



Turning Towards Life

The recent Chapter Call of the Dominican Sisters Aotearoa, says, 'We choose to be part of a turning towards life, a future we will not see but for which we sow seeds.' During times of huge global concern, this prophetic call has prompted an invitation by the Dominican Sisters Aotearoa to Margaret Galiardi OP and Sharon Zayac OP to come to New Zealand. With huge passion and commitment to human and eco justice they will be facilitating a number of workshops and retreats around the country.

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What Earth is asking of us

Where:	Catholic Diocesan Centre (Te Rau Aroha) 33 Amesbury Street, Palmerston North
When:	Saturday 11 th March 2017
Time:	10.00am - 4.00pm
Cost:	Waged: \$30.00 Unwaged: \$15.00
Registration & Contact:	Judith McGinley OP <i>email:</i> mcginleydf@gmail.com <i>Phone:</i> 04 477 0751

Morning and Afternoon tea provided. BYO Lunch

Margaret Galiardi OP is a Dominican Sister from Amityville, New York. She has lectured nationally on ecological theology and spirituality, the "New Story and the Christian Story," and the work of Thomas Berry. In addition, she has created numerous original retreats, workshops and lectures in response to expressed needs.

Margaret is a trained Spiritual Director and served as the Executive Director of the Spiritual Life Center in West Hartford, Connecticut.

She spent the 2009-2010 year in silence and solitude, living with Trappist Sister-Monks in their monastery on the Lost Coast of Northern California in the Redwood Forest.

Margaret has published two books and holds a number of positions in relation mediation and advocacy.



Sharon Zayac OP is Dominican Sister of Springfield, Illinois. She is the Director of Jubilee Farm, her congregation's 111-acre centre for ecology and spirituality, which lies just west of Springfield, Illinois. In

2008 Sharon joined 139 others for training by Al Gore to present his award winning *An Inconvenient Truth* from a faith-based perspective.

In 2015 Sharon was one of the panellists speaking to the encyclical *Laudato Si'* hosted by the Catholic Conference of Ohio Bishops and the Catholic Climate Covenant.

Sharon writes, lectures, and gives retreats in and outside the U.S. She speaks on any number of ecological topics, but her passion is sharing the Universe Story and its implications for life and faith.

