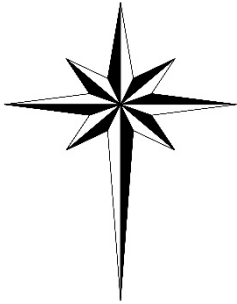


# Turning Towards Life



The recent Chapter Call of the Dominican Sisters Aotearoa, says, 'We choose to be part of a turning towards life, a future we will not see but for which we sow seeds.' During times of huge global concern, this prophetic call has prompted an invitation by the Dominican Sisters Aotearoa to Margaret Galiardi OP and Sharon Zayac OP to come to New Zealand.

With huge passion and commitment to human and eco justice they will be facilitating a number of workshops and retreats around the country.

**Margaret Galiardi OP** is a Dominican Sister from Amityville, New York. She has lectured nationally on ecological theology and spirituality, the "New Story and the Christian Story," and the work of Thomas Berry. In addition, she has created numerous original retreats, workshops and lectures in response to expressed needs.

Margaret is a trained Spiritual Director and served as the Executive Director of the Spiritual Life Center in West Hartford, Connecticut.

She spent the 2009-2010 year in silence and solitude, living with Trappist Sister-Monks in their monastery on the Lost Coast of Northern California in the Redwood Forest.

Margaret has published two books and holds a number of positions in relation mediation and advocacy. . .



**Sharon Zayac OP** is Dominican Sister of Springfield, Illinois. She is the Director of Jubilee Farm, her congregation's 111-acre centre for ecology and spirituality, which lies just west of Springfield, Illinois. In 2008 Sharon joined 139 others for training by Al Gore to present his award winning *An Inconvenient Truth* from a faith-based perspective.



In 2015 Sharon was one of the panellists speaking to the encyclical *Laudato Si'* hosted by the Catholic Conference of Ohio Bishops and the Catholic Climate Covenant.

Sharon writes, lectures, and gives retreats in and outside the U.S. She speaks on any number of ecological topics, but her passion is sharing the Universe Story and its implications for life and faith . . .

***The Itinerary below has contact details for events in your region.***

## AUCKLAND

### EVENT 1

#### Turning towards Life: *Renewing ourselves as we work for a Sustainable Planet*

- Where:** **Mary MacKillop Hall**  
Mary MacKillop Centre Auckland  
56 Selwyn Avenue, Mission Bay, Auckland 1071  
Drive: 15 minutes from downtown by car. Drive downtown to Quay St, turn right and follow Tamaki Drive along the coast!  
Public Transport: Catch bus numbers 717, 757 or 769 to Selwyn Avenue leaving from Britomart
- When:** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017
- Time:** 9.30am - 4.30pm
- Cost:** Waged: \$30 Unwaged: \$15.00
- Registration & Contact:** Jacqui Ryan OP  
*email:* jmryanop@gmail.com  
*Mobile:* 021 136 5078

*Morning and Afternoon tea provided. BYO Lunch*

### EVENT 2

#### Beyond Laudato Si'

- Where:** **Pompallier Centre**  
30 New Street, Ponsonby, Auckland
- When:** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017
- Time:** 4.00pm - 6.00pm
- Contact:** Margaret Fitzpatrick  
**Catholic Education Office**  
*Mobile:* 027 488 6705

*This is a twilight session for teachers*

## WHANGAREI

### “Come O Holy Spirit, renew the face of the earth”

**Where:** St Francis Xavier Church  
63 Park Ave, Kensington, Whangarei

**When:** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**Time:** 7.30pm - 9.00pm

**Cost:** Koha

**Registration & Contact:** Susan Smith  
*email:* s.smith@ihug.co.nz



## PALMERSTON NORTH

### What Earth is asking of us

**Where:** Catholic Diocesan Centre (Te Rau Aroha)  
33 Amesbury Street, Palmerston North

**When:** Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**Time:** 10.00am - 4.00pm

**Cost:** Waged: \$30.00 Unwaged: \$15.00

**Registration & Contact:** Judith McGinley OP  
*email:* mcmcginleydf@gmail.com  
*Phone:* 04 477 0751

*Morning and Afternoon tea provided. BYO Lunch*

## OAMARU

### EVENT 1

#### Yes to the future for all life

**Where:** St Kevin's College (Senior Students)  
**When:** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
**Time:** 11.00am - 12.30pm

### EVENT 2

#### Seeds of Hope: renewing ourselves in a world of chaos

**Where:** Teschemakers Convention Centre  
296 Teschemakers Rd, Kakanui  
**When:** Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
**Time:** 9.00am - 3.00pm  
**Cost:** \$25 per person  
**Contact:** Jan Law  
*email:* janto44@icloud.com  
*Phone:* 03 437 0287  
*Mobile:* 027 363 1481

*Lunch included. RSVP by 18<sup>th</sup> February 2017 for catering purposes*

## INVERCARGILL

Small informal events will be organised internally

**Where:** Korimako Farm  
183 Findlay Road, Ascot, Invercargill  
**Contact:** Judith Robinson OP  
*email:* judithop@xtra.co.nz  
*Phone:* 03 217 8987

## DUNEDIN

### EVENT 1

#### Crafting a Theology in the context of the Agenda for Sustainable Development

**Where:** University of Otago – Centre for Theology & Public Issues  
**When:** Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
**Time:** 12.00pm

### EVENT 2

#### Turning towards Life: *Renewing ourselves as we work for a Sustainable Planet*

**Where:** Burns Lodge  
Holy Cross Centre, 89 Church Street, Mosgiel  
**When:** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
**Time:** 9.30am - 4.30pm  
**Cost:** Waged: \$30.00 Unwaged: \$15.00  
**Registration & Contact:** Sandra Winton OP  
*email:* swinton@clear.net.nz  
*Phone:* 03 471 8009

*RSVP by 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Morning and Afternoon tea provided. BYO Lunch*

## ARROWTOWN

#### Seeds of Hope: renewing ourselves in a world of chaos

**Where:** TBA  
**When:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
**Cost:** Koha  
**Time:** 10.00am  
**Contact:** Sue O'Connor  
*email:* suekevin@actrix.co.nz  
*Phone:* 03 442 1919