Embracing More Fully the Clarian Dimension

of

Our Franciscan Clarian Life

as

Franciscan Sisters of Allegany and Associates

Four Reflections

***GAZE - The Many Faces of Clare: History, Hagiography and Humanity***

***CONSIDER - The Virtues of Clare’s Heart: Trust, Transparency and Tenderness***

***CONTEMPLATE - The Fragrance of Clare's Spirit: Presence, Passion and Purpose***

***IMITATE - Creating a Clarian “Life Space”: Becoming Companions on the Life Journey Home … to One Another and to God***

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| Dear Sisters and Associates, You will have about three hours of time for input and shared reflection on the four themes listed above. The goal for the day of reflection is to get you thinking about your images and understandings of Clare and the relevance of such insights for your life as you journey together into your unfolding future. These reflections are neither the first words you have heard on the subject, nor will they be the last. They simply constitute another opportunity to return to the sources and explore them with the eyes of your hearts (Eph 1:18).  Some recommended background material is included for your information and ongoing consideration.  ***Please be sure to bring with you a copy of your favorite image of Saint Clare***.  Together, may you continue to gaze, consider, contemplate and imitate the One who calls us by name according to God’s will and purpose (Eph 1:11).  Peace and all good things, Sr. Meg Guider, OSF |