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**May, 2020**

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**A Message From the President of LASD**



Dear LASD Members,

I pray that you are managing well throughout the quarantine and embracing the challenges inherent in this time of liminal space. My prayer for all of us is that we surrender to the unpredictability of what lies ahead and live, by grace, trusting that the Lord is guiding and protecting us in every moment.

That is exactly how your board has responded since being informed by Father Tony Ostini, SJ that the Jesuit Spirituality Center is closed through mid-August, which includes the dates of our conference. The nine members of your board quickly called on the Holy Spirit and gathered last week (via Zoom!) and again today to make new plans. What has emerged is exhilarating!

**We're planning a virtual conference**—a slightly shorter version of our original conference which will take place over the same weekend, July 17-18. Father Daniel Renaud, OMI is excited to join us via Zoom with his same theme, “Diving for Pearls: Building Deeper Awareness in the Spiritual Direction Relationship”. This was his response to Mike Van Vranken, our vice-president and conference

chair, when asked if he could shift to a virtual platform: "I am just at y'all's service!"

Throughout our brainstorming, the board became enthused by the new possibilities that a virtual conference will offer us: convenience, flexibility, less expense, a fresh new format, and opportunities to build more personal and transformative relationships among each other! We believe that the comradery, peer support, and the gratification of sharing wisdom in community will be present in our Zoom sessions and we expect to be taken deeper into the psycho-spiritual realm of direction through Fr. Daniel's presentations.

It's a new day, folks! Let's be open to stepping up to the challenge! You will be given all the instructions that you need to participate.

Those who have registered for the conference have already received an email, offering the updated information. **If you haven't yet registered, now is the time!** All the information you need follows.

I always walk away from an LASD conference buoyed by the love and support of my peers, most of whom I see just once a year. I hope you join us again this year and partake in this life-changing endeavor.

Blessings, Robin Hebert



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**NOTICE: All New Information about this year's LASD Annual Conference**

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**ATTENTION!!!**

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**Reserve your space now for our VIRTUAL 2020 Annual  
Conference**

**We hope to see you there!!!**

**See Conference information below.**

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# Louisiana Association of Spiritual Directors



Father Daniel Renaud, OMI

**Diving for Pearls**  
Building Deeper Awareness  
In the Spiritual Direction Relationship

**VIRTUAL**  
Annual  
LASD Conference  
July 17 – 18, 2020

## **Building Deeper Awareness In the Spiritual Direction Relationship**

July 17 – 18

### ***Willingness to Dive Deeper***

Spiritual Direction is a willingness to dive more deeply into the visible and invisible realities of the transformational nature of faith. Both directors and directees slowing down and listening more attentively to the promptings of the Spirit allows greater awareness to occur.

### ***Invitation to greater integration***

We are inviting you to this unique, online, 2020 LASD Conference which will offer you ways to swim in different waters by listening to God through shadow work, dreams, and art as we breathe the newness of the Spirit. This invitation to greater psycho-spiritual integration will help directors companion with directees to find the “pearl of great price” in their relationship with God.

## ***For Your Growth and Development***

This year's conference, using Zoom as our location to bring us together, provides spiritual growth for Louisiana spiritual directors. We will utilize lecture, break out conversations, discussions and role play, as well as time for contemplation to deepen your own experiential understanding and appreciation of your role as directors.

## ***Father Daniel Renaud, OMI***

Father Daniel is a priest, religious and itinerant preacher with the Oblates of Mary Immaculate of the US province. Mentored by Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI, Fr. Renaud ministers from the campus of the Oblate School of Theology (OST) in San Antonio, TX. Fr. Renaud has degrees and training in drama education, theology, pastoral ministry, and psychodrama. He is a Certified Spiritual Director from Creighton University and a member of Spiritual Directors International. Fr. Renaud has preached retreats to priests, deacons, religious and lay people in Canada, the US and Asia on desire and spiritual intimacy, 12 steps recovery, Ignatian Spirituality, Jungian psychology, ecological conversion, the Beatitudes and human development. Fr. Renaud is adjunct faculty at OST and is its chief blog writer. His areas of interest are resilience, fulfilling our vocation, spiritual healing of traumatic relationships, contemplative practices and mysticism.

## ***Save the Date***

- **What?** Experience a well-balanced blend of spiritual development, instruction, sharing, social and quiet retreat time, without the inconvenience and expense of travel and lodging.
- **When?** Friday, July 17 at 6:30 pm to Saturday, July 18 at 5:30 pm
- **Where?** In the comfort and peace of your own surroundings using Zoom as portal for our much-needed community and sharing.

## ***For More Information, agenda, and Registration:***

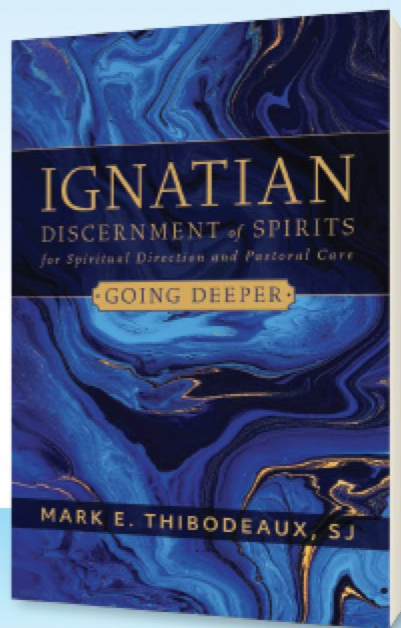
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**With heartfelt hope and longing, we invite you to join us for this year's LASD annual conference.**

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