



## ~ SPIRIT ~

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

November 2016

### **ADVENT ANTIPHONS**

*From Mary's sweet silence,  
Come, Word mutely spoken!  
Pledge of our real life,  
Come, Bread yet unbroken!  
Seed of the Golden Wheat,  
In us be sown.  
Fullness of true Light,  
Through us be known.  
Secret Held tenderly,  
Guarded with Love,  
Cradled in purity,  
Child of the Dove,  
COME!*

~ Sr. M. Charlita,  
I.H.M



### **YOUR INCLUSION IN THE LASD WEBSITE**

#### **AVAILABLE FOR SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**

We are doing our best to ensure that all LASD members who are up-to-date with their dues and have given permission to be included in the website directory are so listed. This option is included in the [membership form which is available at this link](#). Please remember to check to appropriate "Permission to Publish" response found in the membership form.

### **MEMBERSHIP DUES PAYMENT**

We have been receiving questions about payment of our 2016-2017 dues and wish to provide some clarification in this newsletter. We also wish to share an exciting announcement about a future 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 2016-2017. If you wait to pay in Spring 2017 when you pay conference fees, your dues will be retroactive for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. If you feel that you may have double-paid, please contact our Treasurer, [Elsa Mendoza](#), and

she will happily assist you in getting the record straight. We know that most of us wait to pay our dues at annual conference, so we apologize for not reminding you of this. We promise to send out dues reminders in a more timely manner in the future! Also, we ask all to please encourage non-member colleagues to join! New address for submitting dues:

Louisiana Spiritual Directors,  
Inc.  
c/o Elsa Mendoza  
201 Raymond Street  
Lafayette, Louisiana 70503

[Our membership form can be accessed at this link.](#)

In response to the requests of several members, we are working on getting set up for electronic payments of dues, fees, and scholarship donations along with conference registration. Stay tuned for updates!



**2017 LASD CONFERENCE SPEAKER BR. DON BISSON PRESENTS:  
SPIRITUAL DIRECTION AS RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE: RETREAT FOR  
SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS**

February 17-19, 2017  
Wesley Center  
2350 Methodist  
Parkway  
Woodworth, LA

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

To access the registration brochure, click [here](#), print, complete the form, and mail with you check. For those of you who prefer an on-line registration and payment method, we are still working on getting this established and hope to have this available to you soon. Thanks for your patience! Please help to spread the word!

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS  
JESUIT SPIRITUALITY CENTER IN GRAND  
COTEAU**

**An Introduction to the Directed Retreat**

Nelda Turner and Center Staff  
Friday, February 24 - Sunday, February 26, 2017

**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)

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

Robin Hebert  
Thursday, May 25 - Sunday, May 28, 2017

For more information on these and other programs, please consult the Center's web page: [www.jesuitspiritualitycenter.org](http://www.jesuitspiritualitycenter.org)





## READER'S CORNER

### ***Uncommon Prayer: Prayer in Everyday Experience***

by Michael Plekon  
University of Nortre Dame  
Press,  
9/16  
ISBN: 9780268100018  
In *Uncommon Prayer: Prayer in  
Everyday Experience*, Michael  
Plekon wants to change our  
minds on what constitutes  
prayer. In doing so, he makes a  
theological claim that  
commonplace aspects of the  
Christian life are best  
understood as prayer, whereby  
encouraging us to see that  
everyday life carries religious  
import; prayer and the religious  
life are not restricted to special  
places and times, but are open  
to all believers at all times. [Read  
more...](#)



## SOMETHING TO PONDER . . .

*Live your questions now, and  
perhaps even without  
knowing it, you will live along  
some distant day into your  
answers*  
Rainer Maria Rilke



## TAKE NOTE

### FEATURED RESOURCE FROM SDI

#### **Spiritual Direction for Atheists, Agnostics, and the "Nones."**

Do you need fresh ideas and  
contemplative suggestions to  
offer the people you journey  
with? Each month, SDI  
features a resource you can  
incorporate in your spiritual  
care for yourself and  
others. [Read more...](#)



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