

Facilitators



Mary C. Earle is an Episcopal priest, spiritual director, retreat leader and author of *The Desert Mothers: Spiritual Practices from the Women of the Wilderness*. Author of four books and co-author of two, Mary is also a published poet. Her ministry focuses on spiritual direction, contemplative prayer and interfaith dialogue. She is an adjunct faculty member of the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, and Author in Residence at The Workshop, a ministry of St. Mark's Episcopal Church.



Rosalyn Falcon Collier is co-founder of the San Antonio peaceCENTER, in 1995 and founder and member of the Women on Pilgrimage Retreat at St Anthony de Padua since 1997. A native San Antonian, she is a graduate of the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation in Washington, DC, in 1990 and has led local meditation groups in Catholic parishes since 1997. Rosalyn recently co-facilitated the *Called Back to the Well Spiritual Renewal Program* (2009). She is a spiritual director and mediator and facilitates skillshops on nonviolence and transformative mediation.

Sue Joiner, M.Div., created *Called Back to the Well*, a program of spiritual renewal for parishes and congregations. She administers the program through the Samaritan Counseling Center, Albuquerque, NM.

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Called Back to the Well

2009 Participants

- Covenant Presbyterian Church
- Episcopal Church of the Reconciliation
- Holy Trinity Catholic Church
- Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church
- St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
- St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church
- St. Matthew's Catholic Church
- St. Philip of Jesus Catholic Church

Participants earn Continuing Education clock hours and receive certificates upon concluding the program.



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Aug. 2011 — May 2012

*Deepening Spirituality
in Congregations*

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Called Back to the Well



What does it mean to be a spiritually vital congregation?

The course is held on the campus of Oblate School of Theology in Tymen Hall in the main administration building.

Schedule

Aug. 25, 2011	Orientation (Thurs.) 9 AM-12 PM
Sept. 16, 17, 2011	Opening Retreat 3 PM-9 PM (Fri.) 9 AM-3 PM (Sat.)
Oct. 6, 2011	9 AM-12 PM (Thurs.)
Nov. 3, 2011	9 AM-12 PM (Thurs.)
Dec. 1, 2011	9 AM-12 PM (Thurs.)
Jan. 5, 2012	9 AM-12 PM (Thurs.)
Feb. 2, 2012	9 AM-12 PM (Thurs.)
Mar. 1, 2012	9 AM-12 PM (Thurs.)
Apr. 12, 2012	9 AM-12 PM (Thurs.)
May 3, 2012	9 AM - 3 PM (Thurs.)

Parishes were created to center every facet of their lives in God's call, but somewhere along the way that call often gets lost in the "business" of doing church. *Called Back to the Well at OST*, a spiritual deepening program for parishes, helps teams of clergy and lay leaders deepen the spiritual life of the congregation through worship, education, prayer, discernment, stewardship, and outreach. The program's dual focus is to grow spiritual leaders and the spirituality in every facet of parish life.

The program begins with a retreat focusing on spiritual vitality and spiritual leadership. Each month participants gather for three hours to focus on one aspect of church life (worship, prayer, relationships, etc.) as well as learn spiritual practices. Parish teams of clergy and lay leaders plan homework to continue their learnings into the life of the congregation. Each month, teams report on their progress and learn from one another. In addition, facilitators visit each church in July or August to take an in-depth look at their particular context.

The program ends with a retreat to assimilate their experiences into a longer vision for the parish. The twelve-month process includes both visioning and practice throughout, so that participants implement their experiences as they go, while looking at the big picture of spiritual vitality for their parish.

Reflections from past participants:

How did this program affect you as an individual?

- ◇ *"It provided a great incubator for lay leadership and team building. Great food for thought and fun to have real insight from other congregations."*
- ◇ *"Opportunity to grow and learn alongside others in the congregation created a space for me to pause and reflect on my spiritual practice."*

How did the program impact your congregation?

- ◇ *"It began a wave of deepening prayer and spiritual discernment; it energized the momentum to expand training in leadership and stewardship."*
- ◇ *"The congregation seems to be more spiritual — the preaching seems to be more spiritual."*

Each congregation may register as many parish leaders as they desire.

Cost: \$1200 per congregation



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www.samaritancec.com/affiliated/cbtw

Registration

Name of Parish / Congregation: _____

Address: _____

City _____ zip _____

Church phone _____

Fax _____

Church web site: _____

Name and contact information for each participant (beginning with the contact person for your group):

Address: _____

phone _____

e-mail _____

On a separate sheet, please list additional team members/participants, then answer the following:

- a) Describe your parish/congregation.
- b) How would you describe the spiritual vitality of your parish/congregation?
- c) How is spirituality part of worship?

Meetings?	Small groups?
Stewardship?	Decision Making?
Mission/Outreach?	Other ministries?
- d) What is God's call for your congregation/parish?
- e) How can we help you become a more spiritually vital parish/congregation?

Make checks payable to "Called Back to the Well."

Credit card payment can be made to the head office of *Called Back to the Well*, located in Albuquerque, NM at 505-332-8020.

Send registration to:

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