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Dear Friends,

“A New Birth of Freedom!” rings out as we stand at the tipping point between 2008 and 2009! These words of Abraham Lincoln bridge the remembrance of his birth 200 years ago with the theme of Barack Obama’s inaugural celebrations and the dawning of a new era of government. Few are naïve enough to deny the daunting challenges that face our nation and our world. There is, nonetheless, a sense that a new energy has been released in young and old alike, fueling our hope that our deepest longings for justice and peace, unity and reconciliation, love and stewardship of the gifts of the earth may be a bit more within reach. We have heard a call, in Lincoln’s words, to attend as a people to “the better angels of our nature.”

Attending to “the better of our nature” is a lovely way to think about the work of the Center for Christian Spirituality! Please consider attending some of the programs offered by the Center this spring. I particularly recommend our keynote lecture by Wendy Wright, Ph.D, of Creighton University. She is uniquely suited as a scholar, wife and mother, to invite the empowerment of the laity so necessary for our churches today. I encourage you, too, to consider the professional programs. The workplace is the venue where important change happens and where we need to be strengthened for the challenge of bringing our deepest values to bear. Each program offers rich fare! Come to all! I look forward to welcoming you. Let us work together for a new birth of freedom on every level of our lives!

Sincerely,

*Barbara J. Quinn, RSCJ*

**NEW RESCHEDULED DATE**

Eight Annual Keynote Lecture

**Wendy M. Wright, Ph.D.**

**“The Devout Life in Modern Dress: Lay Spirituality in a Contemporary World”**

**Monday, May 4, 2009, 7:30 – 9 p.m.**



Wendy Wright, Ph.D., is a theology professor and the John C. Kenefick Faculty Chair in the Humanities at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. Her expertise includes the history of spirituality and the spiritual traditions of Francis de Sales and Jane de Chantal. She has written extensively on family and lay spirituality for both academic and public audiences.

When: Monday, May 4, 2009, 7:30 - 9 p.m.  
 Where: Hahn University Center forum A/B, University of San Diego  
 Fee: \$10 with pre-registration; \$15 at the door  
 USD Students free w/ID; faculty and staff half-price.

**SOME USEFUL INFORMATION**

**REGISTRATION:** No refunds are possible except for medical or personal emergencies.

**TAPING:** Individuals are not permitted to tape any CCS sessions. This is to protect speakers, the Center, and individuals from any copyright complications. We ask your cooperation. An exception to this policy may be made only at the discretion of the program director.

**CLOCK HOURS:** To receive this credit, one must pay the full course fee, be present for all sessions, complete all coursework, and fill out the credit forms when applicable. Late forms cannot be processed.

**PARKING:** A visitor parking permit is available at the kiosk and parking is permitted in any legal parking space.

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