



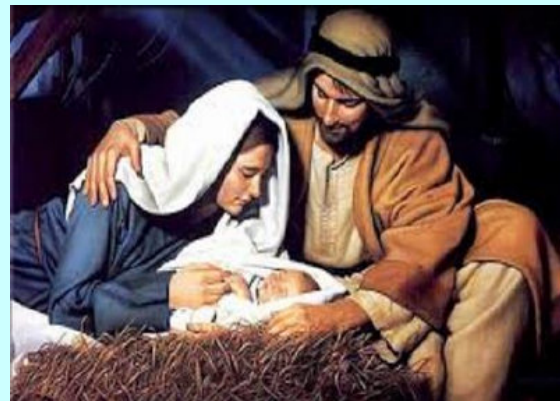
~ SPIRIT ~

Monthly notes and inspiration from Louisiana Spiritual Directors, Inc.

December 2016

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

~ Luke 2:6-7



The members of the LASD Board of Directors wish you a holy and happy holiday season!

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

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:

Jesuit News Service, 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 have been working diligently on getting set up for electronic payments of dues, fees, and scholarship donations along with conference registration. Because of some unforeseen technicalities associated with this issue, we are having to "go back to the drawing board" with this effort. However, we can still proceed with collecting dues and conference registrations as we have been in the past. Thanks for your patience! 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 your check. 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



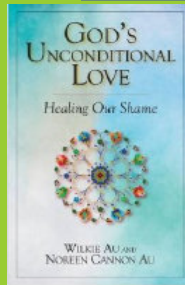


READER'S CORNER

God's Unconditional Love: Healing Our Shame

by Wilkie Au And Noreen Cannon Au Paulist Press, 2016

While God's Unconditional Love focuses on the Christian approach to the healing and transformation of shame, it is a book that will appeal to everyone who experiences shame. The book attempts to reinforce the new Christian narrative that asserts without qualification that God's love is merciful and seeks to soften our troubled hearts and to quiet the anxiety that drives our need to do everything just right. We need but open ourselves to hear God's voice reassuring us, "I love you, no matter what! [Read more . . .](#)



SOMETHING TO PONDER . . .

The contemplative is not one who directs a magical spiritual institution upon other objects, but one who . . . enters into contact with reality by an immediacy that forgets the division between subject and object.

Thomas Merton



TAKE NOTE

FEATURED RESOURCE FROM SDI

WEBINARS ON DEMAND

Supervision is an ethical imperative for spiritual directors. At its best, it is also a compassionate, contemplative practice that brings freedom to spiritual directors and, by extension, spiritual directees as well. In this webinar we will discuss supervision as a grounded, safe, compassionate relationship between peers, one designed to provide new ways forward for both spiritual directors and spiritual directees. Presenter: Maria Tattu Bowen, PhD.

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