



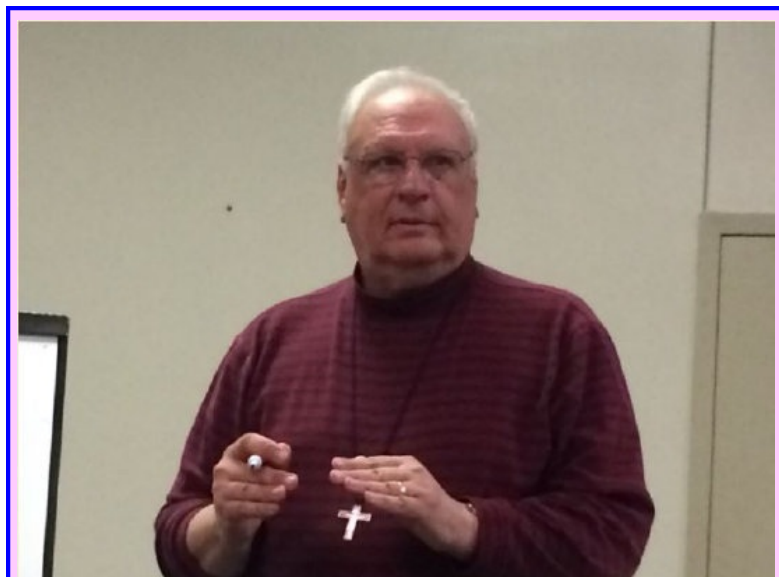
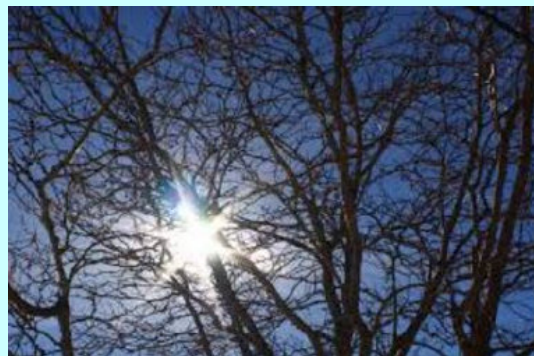
## ~ SPIRIT ~

**Monthly notes and inspiration from Louisiana Spiritual Directors, Inc.**

### February 2017

*Winter should not be considered as only negation and destruction. It is a secret and inward working of powers, which in spring will burst into visible activity.*

~ Henry James Slack



## 2017 LASD CONFERENCE A GREAT SUCCESS!!!

The 2017 LASD Annual Conference was held during the weekend of February 17-19 at the Wesley Center in Woodworth, Louisiana. Our excellent presenter, Br. Don Bisson, FMS, presented, "Spiritual Direction as Religious Experience: Retreat for Spiritual Directors".

The event was attended by approximately twenty-five spiritual directors from across the state. Based on evaluations received and general comments, it was a great success. Throughout the weekend, Br. Don provided thought-provoking information on which we could reflect in order to continue to grow and evolve professionally and personally.



The Wesley Center provided a beautiful, peaceful setting for the weekend's retreat format. As usual, the accommodations and services provided to use were outstanding.

More conference highlights to come in next month's newsletter!

## UPCOMING RETREATS

### **Called by Name: A Mind, Body, and Spirit Retreat for Young Women, 20's through early 40's**

Jane L. Hebert and Yvonne C. Hymel  
Friday, March 17 at 5:00 PM to Sunday, March 19, 2017 at 1:00 PM (after lunch)  
Jesuit Spirituality Center  
313 E. M.L.K. Dr.  
Grand Coteau, LA 70541  
[Click here for registration information](#)

### **Finding God in All Things: Encountering the Living God in Our Everyday Lives**

Robin Hebert  
Thursday, May 25 - Sunday, May 28, 2017  
Jesuit Spirituality Center  
313 E. M.L.K. Dr.  
Grand Coteau, LA 70541  
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### **WONDERFULLY MADE: A weekend retreat for LGBTQI persons, their friends, and family.** Rooted in the Catholic tradition. Open to all.

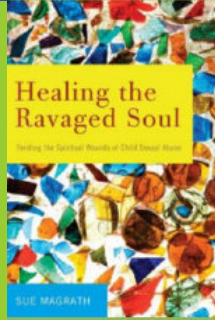
Fr. Buddy Noel, Kurt Bindewaid, Dr. Bradley Leger, and Robin Toler  
Friday, May 26 - Sunday, May 28, 2017  
Rosaryville Spirit Life Center  
39003 Rosaryville Road  
Ponchatoula, LA 70454  
[Click here for registration information](#)



**READERS'S  
CORNER**



"Why does God hate me?"  
"How can I believe in a God who has allowed my suffering?" These are just two of the difficult spiritual questions that survivors of child abuse struggle with. With grace and gentleness, this book seeks to answer survivors' spiritual questions and address some of the common misconceptions that often develop when young victims attempt to understand what has happened to them. [Read more ...](#)



## SOMETHING TO PONDER...

*"We need other human beings in order to be human. I am because other people are....A person is a person through other persons."*

~Archbishop Desmond Tutu



## TAKE NOTE

### ARE YOU A MEMBER OF SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

### INTERNATIONAL?

The mission of Spiritual Directors International is to tend the holy around the world and across traditions. Membership with SDI means being part of an inclusive global learning community that welcomes students, discerners, and everyone interested in the ministry and service of spiritual directions, also known as spiritual companionship, spiritual accompaniment, and spiritual guidance. [Read more ...](#)



### Keeping your membership current...

Let's not forget that our membership status is concurrent with the fiscal year which runs from July 1 - June 30. To access a membership form, please click on [this link](#). If you have any questions, please contact [Elsa Mendoza](#).

Comments? Questions? Suggestions for future articles?  
Want information on membership?



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