

August 1, 2023

Dear Co-workers in Pastoral Ministry,

As the returning chair of the APM Board, I invite you to join us for the wonderful offerings we have planned for you this year. We will begin early this year with a networking social at The Urban Growler in St. Paul on August 17 from 3:00-5:00pm. You can see more details on the save the date card included in this mailing.

We are excited about our programing for the 2023-24 membership year. We are hopeful that you will join us this year for "The Loving Presence of Accompaniment." We are fortunate to have secured Bill Huebsch to present at all three of our programs this coming year.

According to his bio, Bill Huebsch is a husband, a widely-published and award-winning author, theologian, a gardener, a university professor, and a pretty qualified corkscrew operator. He has been a farmer, a marketing director, arts administrator, director of religious education, and diocesan administrator. Bill has published nearly thirty books as well as numerous articles, booklets, and screenplays. Bill is the founder of the online Pastoral Center and past president of Twenty-Third Publications. Bill writes and teaches extensively on the catechetical mission of the Church and on the importance of continuing to implement the vision of the Second Vatican Council.

Wisdom and Wonders, which grew out of COVID, returns this year. This is a great way to connect with other pastoral ministers without leaving the office, it continues to be offered through Zoom. Watch for updates on the dates that this will be offered every other month.

In the spring we will have our retreat and banquet. At our banquet each year we award the Mary Mulheron award to a current lay ecclesial minister who is a member of APM and is nominated by a current member of APM. We invite you to consider who you might nominate for this award.

We hope that you are looking forward to all that is coming this year and will become a member of APM and join us. We look forward to Accompanying you on the journey.

Blessings,

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