Greetings Everyone!

Last weekend I had the opportunity to attend a conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. I did not expect that the insights of the weekend would begin before I was on the ground in Albuquerque. As my airplane descended for landing, I looked out the window and realized that Albuquerque was located in a desert! I have never been in a desert location before and immediately numerous scriptural references about going into the desert to find peace and direction started to flood my mind.

My 3 days away in the desert was very rewarding. Since I returned, however, I have reminded myself that I do not need to be physically in a desert to experience the calm and clarity the desert provides. This invitation to experience “desert time” is extended to each of us through the regular practice of contemplative prayer.

Contemplative prayer is a prayer form that take you beyond the use of words and into ourselves to find direction. Sometimes words can prevent us from hearing the voice of God who is often found in silence. By weaving some silence into our busy lives we will begin to see the calm and peace it will bring into our day.

TONIGHT, Thursday 8:00PM will be our first Night Prayer of the semester. Consider incorporating some “desert” time into your schedule. As the responsibilities and stresses of the semester increase with time, the routine of having these sacred pauses in your day will be seen as welcome times to renew your spirit.

Peace,

Jamie
Chaplain's Bible Study

The Bible study will meet on Tuesdays at 12:10 to 1:10 in the Center for Spirituality Community Room, GAC 151.

Led by:
Rev. Robin Olson, Protestant Chaplain & Jamie Fazio, Catholic Chaplain.

This is a wonderful opportunity to discover the wisdom and insight scripture has to offer.

Please feel free to bring your lunch with you.

Feel free to come when you can
You do not have to come every week

Eucharistic Ministers Needed!

Are you interested in serving as a Eucharistic Minister at Mass?

Training will be provided.

Please e-mail Jamie Fazio at jfazio1@naz.edu to learn more!

Quote of the Week . . . .

“Listen with the ear of your heart”

~ St. Benedict

At IUC 2010 you will discover the intellectual energy, the spiritual passion, and the relational power of cutting edge interfaith dialogue and collaboration.

This three day conference includes keynote lectures by world-renowned Sr. Joan Chittister, Dr. Eboo Patel and Rabbi Brad Hirschfield. Don’t miss this opportunity to explore interfaith dialogue and spirituality through storytelling, workshops, art, music, dance, and personal sharing.

Nazareth students must register! Scholarships are available and are applied for when you register. For registration and more information - including a powerful new video invite - please see http://interfaith2010.naz.edu.

Space is limited. Register today!

Contact Lynne Boucher at lbouche9@naz.edu for more details.

Interfaith Understanding Conference
HERE at Nazareth on April 11 - 13, 2010.
WEB PAGE OF THE WEEK!

Online Retreat
http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/cmo-retreat.html

Daily Reflections
http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/daily.html

Description: Make a retreat designed for people too busy to make a traditional retreat. Experience a relationship with God coming alive in the midst of everyday life. Come to know a freedom and peace too often out of reach in the modern world. A simple Guide each week places themes, reflections, questions and desires into the background of our busy lives.

Mark your calendars:

Ash Wednesday is February 17th
Mass at 12:30
Ecumenical Service at 7:00PM