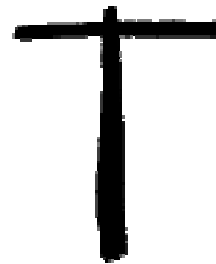


STUDY and PRAYER (Third Order Studies)

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New Chair for Study and Prayer

We're delighted that Tom Keighley is now not only our Provincial Formation Guardian but also S+P's new Chairperson. Welcome, Tom!

Two Richard Rohr OFM related events

Growing numbers of tertiaries are becoming aware of this distinctive Franciscan voice and so we are moving ahead with our conviction, supported by Chapter, that Richard Rohr's work has much to offer us in TSSF. The very name of Rohr's community in New Mexico, "The Centre for Action and Contemplation" (CAC) suggests a potential programme of formation and renewal.

If you'd like an introduction to Richard Rohr's writings and teachings, try the papers from our recent successful weekend event at Freeland at the end of May. Most of these papers are still on the way to the S+P webpage, but you can already see the report on the weekend that went to the recent meeting of Chapter: http://www.tssf.org.uk/Members/TSSF_Studies.html

"RR2010": a major TSSF event next year

We've confirmed that Richard Rohr will speak at a TSSF-led event at St James Piccadilly on the 3-4th September 2010. We're now in touch with the CAC to plan the details. We expect this to be a very popular event indeed, as many others in the UK will be interested.

The two day event will be priced at £40, but tertiaries will be able to obtain a *discounted rate of only £30*. Booking will open with the Winter 2009 edition of the Chronicle, which will contain a booking form. When the time comes, you should book promptly to avoid disappointment.

Please also help us to *publicise* this event by telling non-TSSF friends and organisations about it. They can register their own advance interest at a website at St James Piccadilly:

<http://www.st-james-piccadilly.org/rohrintro.html>

By the way, this link also offers a video interview with Richard Rohr about spiritual direction. Try it, and you'll soon know if "RR2010" is for you!

Other forthcoming events

Our annual Alnmouth study week in October

2009 is currently fully booked.

Weekend event for young Franciscans

We still need your help to contact young enquirers or tertiaries who may be interested in this new initiative at Alnmouth (30th Oct-1st Nov 2009). Please try hard to encourage youthful interest (16-30 years), contacting David Swain on 01865 767068 if you have anyone in mind. TSSF needs youth and vigour!

Making a Franciscan response to the financial and economic crisis

A day event is planned in London on Thursday 10th September. Contact John Fox on 01702 472634 if you'd like to be involved in this one.

The Franciscan International Study Centre at Canterbury (FISC)

<http://www.franciscans.ac.uk>

"FISC" is the international centre for anyone studying Franciscan history or theology. It offers a range of courses and opportunities from private study through short courses to degrees and post-graduate studies. Several members of TSSF and SSF have enjoyed visiting FISC, and studied there. It is a vital part of the Franciscan family in the UK and beyond.

S+P has long had a friendly relationship with FISC but we now have a new partnership too, including an agreement enabling tertiaries to borrow books from FISC's excellent library at a discounted rate when pursuing study connected with any S+P event or programme. The cost will only be that of packing and posting to you - but remember that you'll have to pay postage back as well! For non-S+P related study, personal postal FISC membership costs £20 per year.

Do consider enhancing your studies with FISC's help, making enquiries to fellow TSSF tertiary and FISC librarian Lance Housley on

01277 769349 or at library@franciscans.ac.uk

Help needed with [blue links/questions/comments/suggestions or indeed offers to help us with "Study and Prayer"?](#)

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