the contemplative dimension of other religions and sacred traditions, with the needs and rights of the whole human family, and with all creation.

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