

Francis' life story will be told with themes that emerge from his life. Francis lived his life as Christ's ambassador, so we learn from his story rather than writings. His is a story of spirituality and many would say that Francis was as close to living as Jesus did as any.

Two themes that we will deeply pray with on this day are:

### **Celebrating the Goodness of God in all of Creation**

We see statues of Francis with birds and animals. It seems that Francis entered into a dimension of spirituality where he truly experienced the interconnectedness of all living beings. Using stories from Murray Bodo's book Francis, The Journey and the Dream, we will explore the meaning of this and how it challenges and inspires.

### **Peace Making and Reconciliation**

Another major theme that emerges from Francis' life is Peace Making and Reconciliation. Encountering the Pope in Rome, the Muslim Sultan of Egypt, the Wolf who was terrorizing the folk of Gubbio, and the pain of separation from his own family, Francis was challenged as to how to be Christ's embodiment in these situations. There are many lessons we can take from Francis' life as to how we are called to be ambassadors of peace in our day.

The day will include teaching, quiet and group sharing.



### **Wendy Passmore**

Wendy has a deep love and commitment to her work of spiritual direction and retreat ministry and presently has a private practice wherein these ministry services are offered.

Wendy's work has included residing at Mount Alverno Retreat Centre where as Director she offered visionary leadership, facilitated retreats and served as spiritual director for groups and individuals.

Wendy's education includes a BA in Religious Studies from the University of Toronto and a MA in Ministry and Spirituality from Regis College, University of Toronto. Wendy has been trained in both the Ignatian and Franciscan Spiritual Disciplines, and she is able to offer the Ignatian and Franciscan Spiritual Experiences.

Wendy's work has also included: Co-ordination of a storefront Christian Drop In Centre ministry, Grade 12 retreat facilitator, wedding officiant, and Christian Education Director.

# *St Francis Of Assisi*

*Directed by:  
Wendy Passmore*

**Saturday, Oct 1<sup>st</sup> , 2011**

**9:30 to 3 pm**

**\$45.00**

**(Refreshments & Lunch provided)**

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*Sign up early as numbers are limited.*

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