



## Awe Evoking Experiences

## Epiphany Life Formation Academy (ELFA)

August 11-16, 2012



**Ashwood House  
Lawlors Cross  
Kilcummin Killarney  
County Kerry  
Ireland**

*"Heaven's reflex  
where the angels fold their  
wings and rest."*

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The **Epiphany Life Formation Academy** is profoundly committed to the in-depth formation, reform, and transformation of laity, clergy, and religious. Your participation in this event offers an opportunity for like-minded Christians and sincere seekers to meet one another; to think and pray together about the moral and spiritual needs and challenges we face in the faith and formation grouping to which we belong; and, in this ELFA, to delve into the truth of Father Adrian van Kaam's conviction that "awe is the basic disposition of the human heart as transcendent."

*Awe came upon everyone,  
and many wonders and  
signs were done through the apostles.  
Acts 2:43*

### REGISTRATION FORM

ELFA 2012 Ireland ~ Fees include all meals and workbook

**SINGLE OCCUPANCY:** 475 Euros (\$675) Overnight charge per person

**DOUBLE OCCUPANCY:** 375 Euros (\$525)—Overnight charge per person

Deposit of 100 Euros or \$150 to hold your reservation. (Rates subject to change)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Origin \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Number of persons in your party \_\_\_\_\_

Visa/Mastercard \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code (Visa only) \_\_\_\_\_



## ELFA Facilitators

**Susan Muto, PhD**, is dean of the Epiphany Academy of Formative Spirituality in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and executive director of the Epiphany Association. She teaches in the United States and Ireland where her research and writing continues on a daily basis: "I am in awe of what God gives us and look forward to sharing these experiences in

ELFA." **Father Ralph Tajak, OSB**, is chaplain of the Epiphany Academy. He is at All Hallows College in Dublin,

Ireland to complete his doctoral dissertation on the teaching of Father Adrian van



**Kaam, CSSp, PhD (1920-2007)**, who, with **Doctor Muto**, co-founded the Epiphany Association in 1979.



**Thady O'Connor, MA (Spiritual Development in Pastoral Ministry)** is a member of the first Irish class to complete the Epiphany Certification Program.



## 2012 Schedule

### Saturday, August 11

Arrive by 6 PM for supper and a get-acquainted gathering to meet your co-facilitators and other participants.

### Sunday, August 12

Opening Liturgy 10 AM at Thady's Parish followed by quiet time. After lunch we will enjoy our first "experience" of awe at a place chosen by Thady then return to the house to rest, relax, and review the ELFA workbook. After that we will have our opening conference.

### Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

#### August 13—15

We will follow the full day ELFA schedule as outlined in the workbook you will receive upon preregistration. Excursions will occur in the early evening with closing upon our return around 9 PM.

### Thursday, August 16

We will have our final conference and the presentation of ELFA certificates in the morning, followed by luncheon. Those who wish to do so will have the rest of the day to enjoy the countryside and depart by noon on **August 17 or 18**.



## Agenda

### Day One ~ Sunday

**Theme:** Awe Awakened by Creation

**Masters:** John of the Cross, *The Spiritual Canticle* (See also Susan Muto, *Deep into the Thicket*) and Paul Brand, *Fearfully and Wonderfully Made. Psalm 8:1-9. Luke 2:8-14.*

### Day Two ~ Monday

**Theme:** Unforgettable Moments of Being Caught Up in Full Awe

**Masters:** Augustine of Hippo, *The Confessions* and Corrie Ten Boom, *The Hiding Place. Psalm 47:1-9. 2 Corinthians 12:1-10.*

### Day Three ~ Tuesday

**Theme:** Celebrating the Epiphany of the Mystery in Everyone We Meet

**Masters:** Thérèse of Lisieux, *Story of Soul* and Teresa of Calcutta, *Something Beautiful for God. Psalm 123:1-4. John 4:21-30*

### Day Four ~ Wednesday

**Theme:** Mirroring the Mystery in the Details of Daily Life

**Masters:** Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection, *Practice of the Presence of God* and Thomas Kelly, *A Testament of Devotion. Psalm 119:161-176. Mark 5:25-34.*

### Day Five ~ Thursday

**Theme:** Hindrances to and Helps for Binding Heaven to Earth and Earth to Heaven in Awe

**Masters:** Jean Pierre de Caussade, *Abandonment to Divine Providence* and Thomas Merton, *Thoughts in Solitude.*

*Psalm 130:1-8. Luke 24:13-310*

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