

Encountering Mary in Catholicism and Islam: A Devotional

Date/Time: Sunday, December 10, 2017 3:00pm-4:15pm

Place: St Agnes Church, 1920 Newburg Rd, Louisville, KY 40205

Many Catholics are unaware that Mary (Maryam in Arabic) is the only woman mentioned by name in the Qur'an and regarded as the highest of all blessed women. Surah 19: *Maryam*, greatly loved by Muslim women, tells her story more extensively than the Gospels. In this event Catholics and Muslims come together in their devotion to the Blessed Mother.

Presenters:

Sister Kathryn Huber, OSB, is a member of Monastery Immaculate Conception and the Spirituality Ministry of the Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand, IN. A vowed religious for sixty-one years, she has served as federation president, prioress, retreat minister, principal, teacher, and spiritual guide.

Father Sebastian McDonald, CP, Professor of Moral Theology at major Catholic Seminaries, provincial of the Western U.S. Passionist Community. A vowed religious for sixty-six years, he was a cherished teacher before his recent retirement. His Doctor of Theology was granted in Rome.

Dr. Riffat Hassan, internationally renowned Muslim theologian and activist, Professor Emerita, University of Louisville where she taught for thirty-three years. She is a pioneer of Islamic feminist theology as well as Jewish-Christian-Muslim interreligious dialogue in the U.S.

Qur'anic recitation and *zikr* (chanting) led by **Imam Azam Efindira** of the Bosnian Muslim Community of Louisville and music led by **The St. Agnes Musical Ministry**.

The Salaam Network is an interfaith group of educators, peacemakers, artists and supporters from a wide range of backgrounds. **The Network** is committed to building bridges of understanding and harmony from a knowledge-based foundation. The word *salaam* is an Arabic word that means peace, good will and wholeness and is often used in greetings.

