COST

The registration fee includes programming, materials, handouts, refreshments during breaks and evening socials. The registration cost is $235, or $210/person when 5 or more are registered together. Single day registration is $100/person/day.

LODGING AND MEALS

Participants stay in air-conditioned campus dormitories that are nonsmoking and furnished with bed linens and towels. Most do not have private baths. If you require special accommodations, such as a handicapped accessible room, please note it when you register. Contact us at 320-363-2612 or by email at monasticinstitute@csbsju.edu for more information. You may purchase all meals with your registration, or individual meals as you need them from Saint John’s Dining Services ($8.50-$11.25).

TRANSPORTATION

BY AIR: Ground transportation between the Minneapolis St. Paul Airport and Saint John’s University is regularly provided by Executive Express Limousine service for approximately $100 per person round trip. For reservations call 320-253-2226; request Saint John’s as your destination.

BY CAR: Saint John’s University, Collegeville, is located 12 miles west of St. Cloud at Exit 156 off Interstate 94. Parking is available to conference guests for free in the Mary Hall lot.

REGISTRATION

You may easily register online at www.csbsju.edu/sot/monasticinstitute, or by mail using a printed registration form (included in brochure).

Refund policy: $50 nonrefundable. The remainder is fully refundable up to two weeks in advance of the Institute. Less than two weeks in advance of the Institute, 50 percent is refundable.

Imagining the Future: Monastic Life in 2020

What is the appeal of monastic life in contemporary society? How does monastic life generate hope within and outside of the cloister walls? In a world hungering for security and love, the time-tested practices of the monastic tradition bear witness to the reality of God among us. The call to community offers an alternative to the fluidity, fragmentation, and isolation weighing upon many in our fast-paced global society. Our speakers bring a wealth of experience and a diversity of perspectives on the importance of monastic life for our times.
Dr. Bonnie Thurston
Bonnie Bowman Thurston, (PhD, U. of Virginia), lives quietly near Wheeling, WV having resigned the William F. Orr Professorship in New Testament at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 2002. Her doctoral dissertation was Thomas Merton. She has written many scholarly articles on Merton and given retreats and lectured on Merton widely in the U.S., Canada, the U.K. and Europe. Among her recent books are The Spiritual Landscape of Mark (Liturical Press), For God Alone: A Primer on Prayer (U. of Notre Dame Press), and Belonging to Borders: A Collection of Celtic Poems (Liturical Press).

"A Sign of Contradiction to the Fashionable Idols: The Contemplative’s Vision" July 1

"A Sign of Contradiction to the Fashionable Idols: The Prophet’s Voice" July 2

Dr. Victor Klimoski
Victor Klimoski, (PhD, U. of Minnesota) is the Director of the Conversatio Lifelong Learning Program at Saint John’s University School of Theology•Seminary. As a recognized leader in seminary and pastoral education (recipient of the NCCLA’s John Paul II Seminary Leadership Award in 2005), he is the co-editor of Educating Leaders for Ministry: Issues and Responses (Liturical Press, 2005). Also as a poet and writing coach, he has published What It Might Mean (2012) and A Month in Kilavar and Poems of Other Places (2013). For five years he served as director of the Benedictine Spirituality Center for St. Paul’s Monastery.

"A Light in the Window: Equipping Disciples in Troubled Times" July 3

Abbot Matthew Leavy, OSB
Abbot Matthew Leavy, a native of Bronx, New York, entered the Benedictine Order at Woodside Priory in California in 1968. He earned a doctorate in Formative Spirituality from Duquesne University in 1981. He was elected Abbot of Saint Anselm Abbey in Manchester, New Hampshire in 1986 and served in that role for more than 26 years, retiring in 2012.

"The Paschal Mystery as Matrix for Monastic Living" June 30

"The Paschal Mystery as Matrix for the Future of Our Monastic Communities" July 1