



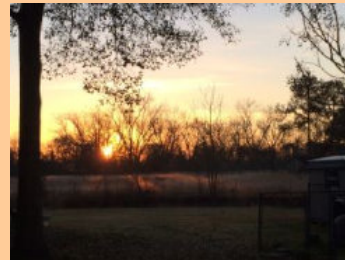
~ SPIRIT ~

Monthly notes and inspiration from Louisiana Spiritual Directors, Inc.

September 2017

*Let us be still, trusting that
beneath chaos and confusion are
storehouses of wisdom, deep
peace always available and
present within us.*

*~ From "Vow for a New Day" by Ray
McGinnis*



2017-2018 Membership Year

As our new fiscal year begins on July 1, so does our 2017-2018 membership year. Our board members should soon be contacting you about renewing your membership. If you know of any trained spiritual directors who are currently not members of our association, please feel free to forward this newsletter to them and encourage them to join. We look forward to another year of fruitful journey together! To access current membership materials, please click on [this link](#).

UPCOMING RETREATS AND WORKSHOPS

Mature Masculinity
A Weekend Retreat with Jim Clarke
Challenges Facing Every Man in Today's World
Feliciana Retreat Center
10274 Louisiana 422
Norwood, La, 70761

October 6-8, 2017

[Register now at this link](#)

**Busy Person Retreat
(2 consecutively scheduled days)**

St. Joseph Spirituality Center
2980 Kleinert Avenue
Baton Rouge, La, 70806

October 30 - November 3, 2017
or
February 19-23, 2018

[Register now at this link](#)

Introduction to the Directed Retreat

St. Charles Center
Diocese of Lake Charles
2151 Sam Houston Jones Parkway
Lake Charles, La, 70611

Fr. Whitney Miller, Fr. Marshall Boulet, Judy Savoie, and Gloria Villeages
Presenters

November 9-12, 2017

[Register now at this link](#)

**The Little Way:
A Journey Along St. Theresa's Path of Confidence and Love**

Jesuit Spirituality Center
Grand Coteau, Louisiana

Robin Hebert, Presenter

Thursday, January 18 - Sunday, January 21, 2018

[Register now at this link](#)



Internship in Spiritual Direction Informational Meetings

The New Orleans Archdiocesan Spirituality Center will hold four informational meetings announcing our next Training Program in Spiritual Direction. Over the years this Internship in Spiritual Direction has certified over 200 spiritual directors now serving a number of dioceses in Louisiana. At these meetings we will discuss our program, its purpose, prerequisites, and structure. The two year Internship will be held in two locations: Grand Coteau, meeting the third Wednesday of each month (August-May) 9am-5pm and at the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center in Metairie meeting the second Saturday of each month (August-May) 9am-5pm. For information or to register for a meeting call Doris Melito (504) 861-3254 or register on the web <http://asc.arch-no.org>.

Baton Rouge: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 10 am or 7 pm

Diocese of Baton Rouge
Tracey Center in the Westerfield Conference Center
1800 S. Acadian Thruway
Baton Rouge, LA

Metairie: Thursday, September 7, 2017 10 am or 7 pm

Archdiocesan Spirituality Center
2501 Maine Avenue
Metairie, LA

Grand Coteau: Tuesday, September 19, 2017, 7 pm or Thursday, September 21, 10 am

St. Charles College - Jesuit Spirituality Center
313 E. Martin Luther King Dr.
Grand Coteau, LA

Shreveport: Tuesday, September 26, 2017, 10 am or 7 pm

Diocese of Shreveport Catholic Center-Patio Room
3500 Fairfield Ave.
Shreveport, LA



Dear Loyola Institute for Ministry Graduates - The following is a message from Dr. Thomas Ryan, LIMEX Director:

Because of her interaction with Passionist "Ecologist" Fr. Thomas Berry beginning in the early 1990s, Professor Kathleen O'Gorman was a forerunner in highlighting the centrality of creation for practical theology, pastoral studies, and religious education. As a result of her association with him, Loyola has in its archives hours of videotapes and pages of writings that are begging to be disseminated to a world in need of the challenge and wisdom that Thomas Berry still has to offer. Will you assist us in raising \$30,000 to support the legacy of Professor Kathleen O'Gorman and the work of Thomas Berry at Loyola? [Read more ...](#)

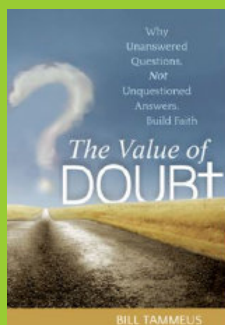


READERS'S CORNER

The Value of Doubt: Why Unanswered Questions, Not Unquestioned Answers, Build Faith

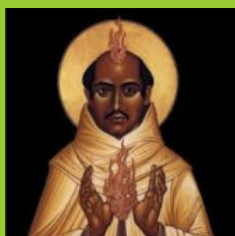
SkyLight Paths Publishing, 2016

In *The Value of Doubt*, veteran journalist Bill Tammus draws deeply on his own Protestant experience of doubt and faith and, in a series of reflections, contends that the road to a rich, dynamic, healthy faith inevitably must run through the valley of the shadow of doubt. The opposite of faith, he says, is not doubt; rather, the opposite of faith is false certitude. [Read more...](#)



SOMETHING TO PONDER...

"God has to work in the soul in secret and in darkness because if we fully knew what was happening, and what Mystery, Transformation, God and Grace will eventually ask of us, we would either try to take charge or stop the whole process." Cross



TAKE NOTE

Spiritual Directors International Seeking Connection Conference

April 26-29, 2018
Saint Louis, Missouri

Diversity reminds us that there are many paths on a spiritual journey to light and love. During our 2018 "Seeking Connection" conference, we will celebrate our differences as well as our interdependence. Spiritual direction has an important role to play here -- growing community by honoring the dignity (and wonder) inherent in each individual's experience of Spirit. [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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