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Monthly notes and inspiration from Louisiana Spiritual Directors, Inc.

July 2018

Who Created These (Mi Vara Ayleh.)

*In the Holy of Holies, the snow geese,
cranes and great blue herons land
in the waters of the Bosque,
and come first flight, they fly away -
whether we're they're to watch them,
or not.*

*Year after year they do it,
just like the great whales move
through the waters of the sea,
and mitochondria swim through
the fluid within our cells.*

*Everywhere, these great, flowing
streams of life (are) all doing
what they are meant to do -
one great orchestrated flow of life.*

- Rabbi Lawrence Kushner



President's Message



Dearest Members of LASD,

First of all, I want to thank you for your participation in our association of trained spiritual directors. We are a ministry that has been formed to promote continuing education, fellowship, and sharing of information for both directors and those seeking direction throughout Louisiana. Our Board is always looking to expand and enhance our ministry. We need your help in order to do that!

Our fiscal year begins on July 1st, therefore **your 2018-2019 dues are now due**. Please be aware that your \$35 helps to keep our organization viable so that we might continue to help you grow professionally, personally, and spiritually in your ministry. You might notice that the Board voted to increase dues this year by \$10 (for the first time in many years!) to be able to fund the increased cost of our website maintenance and the convenience of paying online.

You may pay your dues in two ways, both via our website:

Option 1:

Electronically with a credit card (not yet functional, but we're working on it!)

Option 2:

Printing and completing a form and mailing a check to our Treasurer. The form can be accessed at [this link](#).

We will soon have Option #1 ready and available to you. Thank you for your patience.

I pray that you are aware of the deep gratitude of your Board and the many folks we serve through our annual conference, monthly e-newsletter, Facebook page, and website, all of which keep directors (and potential directees) informed about opportunities for spiritual growth. I remind you that *membership also entitles you to have your name included in the website which lets people know that you are available for spiritual direction.*

Please let me know if you have questions or needs. My email is: robabinabear@yahoo.com.

We look forward to having you in the ranks of our LASD membership!

Robin Hebert

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Joan Broussard



I received my certificate as a **Spiritual Director** in 2006, from the St. Charles Retreat Center in Moss Bluff under the directorship of Father Don Piraro, in the Diocese of Lake Charles. I recall the information meeting I attended in November 2004. My journal entry that day: *"I believe I am being called by God to this training as a means of developing and maturing my own faith and spirituality. Lord, I will leave the matter of directees to you. Let's do this together. I will apply myself and attend. You will teach!"*

I view my **ministry of Spiritual Direction** as a sacred privilege, my response to a call from God to be a listening witness as someone discerns His presence in their life. I am, like my directees, on my journey, seeking a deeper relationship with God. I want a more perfect alignment with His purpose for my life, and try to follow His lead as best as I can discern. Friends and family tell me I have a strong faith, which I lean on every day. A few people have even told me they can see it in my face, but I'm not sure about that. All I ask is that people hear and see God when we meet.

Confidentiality and trust are the cornerstones of any relationship. I view these as a "vow of confidentiality" made to each of my directees. My directees can most assuredly expect me to honor my commitment to their confidence and trust. I value this trust placed in me and do not take it lightly. Our journey to God is a sacred walk; and a companion on that walk should also view it as sacred.

I **have been privileged** to direct many people over the past 12 years. Some come and go, while others have been coming for several years. I am still seeing my very first directee since 2006. My directees belong to varying faith practices, ages and gender. I enjoy exploring all the ways God uses to present an encounter. It is a great source of joy when a Directee shares that encounter and is transformed by it.

Spiritual Direction Rocks!!!!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING RETREATS AND WORKSHOPS

Beginning/Intermediate Icon Writing Workshop

St. Charles Center
2151 Sam Houston Jones Parkway
Lake Charles, Louisiana 70611

Monday, July 23 - Sunday, July 29, 2018

Coordinator: Sylvia Marcantel

Fee for Beginners: \$1,165.00
Students providing own board and supplies: \$1,005.00

Instruction is in the Byzantine-Russian Tradition of the Prosopon School of Iconography (www.prosoponschool.org) Class size is limited and reservations are on a first come, first served basis. For registration information, contact Sylvia at 337-304-2911 or smarcantel@suddenlink.net

AA Weekend: Staying Sober with the 12-Steps (PLEASE CALL SHARON AT 337-662-5251 EXT. 222 BEFORE REGISTERING)

Jesuit Spirituality Center
299 Martin L King Rd.
Grand Coteau, Louisiana 70541

Thursday, November 28 - Sunday, December 2, 2018

Presenter: Fr. Tom Weston, SJ

Fee: \$335.00 (commuters \$255.00)

The 12 Steps help us live a better life. This is a weekend for women and men in recovery. Addicts, alcoholics, and family and friends are welcome. We will go through the 12 Steps and focus on the practical tools of recovery from this tragic illness. There will be time for quiet, for reflection, for conversation, and for meetings—for some refreshment and renewal. For registration information, click [here](#).



READER'S CORNER

The New Spiritual Exercises: In The Spirit of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

by Louis M. Savary
Paulist Press, 2011

This book presents a spiritual renewal system for contemporary believers based on Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises and inspired by the modern insights of Jesuit priest-scientist Pierre Teilhard de Chardin. [Read more...](#)



"No matter how much light I carry within me, there will always be times of feeling lost, being confused, seeking direction. It is the way of the human heart."

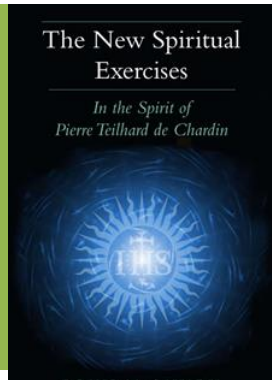
- Joyce Rupp



TAKE NOTE

Call for Workshop Proposals for 2019 SDI Conference

Workshop proposals are currently being accepted for the 2019 SDI Conference which will be held March 14-17, 2019 in Bellevue, Washington. [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. Our website will soon be updated to reflect our recent dues increase, we thank you for your patience. If you have any questions, please contact [Elsa Mendoza](#).



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



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