

STUDY and PRAYER (*Third Order Studies*)



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S+P's first Annual Report to Chapter

In February Provincial Chapter endorsed our first annual report. We're grateful to Chapter for showing its support and encouragement by making the first contribution to the "Bonaventure Fund" - a donation-based fund for giving occasional financial support to tertiaries to avoid excluding them from our study events. It reflects our aim to promote individual study for all tertiaries as an essential part of formation.

What do we do?

The number of newcomers joining study events suggests that S+P is becoming well known in the order, but if you're not yet familiar with us our page on the TSSF website gives a good, quick idea. You'll find there our first newsletter (April 2008) and the report of the 2008 study week near the top of the page - and do dip into some papers too! The webpage is at:

http://www.tssf.org.uk/Members/TSSF_Studies.html

We run at least one study week, and one weekend, a year and encourage personal study reflecting Days 18 and 19 of our Principles.

Forthcoming events

Richard Rohr study weekend (end May 2009)

The weekend event on the work of the American priest Fr. Richard Rohr OFM at Freeland, near Oxford, is currently **fully booked**. This underlines the growing interest in his distinctive Franciscan voice, so we're delighted that it will be followed next year by an event led by Richard in person.....

Richard Rohr to lead a TSSF event in 2010

In partnership with St James, Piccadilly in London (who'll provide the venue) and also with our RC equivalents in the Secular Franciscan Order, we've booked Richard Rohr for the 3-4th September 2010. This is likely to be very popular so although it's still some way off, look out for publicity soon. *If you wish to log your provisional interest right away (or to book for other events) please contact Nell Slocock (S+P*

Secretary) by email or post only (see details at end).

Alnmouth study week Northumberland (5-9th October 2009)

We have **two residential places left** (single rooms). Attenders choose the topics they present at these weeks, though we'd be glad of a focus this year on the current economic crisis. *Talk to John Wiltshire if you're wondering whether to join us - or just contact Nell to book (with £20 deposit to "P. Slocock"). Details below.*

At the planning stage

As we consolidate S+P we hope to provide more events, typically in partnership with others:

Young tertiaries weekend

We hope to work with Howard Worsley to provide an opportunity for tertiaries in their 20s or 30s to get together to view the Franciscan life from a distinctive perspective.

Event on contemplation

We may be able to work here with John Dennis, who organises the TSSF contemplative network.

The financial and economic crisis

This is still at the ideas stage but we would like to work with John Fox on a Franciscan response, so contact us if you can help with this.

Area study events

Let us know if you'd like help to plan local study, such as the joint London area event on obedience recently agreed for 13th March 2010.

Any questions, comments, suggestions, offers of help with "Study and Prayer"!

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