



~ SPIRIT ~

Monthly notes and inspiration from Louisiana Spiritual Directors, Inc.

January 2016



*Seeker,
As a new year unfolds in this blessed-broken
world, what are you waiting for?*

We call it longing
because it distends our sense of time,
and so much living is enlarged in the waiting.

-Joe Grant



D2016 LASD Conference

REGISTRATION 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..



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REGISTRATION FORM](#)

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.

NEW FEATURE AT 2016 LASD CONFERENCE!

Past President and artist extraordinaire, Joan Broussard, has graciously donated to our organization a 16"X18" needlepoint cross stitched with silk fibers, custom matted, and framed. We will be raffling this item (\$300.00 value) at our upcoming conference. Proceeds will go toward furthering the mission of our organization. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Merci beaucoup, Joan!



THE LASD BOARD WISHES YOU A HAPPY
AND BLESSED 2016!



READER'S CORNER

Felicity

Poems
By [Mary Oliver](#)



SOMETHING TO
PONDER . . .



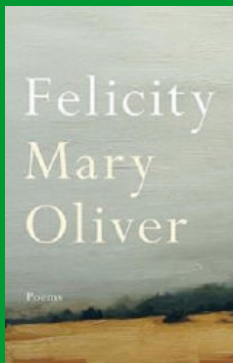
TAKE NOTE

Another great resource
from
Spirituality and Practice

*Poems about living
and loving in the wider
world.*

Mary Oliver published her first book of poetry in 1963 when she was 28. Her fourth book, *American Primitive*, won the Pulitzer Prize in 1984. Many other wonderful volumes have followed, and she is now one of the most appreciated and widely read contemporary poets.

Oliver has described her work as "loving the world." *Felicity* is a lovely and liberating collection of love poems divided into sections on The Journey, Love, and Felicity. Those familiar with Oliver's work will relish the wonder, mystery, openness, reverence, and beauty in these poems.



*"As the divine light
grows brighter,
it reveals what it
contains, that is, divine
life;
and divine life reveals
that the Ultimate
Reality is love."*

- Thomas Keating
Mystery of Christ

Thomas Merton writes that the real meaning of our life "is to develop people who really love God and who radiate love, not in a sense that they feel a great deal of love, but that they simply are people full of love who keep the fires of love burning in the world."

To keep that flame alive throughout 2016, please join our friends at Contemplative Outreach for a special 2016 offering: a Lenten e-course, two e-courses in Ordinary Time, and an Advent e-course, threaded together with a Word of the Week message and a Practice Group to build a loving, supportive online community.



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