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## ***Morning Walks and Talks with The Creator: Work by Hartford Artist John Karrer***

*Hartford* — The Clare Gallery is pleased to present *Morning Walks and Talks with The Creator*. This exhibition is free and open to the public and extends from January 13 to February 27, 2011. A reception and artist talk will be held on Tuesday, February 1, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. where John Karrer will share an inspirational short video and his artistic philosophy of “seeing creation” in your daily life.

John Karrer has lived in the North End of Hartford for the last 40 years. Upon retiring in 2002, he began a daily routine of morning walks in the woodlands of the Greater Hartford area accompanied by his dog and a digital camera. His photography and writing capture the beauty and mystery of nature. The images and text stand side-by-side creating a narrative of John’s experiences. Additionally, both help to communicate the spirituality and awe inherent in nature. Seldom is John far into his walks before he begins to experience the presence of what John calls The Creator. John states, “I am never more at ease and comfortable than on these walks—I feel the presence of The Creator. These interactions have strengthened my faith and made prayer more meaningful.”

John Karrer retired from teaching at Weaver High School after 35 years. In 1981 he was Hartford Teacher of the Year and in 1989 became a Celebration of Excellence winner. At Weaver he taught art, photography and graphic design. With his students they created major interactive exhibits titled *Apartheid On Our Minds*, *The Streets of Hartford*, and *Martin, Malcolm and Melvin*, which were covered by the *Hartford Courant* and the *New York Times*. John’s artwork has been exhibited at The College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio, Wesleyan University, Immanuel Congregational Church and the First Congregational Church in West Hartford.

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 at [www.spsact.org](http://www.spsact.org), click “Community Life” and then “Clare Gallery”.