

49th Annual Institute on Sacred Scripture

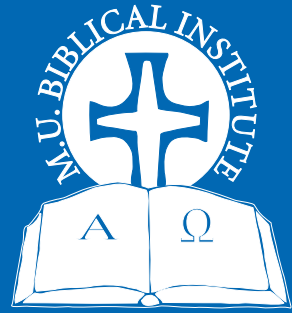
July 30–August 4, 2017

The Joy of Scripture!

A week of inspiring and thought-provoking scripture study at a location of quiet beauty and seclusion for meditation and respite, with many recreational activities on campus or nearby.

“Misericordia’s Institute on Sacred Scripture helps me greatly as a thinking, believing Catholic. Each year I hear faith-stirring study and reflection, I am immersed in a creative, fun body of believers and the mountain air of the Poconos gives me blessed rest at night. Thank you, Misericordia!”

—Fr. Matthew George
Blewater, Ontario



The Institute on Sacred Scripture relates to those of all educational backgrounds with the simplicity and elegance of the Scriptures themselves.



Misericordia University

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**All are
welcome**

Presenters

Dr. Marie Noël Keller, RSM, Th.D. *Executive Director*



Sr. Dianne Bergant, C.S.A.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, C.S.A., is the Carroll Stuhlmüller, C.P., Distinguished Professor Emerita of Old Testament Studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. She holds an M.A. and Ph.D. in Biblical Languages and Literature from St. Louis University. Dianne Bergant was President of the Catholic Biblical Association of America (2000-1) and has been an active member of the Chicago Catholic/Jewish Scholars Dialogue for the past thirty years. For more than twenty years, she was the Old Testament book reviewer of *The Bible Today*. From 2002 through 2005, Bergant wrote the weekly column “The Word” for *America* magazine. Besides numerous articles and chapters in books, Dianne’s most recent publication is *A New Heaven, A New Earth*, a study of various biblical passages from the perspective of integrity of creation, published by Orbis Press. Currently she works in the areas of biblical interpretation and biblical theology, particularly on issues of peace, ecology, and feminism.



Rabbi Larry Kaplan

Rabbi Larry Kaplan received his B.A. in Judaic Studies from Brandeis University and his Masters and Rabbinic Ordination at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in 1987. He has served pulpits in Hartford and Miami before coming to Wilkes-Barre. Rabbi Kaplan sits on the boards of many local organizations, including the Interfaith Council, The Downtown Ministerium, Family Service Association, Step By Step, and the Diamond City Partnership. He is past chair of the advisory board of Luzerne County Children and Youth Services. Rabbi Kaplan has taught Jewish History at Wyoming Seminary and Old Testament at Kings College. He is also the Jewish Chaplain at the Wilkes-Barre VA Hospital, and is an instructor for the Substance Abuse Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program there. Rabbi Kaplan received Temple Israel’s prestigious Pillar of the Community Award for his contributions to Temple Israel, the larger Jewish community and for his considerable civic involvement and influence in 2015. He is also the recipient of an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.



Fr. Ronald D. Witherup, P.S.S., STL., Ph.D.

Sulpician Father Ronald D. Witherup, P.S.S., S.T.L., Ph.D. is Superior General of the Society of Saint Sulpice and lives in Paris. He was formerly Provincial of the U.S. Province of Sulpicians for eleven years. Holding a doctorate in Biblical Studies from Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, he frequently gives lectures around the world on various biblical and theological themes. He is the author of many publications, both books and articles in popular and technical journals. Among his most recent books are *Scripture at Vatican II: Exploring Dei Verbum* (2014) and *Saint Paul and the New Evangelization* (2013). He also served as NT editor for *The Little Rock Scripture Study Bible* (2010), and is presently is a NT editor for a new one-volume Bible commentary to be published by Paulist Press in 2018.

“A unique, scholarly, integrated experience enjoyed year after year in the context of an inclusive community of participants.”

— Fr. John Jaquiel
Erie, PA

Schedule

Sunday, July 30, 2017

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Registration	Gildea Hall, 1st Floor
5:00 pm – 6:15 pm	Dinner	Banks Dining Room
6:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Opening Prayer and Announcements	Sandy and Marlene Insalaco Hall Conference Area
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Opening Session	Sandy and Marlene Insalaco Hall Conference Area

Genesis Holiness Captured in Timeless Stories

First Creation Story: Separation Anxiety

Rabbi Larry Kaplan

Afterwards	Welcoming Reception	Insalaco Café Area
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Monday, July 31, 2017

7:00 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast	Banks Dining Room
8:30 am – 8:45 am	Prayer and Announcements	Conference Area
8:45 am – 10:15 am	Morning Session 1	Conference Area

The Community of Earth: The Bible and Ecology
The Bible and Ecology
Sr. Dianne Bergant, C.S.A.

10:15 am – 10:45 am	Coffee Break	Insalaco Café Area
10:45 am – 12:15 pm	Morning Session 2	Conference Area

Second Creation Story: Blame Someone Else
Rabbi Larry Kaplan

12:15 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch	Banks Dining Room
4:15 pm – 5:00 pm	Eucharist	Conference Area
5:00 pm – 6:15 pm	Dinner	Banks Dining Room
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Evening Session	Conference Area

Saint Paul, As Pastor: Multifaceted Dimensions

Through a glass darkly...”: Paul the Enigma

Fr. Ronald D. Witherup, P.S.S.

Afterwards	Social	Insalaco Café Area
	Cinema Divina	Conference Area

“Thanks be to God for treasured memories, cherished friendship, enriched faith, deeper knowledge, and nourished spirits which bring renewed vigor in the service of the Word.”

—Dr. Claire J. Schitzer
Long Beach, NY

“What a joy to have scholars who love the Lord and the Church....who have a deep love for Scripture, and who are exciting about presenting them to us.”

—Fr. Peter Creed
Lanexa, VA

Schedule

Tuesday, August 1, 2017

7:00 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast	Banks Dining Room
8:30 am – 8:45 am	Prayer and Announcements	Conference Area
8:45 am – 10:15 am	Morning Session 1 <i>“Through a revelation...”: Paul the Person, the Apostle, the Evangelizer</i> Fr. Ronald D. Witherup, P.S.S.	Conference Area
10:15 am – 10:45 am	Coffee Break	Insalaco Café Area
10:45 am – 12:15 pm	Morning Session 2 <i>Noah: Are Humans Basically Good?</i> Rabbi Larry Kaplan	Conference Area
12:15 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch	Banks Dining Room
4:15 pm – 5:00 pm	Eucharist	Conference Area
5:00 pm – 6:15 pm	Dinner	Banks Dining Room
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Evening Session <i>This Land is My Land; or is it?</i> Sr. Dianne Bergant, C.S.A.	Conference Area
Afterwards	Social	Insalaco Café Area
	Cinema Divina	Conference Area

Wednesday, August 2, 2017

7:00 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast	Banks Dining Room
8:30 am – 8:45 am	Prayer and Announcements	Conference Area
8:45 am – 10:15 am	Morning Session 1 <i>Abraham: Good Human, Bad Father</i> Rabbi Larry Kaplan	Conference Area
10:15 am – 10:45 am	Coffee Break	Insalaco Café Area
10:45 am – 12:15 pm	Morning Session 2 <i>“You are the body of Christ...”: Faith, Word, and Sacrament</i> Fr. Ronald D. Witherup, P.S.S.	Conference Area
12:15 pm	Group Photo	Conference Area
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch	Banks Dining Room
4:15 pm – 5:00 pm	Eucharist	Conference Area
5:00 pm – 6:15 pm	Dinner	Banks Dining Room
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Evening Session <i>Things Too Wonderful for Me</i> Sr. Dianne Bergant, C.S.A.	Conference Area
Afterwards	Dessert Social	Insalaco Café Area
	Cinema Divina	Conference Area

Schedule

Thursday, August 3, 2017

7:00 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast	Banks Dining Room
8:30 am – 8:45 am	Prayer and Announcements	Conference Area
8:45 am – 10:15 am	Morning Session 1 <i>Who is This Man?</i> Sr. Dianne Bergant, C.S.A.	Conference Area
10:15 am – 10:45 am	Coffee Break	Insalaco Café Area
10:45 am – 12:15 pm	Morning Session 2 <i>Jacob: Lean, Mean Lying Machine?</i> Rabbi Larry Kaplan	Conference Area
12:15 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch	Banks Dining Room
4:15 pm – 4:45 pm	Eucharist	Conference Area
5:00 pm – 6:15 pm	Dinner	Banks Dining Room
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Evening Session <i>“...Conduct yourselves in a way worthy...”: Ethical Dimensions of Paul’s Pastoral Ministry</i> Fr. Ronald D. Witherup, P.S.S.	Conference Area
8:00 pm	Farewell Reception	Insalaco Café Area

Friday, August 4, 2017

7:00 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast	Banks Dining Room
8:45 am – 10:15 am	Morning Session 1 <i>“I commend to you Phoebe...”: Paul’s Colleagues and Legacy</i> Fr. Ronald D. Witherup, P.S.S.	Conference Area
10:15 am – 10:30 am	Coffee Break	Insalaco Café Area
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Morning Session 2 <i>The End; and then what?</i> Sr. Dianne Bergant, C.S.A.	Conference Area
12:00 pm	Closing Prayer Lunch and Departure	Conference Area Banks Dining Room

“This Institute is the highlight of my summer and I look forward to it with great anticipation weeks and months ahead of time.”

—*Brother John Greenan CFC,
New Rochelle, NY*

“This is the Lord’s mountain top. For a week we can sit at Jesus’ feet and feast on God’s Word. Here, in a very real way, is a Christian community at its best!”

—*Mr. Patrick Mullen
Port Monmouth, NJ*

Registration

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PLEASE USE SEPARATE REGISTRATION FORM FOR EACH PERSON

PLEASE PRINT

Circle an appropriate title or include it with your name.

Dr. Sr. Fr. Bro. Rev. Mr. Mrs. Ms.

_____ Rel. Community Initials _____

Address _____ Female Male

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Ph (Day) (_____) _____ Ph (Evening) (_____) _____

Fax (_____) _____ Email _____

Position _____

Community or Org. _____

COST \$100 deposit required with remainder due before the workshop begins. Comprehensive residential fee includes single or double room, all materials, breaks, socials, meals, and campus recreational facilities.

INSTITUTE COST:

Single air-conditioned bedroom (shared bathroom)	\$750.00
Two or more from the same group (single bedroom/shared bathroom)	\$690.00
Commuter rate	\$515.00
<i>Includes meals, breaks, socials, workshop, and materials, and shuttle service</i>	

The other members in my group are: _____

NOTE: EXTRA NIGHT STAY LIMITED TO ONE DAY BEFORE INSTITUTE DUE TO OTHER UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES.

Extra night's stay: Before: _____

Approx. time _____ No charge for extended night's stay. Meals are a la carte.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

ENCLOSED IS \$ _____

This is my:

Check \$ _____ # _____

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**Return with
payment (payable to
Misericordia University).**

Helpful Information

RECREATION

During the week, there will be ample opportunity for formal and informal social activities and the utilization of campus leisure facilities, including a swimming pool and fitness center. Enjoy the indoor or outdoor walking tracks or a leisurely stroll around scenic campus grounds.

LOCATION

Misericordia University is located on a spacious 124-acre campus nine miles north of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and only 2 1/2 hours from both New York and Philadelphia. The Wilkes-Barre area is conveniently served by several major airlines through the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport, as well as a number of commuter services, interstate bus companies, Interstates 80, 81, 84, and 476.

LODGING/MEALS

Enjoy room accommodations in modern air-conditioned residence facilities. Linens and bedding provided. The fee for residents includes housing, all meals, breaks, socials and conference materials. Commuter fee includes meals, breaks, socials and conference materials.

TRANSPORTATION

Misericordia University offers free shuttle service to and from the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport and Wilkes-Barre bus terminals if arrangements are made in advance.

APPLICABLE DISCOUNTS

Photocopy registration form as needed. One registration form per person, please. Group registrations must include the names of others in your group on your registration form at the time of registration.

EXTENDED STAY

If you need to arrive a day early to accommodate your travel plans, housing arrangements may be arranged. **Note: Extra stay limited to one day before Institute due to other University activities.**

There is no charge for extra night's housing; meals are not included, but off campus choices are available.

CONFIRMATION

Registrations are confirmed by mail. Travel and other information will be included with your registration confirmation which will be mailed to you no later than 2 weeks before the conference.

CANCELLATION

For cancellations, a substitute may be sent in your place, but you must notify the Center for Adult and Continuing Education. If cancellation is made up to 5 working days before the Institute begins, a full refund less a \$50 processing fee will be refunded.

Register Early — Program Fills Quickly

Mail	Misericordia University <i>Institute on Sacred Scripture</i> 301 Lake Street Dallas, PA 18612-1090
Phone	(570) 674-6161 <i>Office hours</i> Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Fri. 8:30 am-4:00 pm; Hours vary around holidays. Messages can be left at this number.
FAX	(570) 674-6232 <i>24 hours a day!</i>
E-mail	jdemko@misericordia.edu for general inquiries
Web	www.misericordia.edu/conferences

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went to Philadelphia!”**