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*Religious Formation in the Way of Justice:
The Love Language of the Bible*

Daniel Maguire's description of justice, *the Love Language of the Bible*, has clearly been reflected by Pope Francis' appeals to respect the God-given rights of all Creation. In ***Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home***, Francis speaks of the "*inseparable bond between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society and interior peace*" and, addressing the UN General Assembly in September 2015, challenged world leaders to respect the intimate connection between human rights and the rights of the natural world and to craft global policies accordingly. His message challenges us as well in our efforts to foster this same recognition among those who seek the path of vowed commitment in religious life today. Perhaps more than ever, we are called to probe the deeper meaning of vowed life in light of the signs of our times, including our polarized political context and the reality of structural evil. Are we committed to mentoring others in their exploration of vowed commitment in ways that challenge them to engage with this context in both word and action, acknowledging that justice is an indispensable aspect of the love language of God? Perhaps more importantly, are we willing to be challenged in this way ourselves?



Presenter: Margaret Mayce, OP, a Sister of St. Dominic of Amityville, NY, represents the Dominican Leadership Conference at the United Nations, bringing the rich Dominican tradition to this work. She has served her Congregation in both vocation and formation ministry and, while a member of its Leadership Team, was a member of LCWR's National Board.

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This seminar will be offered twice.