

“Challenges to Consecrated Life in the New Digital Age”

Province Retreat
November 4 – 8, 2019
Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside, Calif.

About the Retreat

During this retreat we will reflect on the current communication and environmental challenges that the new digital age presents to all people and, more specifically, to our life as friars. We are already in a new culture, a new way of being and thinking. Technology has allowed a significant increase in material goods and in global connectivity, but we are destroying our common home. We are more connected, but more alone. The Synod for the Amazon, which will conclude in Rome just before this retreat, can be a source of inspiration for our reflection and our willingness for conversion.

Our Presenter

Born in Zamora, Spain, **Martín Carbajo Núñez, OFM** is known to many of our friars thanks to his being a part of the St. Elizabeth's fraternity every summer since 2002 while doing research in Berkeley and helping out with ministries at St. Elizabeth's. Martín teaches ethics and communication at the *Antoniano* and the *Alfonsiano* universities in Rome, and at the Franciscan School of Theology in Oceanside/San Diego. Here is a quote from Martín describing his field of study:



“The new Information Technologies are already unavoidably embedded in our daily life. For many people, they are 'the chief means of information and education, of guidance and inspiration' (John Paul II, “Encyclical letter *Redemptoris misio*“, 7-12-1990, n. 37). We are in a new culture, a new way of being and thinking; so we can rightly say that, in social communication, our destiny is at stake. With my research and academic activity, I try to discern how to inhabit the new digital environment, taking inspiration from the Franciscan Intellectual Tradition.”

Please register before September 17, 2019

- ❖ The retreat will begin with 6 pm dinner on Monday, November 4.
- ❖ The retreat will conclude with lunch at noon on Friday, November 8.
- \$300 includes a private room at Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center
- \$100 for commuters and friars who live at Mission San Luis Rey
- Scholarships available

To register please send either the entire amount or a deposit of \$50 (check payable to **Office of Ongoing Formation**) to:

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