In Search of the Divine

Program Summaries:



The eighth edition of *In Search of the Divine* features artists whose work is displayed at Carondelet Village (a St. Paul, Minnesota residence for older adults including many of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet). Artist interviews include **fine art tile maker**

Sheryl Tuorila; painter Fredrick Somers; woodturner Bob Clague; and master weaver Wilbur Quespe Huaman, (Agatha Grossman, CSJ, interpreter) with Melanie Ebertz, owner of Art Andes.



In the seventh episode of *In Search* of the Divine, immigrants Shegitu Kebede of Ethiopia, Thupten Dadak of Tibet, and Vina (Sokhavudkh) Oeum of Phnom Penh, Cambodia talk about fleeing their native countries. Now U.S. citizens, business and home

owners, each of these amazing people lost family, friends and possessions, and while their stories can be difficult to hear, their lessons of forgiveness, compassion and hope are inspiring.



The sixth edition of *In Search of the Divine* features pet therapy teams
Dave Kettering and his Samoyed dog,
Sasha, and Becky Martini and her
Lhasa Apso dog partner Zoey. Both
teams explain the Divine nature of
their work and the powerful impact

their dog partners have in offering care, love and healing to the sick. Lisa Gidlow Moriarty talks about labyrinths as a prayer form. Ginger Hedstrom explains the Christian history of clowning and how this art form led her out of the pain of abuse. And we examine Christian and Muslim daily prayer forms with Sister Jeron Osterfeld, OSB, the Sisters of St. Benedict at St. Paul's Monastery and Makram El-Amin of Masjid An'nur Mosque in Minneapolis.



The fifth episode of *In Search of the Divine* features Fr. Jan Michael Joncas, who talks about composing music (including *On Eagle's Wings*) and his life-changing experience with Guillain-Barré syndrome; **Sister Ansgar Holmberg**, CSJ's gouache (tempera)

'art of the heart'; and how the power of touch changed **Sister Rosalind Gefre**, **CSJ** which, in turn, revolutionized the field of massage.



The fourth edition of *In Search of the Divine* features Native American teacher **Gene Goodsky**, who shares the tradition of harnessing healing plants; **Sister Charlotte Berres**, **CSJ**, whose life journey brings her back home; **Mike Hendrickson**'s story of drug abuse and recovery who,

with his mom **Karen Marie Parenteau** discover trouble, heartbreak, and reawakening; and **Sister Marian Louwagie**, **CSJ**, whose breast cancer recurrence brings her presence and understanding.



The third edition of *In Search of the Divine* features **Sister Kate Holmberg**, **CSJ**, who writes icons, **Sister Marie Kevin Tighe**, **SP**, a Sister of Providence who tirelessly worked to get Mother Theodore Guerin sainted; **Philip McCord**, whose miracle of restored vision became part of

Saint Guerin's journey to sainthood; and descriptions by Sant Dharmananda, a Hindu monk and Sister Jane de Chantal Smisek, VHM, a Sister of the Visitation, who talk about praying with beads.



The second episode of *In Search of the Divine* features 95-year-old Sister Mary Mark Mahoney, CSJ, who writes to inmates on death row; Frank Wood, who served in the department of corrections for the State of Minnesota, explains how his faith and the Beatitudes impacted how

he treated inmates; Kelly, a young woman serving a life sentence for murder talks about forgiveness; and Sister Paul Bernadette (PB) Bounk, CSJ, who works at the White Violet Center in Indiana that practices the spirituality of eco-justice, introduces some very lovely Alpacas.



In our first edition of *In Search of the Divine*, Sister Jean Nelson, CSJ, explains why throwing pots is like life; Bataan Death March survivor, Ken Porwoll, describes how a simple act of compassion gave a prisoner the will to live; how Tibetan chants are scored is explained;

and peace activist **Sister Rita Steinhagen**, **CSJ**, describes her fascinating life committed to justice.

To watch short clips from each episode, visit our website at www.InSearchOfTheDivine.org.