



Join us for a morning of reflection

## St. Francis of Assisi as a Victim of Post-Traumatic Stress

This morning of reflection explores St. Francis in a new way, not only as a beloved saint of joy and simplicity, but also as a man marked by the deep psychological and spiritual wounds of war. Drawing on Pope Leo's designation of 2026 as the Year of St. Francis, we will consider how his captivity, trauma, and disillusionment became the soil in which conversion took root. Through prayer, guided reflection, and gentle conversation, participants will reflect on Francis as a figure who knew fear, fragmentation, and the struggle to begin again—and who discovered in Christ a path toward healing, reconciliation, and courageous peace.

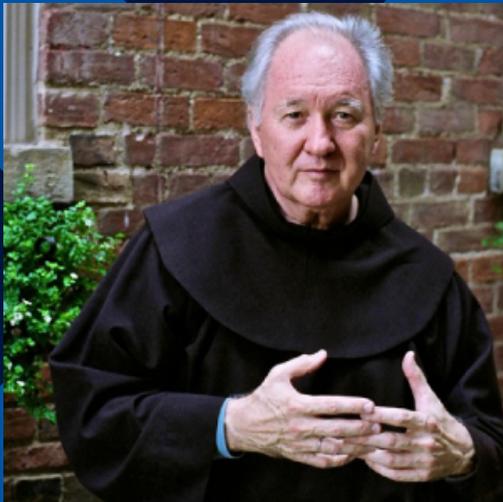
**Saturday, Apr. 11, 2026**

9:00-12 PM in Arrupe Overlook,  
Graduate Student Center (Xavier University)

Please register [here](#) or use the QR code.



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*Facilitator*

**Fr. John Quigley, OFM**

Fr. John Quigley is a Franciscan friar. He is a preacher, artist, and human rights activist. He began his pastoral and preaching ministry in 1974 as co-leader with Richard Rohr of the New Jerusalem Community in Cincinnati. From 1989-2009 he led the international efforts of the Franciscans in the areas of justice, peace, and human rights in Rome and Geneva. He regularly leads groups of pilgrims to Rome and Assisi to retrace the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi.

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