

Program Schedule

Internship in Spiritual Direction
Thursday Classes
St. Francis Retreat and
Conference Center
203 Main St., DeWitt, MI

Year I: September 2010 - May 2011

**All sessions are held on Thursdays
from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Opening Session: Faith Sharing
Thursday, September 9, 2010
held at the Dominican Center for
Religious Development, Detroit

Classes begin September 23, 2010
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
at St. Francis Retreat and
Conference Center, DeWitt, MI

Remaining class dates in 2010:

October 7, 21
November 4, 18
December 2, 16

Class dates in 2011:

January 6, 20
February 3, 17
March 3, 17, 31

Final class & Evaluations: April 14
Faith Sharing and Closing: May 5, 2011

Year II: To be arranged

Tuition and Fees

Application Fee: \$70.00 (*Non-refundable
fee must accompany the application form.*)

Tuition: \$2,000.00 per year
(two-year program)

Limited scholarship funding is available.

Application deadline: We ask that
prospective interns have their materials
in by July 1, 2010. We are aware that
circumstances may require a revised
timeline and we will accept applications
beyond that date.

If you are interested in applying for this
program, please contact Anita Smith
Buckwalter at smithbuckwalter@prodigy.net
or call her at 517-394-7693.

The Dominican Center for Religious
Development also offers the Internship
in Spiritual Direction Mondays at the
Dominican Center for Religious
Development, 23333 Schoolcraft Road
Detroit, MI 48223-2405
and on Wednesdays at St. John Fisher
Chapel University Parish, 3665 Walton
Auburn Hills, MI 48326-2236

If you are interested in more
information, please go to www.dominicancenter.org
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Podlucky, OP at 313-387-9574.



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Spiritual Direction

Spiritual Direction (often called *Spiritual Companionship*) is a pastoral ministry in which one Christian assists another to pay attention to God's personal communication to her or him, to respond personally to this God, to grow in intimacy and to live out the consequences of the relationship.

Purpose of the Program

The Internship in Spiritual Direction provides opportunities for:

- Personal growth and development as ministers of spiritual direction;
- An understanding of the theological and psychological bases for spiritual direction;
- Enhanced communication skills within the context of the spiritual direction ministry;
- Supervised ministry as spiritual directors.

Participants

Women and men, laity, religious and clergy of all faith traditions who are interested in deepening their understanding of the nature and process of spiritual direction may apply. Applicants should have some background in theology, some experience of pastoral ministry and give evidence of personal maturity. The program has been designed so that full-time pastoral ministers can participate. The maximum number of participants is twelve and the minimum is nine.

Program Requirements

Academic

- A Bachelor of Arts degree or its equivalent
- Archdiocesan certificate or its equivalent

Personal

- A developing relationship with God and a commitment to journeying in faith
- An interest in the ministry of spiritual direction
- A willingness to be a spiritual director
- A willingness to intern with 2-3 directees you identify and meet with regularly
- A completed application form

- Three letters of recommendation
- Transcripts of all college credits
- A personal interview with the program staff

Program Content

Classes:

- Growth and Development in the spiritual life
- Integration of Spirituality and Psychology
- History of Christian Spirituality

Spiritual Direction Practicum:

- Intern Spiritual Direction Practice
- Case Studies in Spiritual Direction
- Individual Supervision
- Process Skills Development

Integrating Seminar:

- Issues in Spiritual Direction

Participation in the Annual Colloquium for Spiritual Directors is required. Interns are also required to participate in a Directed Retreat experience if they have not already done so.

Staff

Joanne Podlucky, OP, Director
Rev. Anita Buckwalter Smith
Teresa Disch, OP
Faith Offman
Other Resource Persons