

IC Franciscan Library to host Fr. Murray Bodo, OFM, poetry reading

NEW YORK - The newly established Immaculate Conception Province Franciscan Library in New York City is excited to announce that it will host renowned Franciscan writer, **Fr. Murray Bodo, OFM**, for an afternoon of poetry reading on Sunday, June 14 at 2 p.m.

Fr. Murray is a Franciscan Priest and Poet. He holds a Ph.D. in English and has taught English and American Literature, composition, and creative writing. His latest books are *Francis and Jesus* (2013), and *Enter Assisi: An Invitation to Franciscan Spirituality* (January, 2015). His most recent books of poetry are *Something Like Jasmine* (2012), *Of Francis and Clare* (2013), and *Autumn Train* (2015). Fr. Murray resides in inner-city Cincinnati, Ohio, and spends two months of the year in Rome and Assisi, Italy, as a staff member of "Franciscan Pilgrimage Programs."



Father Murray has read his poetry at various venues in America, Italy, and England, including in William Wordsworth's church in the English Lake District.

His reading will consist of reading and commenting on selected poems from his published work. The commentary will include the context in which the individual poems were written, the poet's understanding of poetry and its function in society, elements of the craft and art of poetry, and the poets who have influenced his own writing.

He will read from several of his books of poetry, including *Of Francis and Clare*, a collection of poems about St. Francis and his parents, Pietro Bernardone and Lady Pica, about St. Clare, and about Assisi.

See Fr. Murray Bodo's website: www.murraybodo.com

Date: Sunday, June 14, 2015

Time: 2:00 PM

Place: Immaculate Conception Province Franciscan Library
125 Thompson Street
New York, NY 10012

All are welcome. If you hope to attend, we ask that you RSVP to internos@icprovince.org so that we will have a sense of numbers.