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GRACED COMPANIONSHIP

Our Call Past, Present, & Future

MARCH

7

Thursday

9.30AM-3.30PM

Jesus was a graced companion par excellence! He offered vision, energy, challenge, and courage to those who accompanied him in ministry. Likewise our founders and foundresses, following the example Jesus, offered to their first members the vision, energy, challenge, and courage to address the social ills of their times. On March 7 we will explore how we too are graced companions. Women and men Religious, committed to ministering in our broken and blessed world with God's own courage and depth of imagination. Our day will include prayer and ritual, input, and group sharing.

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Mary Pat Garvin, RSM is a member of the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas. From 2011-2017 Mary Pat served as a member of her congregation's general leadership team. Mary Pat holds a Ph.D. in psychology from the Gregorian University where she was a faculty member from 1994-2001. Prior to being in leadership Mary Pat ministered for twenty years with national and international conferences of religious, as well as with over 50 religious congregations throughout North and South America, Europe, Africa and Asia. A life-long educator Mary Pat has taught at Creighton University, Gwynedd-Mercy University and Seton-Hall University. Mary Pat's research interest is the interplay of spirituality and psychology in the promotion of a healthy and holy living of the Christian life. She is the author of over 20 articles on topics pertaining to vocation discernment and the formative process. She co-authored "Leadership in Consecrated Life Today" in *Formation and The Person: Essays on Theory and Practice* (2007). **In 2013 Mary Pat offered a keynote address at the UISG international meeting of over 800 leaders of women's religious congregations.** In 2017 Mary Pat was the recipient of the Sr. Mary Emil Penet Award from the Religious Formation Conference in the United States. This award was presented in recognition of Mary Pat's extraordinary contribution to the ministry of lifelong formation for religious in North America and internationally.