

Conference Speakers

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Sister Rosann Ocken, OSB- Immaculata Monastery, Norfolk, NE

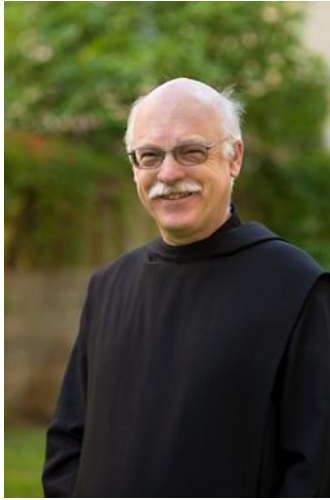


Sr. Rosann Ocken, OSB, is a member of Immaculata Monastery, Norfolk, Nebraska. She has served as a teacher, campus minister, formation director, vocation director, oblate director and liturgy director for her monastic community. In 2018 she returned from 10-1/2 years of ministry in East Africa where she served in administration. Her graduate studies are in Pastoral Ministry from Creighton University. She later received a Certificate in Spiritual Direction from Sacred Heart Monastery in Yankton, South Dakota. Currently Sister Rosann is serving as prioress of her community in Norfolk.

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Father Joel Macul, OSB- Christ the King Priory, Schuyler, NE



Father Joel's monastic journey took formal shape at St. Paul's Abbey, Newton, New Jersey, a monastery in the Ottilien Benedictine Congregation with a history of missionary monks. He served in leadership in the monastery, in its retreat ministry, and in teaching Scripture in the nearby College Seminary. In 1991 he had the blessing of becoming part of the monastery in Nairobi/Tigoni, Kenya for five years. His time there was spent in the classrooms of Tangaza College (seminary for religious) and the Catholic University of Eastern Africa teaching Scripture. It was wonderful work and expanded his heart in ways that were often unexpected. He then served his community in the States as abbot and during that time helped the monks to discern the eventual closure of their community. His cultural experiences were enhanced over the next few years when Benedictine monks from South Korea came to take over the abbey and he was invited to live with them. During this time, he served his Congregation by being a delegate for a small monastery in Kerala, South India for a number of years.

At the present moment, he is serving as the superior of Christ the King Priory in Schuyler, Nebraska. His first love has always been for the Word. The monastic experience of *lectio* has enhanced, fostered, and confirmed that love. He has found that the Word in the text, with all its richness and depth, has been matched by the richness and variety of humanity that he has been blessed to experience.

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Sister Marielle Frigge, OSB- Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton, SD



Sister Marielle Frigge is a member of Sacred Heart Monastery in Yankton, South Dakota. After 45 years in the classroom, including 33 years teaching Scripture and theology at Mount Marty College, she is now in her seventh year as Director of Ongoing Formation for her community, and continues to teach within the monastery and in various other venues. The author of *Beginning Biblical Studies* (Anselm Academic 2013), she also has written biblical commentary for Liturgy Training Publications and has served as associate editor and book reviewer for *The American Benedictine Review* since 1996.

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