

# **A Basic Intro to Clare of Assisi**



**Wednesday  
February 15, 2012  
8:30 am  
Assisi Room**

**Continental breakfast will be  
provided.**

Palm Sunday 2012 will mark the 800th Anniversary of Clare of Assisi's becoming the first Franciscan woman. Clare, like countless others, was inspired by the spirituality of Francis of Assisi. While many know about the events of his life, fewer know about Clare, his kindred sister.

By using a depiction of a thirteenth century *tavola*, a painting on wood that presents a series of biographical events and presents spiritual themes, details of Clare's life and spirituality will illustrate her fidelity to the original Franciscan vision of radical Gospel poverty. However, what was omitted from the *tavola* admits of Clare's life-long struggle to persevere in that commitment.

## **About the Presenter:**

Eileen Flanagan, Ph. D, teaches theology, spirituality and spiritual direction in Neumann's Department of Pastoral and Theological Studies. Her national and international research on the spirituality of Clare of Assisi examines the modern, medieval and contemporary Poor Clare tradition.

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