

Listening with the Spirit

is a two year formation/discernment process to be a spiritual director.

In the context of community, participants are invited to explore and develop attitudes and skills appropriate for those called to the adventure of serving as a spiritual companion.

Benedictine Values which permeate the formation:

- ▶ Lectio Divina prepares us to read life as sacred story.
- ▶ Hospitality opens us to receiving the other as Christ.
- ▶ Stability teaches us to be present to our experiences.
- ▶ Continual Conversion becomes a life-long commitment.

(St. John's University in Collegeville, MN)



Formation Process

First Year

The first year includes:

- ▶ A variety of approaches to spirituality and prayer
- ▶ Faith-sharing, group spiritual direction
- ▶ Integration of psychology and spirituality within the ministry of spiritual direction
- ▶ Skills needed for the art of direction
- ▶ Language for understanding and expressing the inner journey
- ▶ Ongoing discernment for the ministry

Second Year

The second year is a year of experience in Spiritual Direction which includes:

- ▶ Topical presentations relating to direction and spiritual growth
- ▶ Spiritual direction issues
- ▶ Supervised experience of spiritual direction
- ▶ Experience of individual and peer group supervision
- ▶ On-going discernment for the ministry

Meeting Time

Class meets Wednesday mornings from 9am-noon, for 23 sessions and an exit interview, from the end of September through May.

A schedule of class dates will be provided.

Class is limited to 16 participants.



Admission Criteria

The program is ecumenical in character and is open to people who are:

- ▶ In Spiritual Direction for at least six months with a "trained" Spiritual Director
- ▶ Prayerful persons able to listen to God, self and others
- ▶ Grounded in a faith tradition
- ▶ Able to demonstrate basic competencies in contemporary scripture, theology and psychology
- ▶ Has made a silent retreat
- ▶ Able to articulate a sense of call to this ministry
- ▶ Fervent desire to live out God's will in one's life
- ▶ Available for an interview with the program staff

Staff

Listening with the Spirit is led by trained staff members and other invited experts who work out of an adult learning style.

Staff biographical information available on request.



Application Procedures

Call or write for application materials.

Applications will include:

- ▶ References
- ▶ Brief spiritual autobiography
- ▶ Initial interview with staff team

Interview

Interviews will begin in March prior to the start of the program year and will continue until class is filled.

Candidates will be notified of interview results in a timely fashion.

If accepted, candidates will be asked to make a non-refundable deposit of \$100. (Deposit will be credited to tuition.)

Program Fees

A non-refundable \$50 application fee is to be submitted with application materials for the interview.

Full tuition fees are set on a yearly basis but will run about \$3,300 (\$1,600 for year one and \$1,700 for year two) for the full two years. This is subject to change.

Full payment, half year payments, or monthly payments are accepted according to a contract.

Please address all correspondence to:

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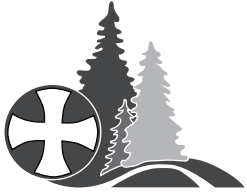
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Directions to the Priory Spirituality Center

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Take Exit 109

Turn left onto Martin Way

Stay in the far right lane

Turn right at second light onto College Street

Turn right at St. Placid sign (second possible
right turn)

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Turn right onto Martin Way

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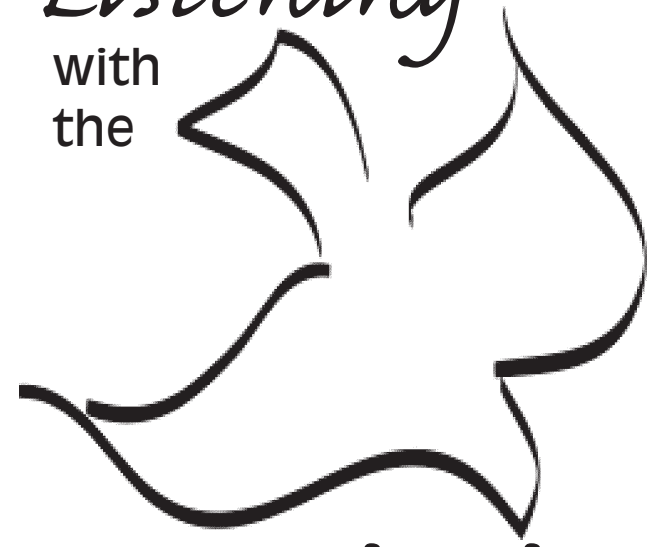
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