



For Immediate Release
February 2022

Contact: Catherine Wynn
chatcat141@gmail.com

Clare Gallery new exhibit *Creativity in the Time of Covid*

Hartford, CT — The Clare Gallery presents a timely new exhibition *Creativity in the Time of Covid*. We have been dealing with a worldwide Covid-19 pandemic since January 2020. Social distancing, quarantining, masks, vaccinations, boosters, testing, restrictions, remote school, remote work, remote experiences, and business closures have become the “new normal” for nearly two years. This pandemic has affected our various communities in a multitude of ways.

Some of us have dealt with grief, some isolation, some have experienced increased anxiety. Others have had a surge in creativity and energy throwing ourselves into new tasks to learn or explore something new and challenging with our time. What we have not been able to do is to share and celebrate our varied stories in communion with one another.

This exhibition presents works of art and creativity produced during the past year or works of reflection created in response. They are personal with a variety of emotions and stories. Along with the work, the artists were asked three questions to ponder. They have shared their written responses with answers to the questions or an artist statement or have chosen not to use words at all, which is perfectly fine too—some answers have not yet revealed themselves.

Participating artists are: Paul Abramo, Janet Bristow, James Boyle, Kelly Burns, Michael Burns, Kathy Butler, Luba Eusko, John Fisher, Mark Fox, Nora K. Fox, Daniel Guarnieri, Saoirse Guarnieri, Irene Hilbert, Nancy Olivia Hoffmann, Stan Klaneski, Calla Kremidas, Seema Mavumkal, Stacie Mawson, Lisa Ochoa, Beverly Pierz, John Wentland, and Nancy Wynn.

As you view the work in the gallery, or online, you can also ponder these questions and think about how you might answer them creatively in your own way.

1. What has the pandemic experience offered you? Time? Learning? Creativity? Reflection? Relationships?
2. What has the pandemic experience taken from you?
3. Did your expression of spirituality change?

Visit our website spsact.org/clare2 for registration links to virtual receptions, February 17 and 24. Come meet the artists as we discuss their ideas. All are welcome to register for the reception.

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, Hartford, CT. The Center is part of St. Patrick – St. Anthony Church, a vibrant and active downtown faith community.

The Clare Gallery’s hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays, and Sundays from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The Gallery is open to the public, masks are required. Free parking is available directly across from the church, and the facility is handicapped accessible. Masks are required for entry.