



# Monte Alverno Retreat & Spirituality Center

## The Digest

*Transforming the world through reverence*

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#### 2010 Retreat Theme

When the Going Gets Tough: Franciscan Helps for the Journey.

#### New Asphalt

This summer a new parking lot was laid. See pg. 2 for pictures.

#### 2010 Calendar

Take some time to look at the retreat and reflection opportunities for you. See insert.

#### Retreatants' Comments

Wonder what retreatants have thought about their time here? Read the article on pg. 3 for their thoughts.

#### A Woman's Journey To God Series

Special evenings for women are being offered. Read the article on pg. 3 for the Oct. 20th topic and future dates.

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If you or anyone you know wants to become a Capuchin, visit the website: [capuchinfranciscans.org](http://capuchinfranciscans.org)

## Open House Celebrates 75 Years

On Sunday, August 30, over 300 people attended Monte Alverno's Open House commemorating 75 years of ministry. People participated in a walking tour of the facility and grounds. Eight stations gave people a flavor of the hospitality, accommodations and spiritual aspects of Monte Alverno. Fr. Keith Clark, the current director, other staff members, and volunteers were present to greet people and reminisce past times spent here. The tour concluded with refreshments and food in the dining room where people could visit and renew friendships.

Pictures taken during the Open House can be seen on the website: [www.montealverno.org](http://www.montealverno.org). Go to the Current Events page to view the pictures. The following pictures and those on pg. 2 give a sample of the day.



### Theme for 2010: When the Going Gets Tough: Franciscan Helps for the Journey

In lots of ways the going has gotten tough. Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi have provided the world with a tradition of dealing with tough times. Their lives and writings offer helps in dealing with self, with God, with other people, and with creation itself. This retreat will share this great Franciscan tradition with participants.

# Preaching Staff

Fr. Keith Clark, OFM Cap, Director

Fr. Art Cooney, OFM Cap

Fr. Adrian Staehler, OFM Cap

Sr. Marlene Weber, FSPA

Br. John Kocian, OFM Cap

Most of the preaching staff are available for spiritual direction as well as private directed retreats. Contact Monte Alverno Retreat & Spirituality Center for more information.



If Monte Alverno Retreat & Spirituality Center has enriched your life or the life of someone close to you, please consider remembering Monte Alverno in your will.

Your generosity in this manner will enable the Center to be available to many more people for years to come.

# New Asphalt Laid

On Monday, July 13th, work began on a project planned for over a year: new asphalt for the parking lot, areas of the circle drive and back road. Thanks to the help of many donors and \$25,000 from the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph the bills have been paid. The following pictures might give you a feel for the activity of the day. Additional handicap spots have also been painted on the main parking lot.



# Open House (continued from pg. 1)



## Retreatants' Comments

- “The Guided Prayer and the healing service really spoke to my heart and some things that have been troubling me.”
- “I have been coming for a number of years with my mother - it's always just a great, quiet time away.”
- I enjoyed the unstructured time to walk or read or just relax. I especially like walking the path in the woods alongside the river.”
- “For the first time I walked the labyrinth - it helped ‘ground’ me and my thoughts. I found the experience calming and soothing. Helped me put my busy life behind.”
- “Every time I leave the retreat center I feel like I have been baptized again and I can feel the spirit alive and well inside of me...”
- “Just what the Divine Physician Ordered!”
- “I can't put a finger on it. It just felt good to be here.”
- “This is a perfect opportunity for dads everywhere to use this retreat as one of the tools to give their sons the foundation needed in today's world.

## Special Evening Program for Women

A Woman's Journey to God Series: October 20, 2009

“Simple Lifestyle: What Might It Look Like?”

Many discussions and articles are around us these days reminding and challenging us to look at our lifestyles. If we are interested in living more simply, what would we focus upon?

Come to the Women's Evening to listen and share ideas that may require change, physically, time-wise, and internally.

Time: 5 pm - 9 pm with light supper at 5:30 pm. Program begins at 6:15 pm.

Suggested offering: \$25

Future dates: April 20, 2010, & October 19, 2010.

## The Last Word

As Jane, our administrative assistant, was driving to work one morning during the weeks just prior to the celebration of Monte Alverno's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, she thought, “With anniversaries come memories – wonderful, difficult, surprising, heart-warming. Along with those memories come the people who made them up.”

You make up our current memories, and we thank you for them. You also create our future memories, you and the others you encourage to use Monte Alverno as the spiritual resource it is here in the valley. Thank you for that investment in Monte Alverno's future, the investment of your time and enthusiasm in introducing others – your

children, relatives and friends – to “the quiet place.”

The first seventy-five years are full of memories of the people who have come to the quiet place to make themselves available to God so they can be touched and moved by God. Over the last four years that I have been associated with Monte Alverno, more and more individuals and groups have sought us out as a place of spiritual refreshment.

As we enter the next phase of our history, continue to share the good news about the quiet place in the valley where one can be still in order to be found by God.



Fr. Keith

## Suggested Offerings for 2010

Weekend/Midweek (2 nights, 5 meals)	\$ 160.00
Evening Program with meal	\$ 25.00
Evening Program without meal	\$ 18.00
Day Program with dinner	\$ 30.00
Private Retreat (24 hours) (overnight & 3 meals)	\$ 60.00
Directed Retreat (24 hours) (overnight & meals)	\$ 75.00
“At Home” Retreat	\$ 100.00
Preached Retreats (6 day)	\$ 420.00
Directed Retreats (6 day)	\$ 450.00

Group rates per day available by contacting the office.

Participants are asked to invest in Monte Alverno’s future. Pricing does not reflect actual costs. Scholarships are available.

**Reservations for any program can be made by completing the application form included, or calling Monte Alverno at (920) 733-8526, or contacting one of the event promoters, or registering through the Center’s website: [www.montealverno.org](http://www.montealverno.org).**

*The 2010 schedule of programs is provided as an insert in this DIGEST.*

**Monte Alverno Retreat & Spirituality Center Application Form**  
**1000 N. Ballard Rd, Appleton, WI 54911-5198**  
Attached is my offering of \$20.00 for my retreat Reservation  
on \_\_\_\_\_ (This amount will apply to the total for my retreat).  
Date  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Last Name  
Spouse’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parish: \_\_\_\_\_  
Is this your first retreat here? Yes [ ] No [ ]  
Make check payable to: *Monte Alverno Retreat & Spirituality Center*