

First Friday Club of Greater Akron

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The Joys and Challenges of Consecrated Life in Today's World

Woman Religious Panel: Sr. Ana Isabel Gonzalez; Sr. Catherine Arnold, O.P.; Sister Amy McFrederick, O.P.; Sr Catherine Walsh C.S.A.

January 6, 2017

Sister Ana Isabel Gonzalez is a Novice with the Dominican Sisters of Peace. She is currently deepening her spirituality and Dominican identity as part of the Collaborative Dominican Novitiate (CDN) in St. Louis, Missouri. Prior to becoming a novice, Sr. Ana worked at Albertus Magnus College, New Haven, CT, as the Community Education Liaison and Director of Corporate Outreach. She sought to empower Latinos in Connecticut through her participation as board member in the Connecticut General Assembly Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission, Association of Latino Professionals for America, and Connecticut Association of Latinos in Higher Education. She was appointed by Governor Malloy to participate in the Connecticut General Assembly Victims' Rights Enforcement Advisory Commission and was a founding member of the Hartford Healing through Dialog and Diversity Consortium. She has her B.A. from Loyola University New Orleans in Communications and Modern Foreign Languages and her M.A. from the University of Texas in El Paso.

Sister Catherine Arnold, O.P., is a Dominican Sister of Peace of Akron, Ohio. She currently ministers with the new members of her congregation as Coordinator of Formation. She also assists with a program for college students on developing peace building skills. She has worked in vocations ministry and as a high school chemistry, science, and mathematics teacher. She earned her M.A. in Theological Studies from the University of Dayton and her B.S. in Chemistry from Marietta College.

Sister Amy McFrederick, O.P., is a Dominican Sister of Peace originally from Kansas, now living and ministering in Akron, Ohio. She is currently Co-Director of our Associates, Dominican lay women and men in mission with the Dominican Sisters. She is a liturgist/musician/songwriter, certified Spiritual Director, a former grade/high school teacher, House of Prayer/Heartland Center for Spirituality staff member and retreat director, co-director of the Collaborative Dominican Novitiate in St. Louis, Council Member of the Great Bend Leadership Team and Vocation Ministry. She earned her B.S. degree in Education from Sacred Heart College (now Kansas Newman University) and completed her studies for a Masters in Liturgical Music from Catholic University of America.

Sister Catherine Walsh C.S.A. has been a sister of Charity of St. Augustine for over 50 years. She is presently living and working in Akron at the Catholic Worker House on Princeton St. where she serves to provide hospitality to women and children and the Hispanic community. She ministered to

and served the Hispanic community at St. Bernard Parish after returning from her ministry serving on the Cleveland Diocesan Mission Team in El Salvador. She continues to be Christ in action and a beacon of hope and hospitality to those most in need in the Akron area.

The First Friday Club will meet January 6, 2017 at **The Tangier**, 532 W. Market St., Akron OH 44303. The cost of the luncheon is \$20.00. Doors open at 11:00 AM; the program begins at noon, and ends promptly at 1:00 PM. Reservations can be made by calling 330-535-7668; by sending a check to the First Friday Club of Greater Akron, 795 Russell Ave., Akron, Ohio 44307; or online at www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org.

See the First Friday Club website for information on subscriptions for the 2017 luncheon series.