

## Conference Speakers

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**Father Thomas Gricoski, OSB**

**Saint Meinrad Archabbey, Saint Meinrad, IN**



Fr. Thomas is a monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey. His research focuses on the metaphysics of St. Edith Stein (Sr. Theresa Benedicta of the Cross, OCD), and her creative dialogue between phenomenology and traditional metaphysics. Other research interests include contemporary Thomisms, and the philosophy of William Desmond, who was his mentor at Louvain. He is a member of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, the Metaphysical Society of America, and the International Association for the Study of the Philosophy of Edith Stein. He serves as the new series editor of the *Collected Works of Edith Stein* (Institute of Carmelite Studies, Washington, DC). His first book, *Being Unfolded: Edith Stein on the Meaning of Being*, was published by Catholic University of America Press in 2020. Since 2018 he has ministered as a formation dean in the Seminary, and in 2019 he was appointed the Director of Pastoral Formation.

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**Sister Judith Sutera, OSB**

**Mount St. Scholastica Monastery, Atchison, KS**



Judith Sutera, OSB, is a Benedictine sister of Mount St. Scholastica in Atchison, KS. She holds degrees in psychology and sociology, with master's degrees in counseling and in monastic theology. A magazine editor and the author of *True Daughters: Monastic identity and American Benedictine Women's History* and other books, she is a director for oblates, teaches courses in monastic spirituality, and gives presentations, retreats, and workshops for monastic communities, academic conferences, formation groups, and retreat centers across the United States. For additional historical background and an introduction to Benedicta Riepp and Boniface Wimmer.

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**Sister Anita Louise Lowe, OSB**  
**Monastery Immaculate Conception, Ferdinand, IN**



Sister Anita Louise Lowe is a native of Louisville, Kentucky. She is the prioress of the Monastery of the Immaculate Conception. Sister Anita has a Bachelor's degree in English and a Master's Degree in Theology with a concentration in liturgical studies from the University of Notre Dame. Her ministries have included: English and French teacher, Assistant Director of Communications, Public Relations Manager, Assistant Director of Vocations, Director of Vocations, and Liturgist. Sister Anita plays the harp and is a trained weather spotter.