

## Presenter



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Sr. Mary Ellen Merrick is a member of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (Scranton, PA), and she currently ministers as the executive director at Guest House. Sr. Mary Ellen has been in the ministry of education and addiction since 1969 and has national and international experience in presenting topics concerning addiction to interested groups. She taught at Loyola University in Maryland for 25 years, directed an outpatient trauma center that was called upon to assist with the 9/11 attack on the Pentagon and the attack on Virginia Tech, and had an outpatient practice that included consulting with religious communities in the Baltimore/Washington area.

### WORKSHOP LOCATIONS:

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 29  
VILLA MARIA COMMUNITY  
CENTER, VILLA MARIA PA**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30  
URSULINE CENTER  
4250 SHIELDS ROAD  
CANFIELD OH 44406**

## Behaviors that Challenge Members of Religious Communities

The workshop is part of a collaborative effort of the Youngstown Ursuline and Humility of Mary communities and is open to all women and men religious as well as to all lay professionals who work with women and men religious.

## Workshop description

Most people have a fairly good understanding of the brain disease of addiction when it comes to substance abuse.

Good people fall victim to the power and complexity of this illness when it starts to intrude on important areas of their lives. Relationships with self, others and their God begin to disappear as the substance becomes a primary relationship in their lives.

This presentation will look at the same brain chemistry and how it shows itself in behavioral ways. Things like shopping, use of a credit card, hoarding, gaming, exercise, "stuff" can and do become the primary relationship for some of our sisters and brothers. These behaviors can have the same hurt, confusion and misunderstanding that the use of alcohol and pills does.

The workshop will be presented at two different locations.

**Monday afternoon, October 29**  
1:00pm – 4:00 pm  
**Villa Maria Community Center,**  
**Villa Maria PA**

**Tuesday morning, October 30**  
9:00am – 12:00pm  
**Ursuline Center, 4250 Shields Road,**  
**Canfield OH**

### FOR THOSE IN LEADERSHIP:

**All those serving in congregational leadership or lay professionals who work with men and women religious are invited to an evening conversation with the presenters.**  
**Monday evening, 6:30pm—8:00pm**

There is no cost for the workshop.

## TO REGISTER:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Please check when you will attend:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Monday, Oct. 29</b><br><b>Villa Maria, PA</b><br>1:00pm—4:00pm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>12:00 Lunch</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>4:15 Mass</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>5 :00 Supper</b>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>6:30 Evening session</b><br><b>(Leadership only)</b>           |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Tuesday, Oct. 30</b><br><b>4250 Shields Rd. Canfield, OH</b><br>9:00am—12:00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>12:00 Lunch</b>  |

Please list any special dietary needs \_\_\_\_\_

Please return registration form to:

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**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: OCT. 19**