

CLARE

GALLERY
at the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

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***Images of Home* at CLARE Gallery**

Hartford - The Clare Gallery is pleased to present *Images of Home*, an exhibition of prints and mixed media works by Sister Marion C. Honors, CSJ. The exhibition opens on March 5 and continues through April 23, 2009. A reception and slide lecture with the artist will take place on Thursday, April 23rd, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. The exhibition and reception are free and open to the public.

Sister Marion works in a variety of printing mediums, utilizing symbols from nature and the human world to tell personal stories and what the cultural historian, Thomas Berry, called the *New Story*. She integrates her spiritual, artistic, ecological and storytelling interests to articulate her reflections on the *New Story of Creation*.

“The beauty of Earth as the primary revelation of God is the inspiration for my art work. The suffering from the loss of this beauty throughout the whole community of life on our home planet gives me the desire for my art, in some way, to serve Earth’s urgent need for healing.” – Sister Marion C. Honors, CSJ.

Sister Marion C. Honors, CSJ is a member of the community of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. She received a Master of Arts degree from the University of Notre Dame and a Master of Fine Arts degree from Villa Schifanoia Graduate School of Fine Arts, Florence, Italy. Her work has been exhibited in numerous group and one-person exhibitions throughout New York, Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C. and the mid-west. Her images have been reproduced as illustrations for books and periodicals and among her awards are the Green Dove Award given by *Common Boundary Magazine*, (1995) and The Mother Teresa Award, that recognizes achievements, which beautify the world, (2006).

The Clare Gallery primarily features exhibitions that emphasize world religions or interfaith themes, as well as social justice themes, on either a global or local level. The Gallery is housed in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry at 285 Church Street. The Center is part of St. Patrick – St. Anthony Church, a vibrant and active downtown faith community.

The Clare Gallery's hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays; Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The Gallery and all related events are free and open to the public. Free parking is available directly across from the church, and the facility is handicapped accessible. More information may be found by going to www.spsact.org, click on "Community Life," then choose "Clare Gallery."

