

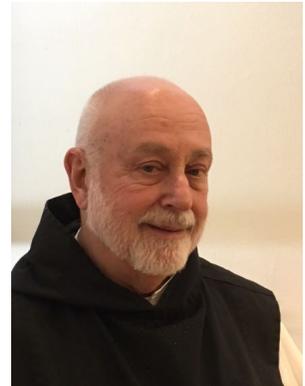
Meet the Speakers and Intergenerational Wisdom Team



Brother Don Bisson, FMS is, first and foremost, a spiritual director and is widely respected as a specialist in the training, formation and supervision of spiritual directors. A Marist brother based in Esopus, New York, he has graduate degrees in liturgy, spirituality, and transpersonal psychology, and earned his Doctor of Ministry at the Pacific School of Religion specializing in Spiritual Direction and Jungian Psychology.

With more than 90 live audio recordings available, Brother Bisson is internationally recognized for his lectures, workshops, and retreats on the interrelationship of Christian spirituality and Jungian psychology. He is a man committed to “walking the talk.”

Fr. Guerric Heckel has been a monk at Mepkin Abbey for 26 years where he serves as the Director of Saint Francis Retreat Center and its Annual Crèche Festival. Prior to that, he was a parish priest in the Diocese of Richmond, VA and a hospital chaplain for 11 years. He is currently organizing online retreats, lectures, and workshops for the St. Francis Virtual Retreat Center.



A portrait of Madison Chandler. She is a young woman with long, dark hair, smiling at the camera. She is wearing a light-colored top. The background is a soft-focus outdoor scene with green foliage.
Madison Chandler is a PhD student in Kinesiology at Michigan State University. Her research focuses on the effects of exercise on the brain, and she hopes to one day work as a professor both teaching classes and conducting research on the relationship between a healthy body and a healthy brain. Madison graduated with a BA in Psychology from UNC-Chapel Hill in 2017, where she was actively involved with campus ministry, small groups, and retreats at the Newman Catholic Center. She is excited to be a part of the Intergenerational Wisdom team!

Jim Gudaitis is a retired high education administrator who spent over 30 years in fundraising. He was a VISTA volunteer, a Jesuit Volunteer, a middle and high school teacher, and most recently an assisted living administrator. He left the Catholic Church for a few years before he briefly considered becoming a Jesuit.



Happily married for almost 40 years with two adult children, Jim was actively engaged in prison and hospital ministries and Meals on Wheels before the pandemic, but continues to be involved with the Red Cross and various spirituality networks.



Jon Henz has been a software engineer for over 20 years. He chose this field so he could travel, live and work from anywhere in the world; plus, it is able to fund his spiritual mission, education and ministries. He is currently enrolled in a program at Aquinas Institute to become a spiritual director.

Matt Kauffmann is an investment analyst at Belveron Partners, a private real estate investment firm focused on preserving workforce and affordable housing across the country. In this role, he underwrites prospective investments and provides analytical support to the firm's investment decision making process. Matt was inspired to work in affordable housing after serving the homeless and low-income individuals in a variety of roles at non-profits in



California and North Carolina as a member of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps and AmeriCorps VISTA. Matt received an MBA from the University of Notre Dame and a BA in Philosophy from UNC-Chapel Hill. He lives in New York City.



Barbara Pegg holds an MDIV from Duke University. She is a trained Catechist of the Good Shepherd, a unique method of sharing scripture and liturgy with young children, and has had the privilege of working with young adults at the UNC-Chapel Hill Newman Catholic Center. For 40 years children and young adults have been her teachers and guides, partners in the work of faith formation. She is grateful to lead the Intergenerational Wisdom team

Melissa Walsh holds a BA in Middle Grades Education from UNC-Chapel Hill and is currently living out her vocation as an educator in both her profession and her studies. She is a middle school language arts teacher at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School in Raleigh, NC and is also pursuing an MA degree in education at NC State University. She believes that learning AND teaching are both things she will always feel called to do, and that by doing these things she is best living out her role as a member of the Body of Christ.

