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Monthly notes and inspiration from Louisiana Spiritual Directors, Inc.

December 2015



Christmas Eve Prayer

Give us, O God, the vision which can see Your love in the world in spite of human failure.

Give us the faith to trust Your goodness in spite of our ignorance and weakness.

Give us the knowledge that we may continue to pray with understanding hearts.

And show us what each one of us can do to set forward the coming of the day of universal peace.

Frank Borman, Apollo 8 space mission, 1968



2016 LASD Conference

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

"God Wants Our Friendship"

Well-known spiritual director and author, Fr. William A. Barry, S.J., will serve as conference presenter. During his time with us, we will look at how this notion can shape our work as spiritual directors. He will accomplish this by using talks and cases on how this friendship develops and how it affects our listening and our prayer. The event will be held February 12-14,



2016 at the Wesley Center in Woodworth.

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE REGISTRATION FORM FROM OUR WEBSITE.](#)

FORM ALSO AVAILABLE FROM OUR [FACEBOOK PAGE!](#)




2015-2016 LASD MEMBERSHIP DUES

We have been receiving questions about payment of our 2015-2016 dues and wish to provide some clarification in this newsletter. We also wish to share an exciting announcement about a new option for submitting your dues!

Membership period: Our association's fiscal year runs from July 1 - June 30; therefore, if you pay your dues now (preferable), you will be covered for 2015-2016. If you wait to pay in Spring 2016 when you pay conference fees, your dues will be retroactive for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. If you feel that you may have double-paid, please contact our Treasurer, [Nelda Turner](#), and she will happily assist you in getting the record straight. Also, we ask all to please encourage non-member colleagues to join!

Three options for paying dues:

- 1) All for whom we have an email address will soon be receiving a notice from Chase Bank (with whom LASD has an account) which will provide instructions to you to pay your dues electronically to the LASD account.
 - 2) For those of you who still prefer to pay by paper, you may do so by accessing the form at the [LASD website](#).
 - 3) You may also pay at the same time when registering for the annual conference.
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*****UPCOMING RETREATS***.**

GOD'S BELOVED:

A weekend retreat for LGBT persons, their friends, and family – rooted in the Catholic tradition and open to all.

April 15-17, 2016
Jesuit Spirituality Center
313 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
Grand Coteau, Louisiana 70541

For registration information, click on the image on the right.



A Catholic Journey Through Grief

Each year the office of Marriage and Family Life of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lafayette will offer two retreats entitled "A Catholic Journey through Grief." One will be in the spring and the other in the fall. It will consist of a full day retreat with a follow up session 2 weeks later.

The next scheduled retreat will be held on **April 3, 2016** at Immaculata Center in Lafayette. For additional information please [click here](#).

The retreat will be led by our own Joan Broussard, Immediate Past LASD President. Joan is a published author, writing several magazine articles on the gifts of the sacraments. She has also worked with the Diocese to get a link in its website which directs the reader to a listing of spiritual directors in Louisiana. To view the link, [click here](#). Merci beaucoup, Joan!

**THE LASD BOARD WISHES YOU A HAPPY
AND BLESSED HOLIDAY SEASON!**



READER'S CORNER

Consolations: The Solace, Nourishment, and Underlying Meaning of Everyday Words

By David Whyte

As most spiritual directors are lovers of words spoken, written, and heard as part of their given spiritual practice, this book by David Whyte brings a steady river of consolations to the souls of those who delight in words' nuances. In an unusual format of poetic prose, the author presents an alphabetical philosophic dictionary of fifty-two selected words, from *Alone* to *Work*.



SOMETHING TO PONDER . . .

"Spiritual direction is not about traveling somewhere, not going higher on a ladder nor going deeper, but becoming fuller."

- Barbara Dyar



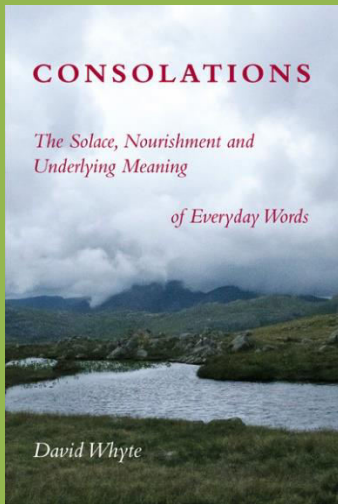
TAKE NOTE

Another great resource from Spiritual Directors International!

SDI Webinar on Demand:

Spiritual Direction and Millennials

Would your spiritual direction ministry and service benefit from solid research about millennials and spirituality? Are you companioning young people or would you like to reach out to them to offer spiritual companionship? Would you like to explore the creative tension millennials live in? Using findings from a research project of college students conducted by presenters Rhesa Higgins and Julene Tegerstrand, this webinar will explore the spiritual strengths of the millennial generation



spiritual direction.



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



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