



~ SPIRIT ~

Monthly notes and inspiration from Louisiana Spiritual Directors, Inc.

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"We Don't have to succeed in this world, we just have to *be*. That means to consent to the slice of the human condition that God has given us. There are seven or eight billion people in the world right now in whom God is working to build an intimate personal relationship, one that has never been known before and can never be repeated."

~ Thomas Keating



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



**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
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!
Woodworth, LA

71485

To access the registration brochure, click [here](#), print, complete the form, and mail with your check. Please also consider contributing to the **Sr. JoAnn Viviano, rc Memorial Scholarship Fund**, which is listed as an option in your registration form. A number of our fellow directors could certainly use some financial assistance to attend the conference. Please ~~help to spread the word!~~

**LASD BOARD MEMBERSHIP:
WE'RE LOOKING FOR A
FEW GOOD FOLKS...**

At next month's conference, several of our LASD Board Members will be rotating off of the board. Would you prayerfully consider serving? For more information, [contact any board member](#).



CONGRATS TO JOAN!!!

Kudos once again are in order for one of our own, Joan Broussard, who was recently recognized by the [Jenkins Group](#) as one of the winners of the Fourth Annual Illumination Book Awards. The awards are designed to honor and bring increased recognition to the year's best new titles written and published with a Christian worldview. Under the category of Illness/Death/Dying, she earned a Bronze Award for her book, [Grief Guts and Grace](#) (Tate Publishing). We're proud of you, cher!

UPCOMING RETREATS

Place Me with Your Son: Consolation and Compassion in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius

Fr. Steve Kimmons, S.J., Ph.D.
Friday, February 10 - Sunday, February 12, 2017
St. Charles Center
2151 Sam Houston Jones Parkway
Lake Charles, LA 70611
[Click here for registration information.](#)

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)
Jesuit Spirituality Center
313 E. M.L.K. Dr.
Grand Coteau, LA 70541
[Click here for registration information](#)

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

Robin Hebert
Thursday, May 25 - Sunday, May 28, 2017
Jesuit Spirituality Center
313 E. M.L.K. Dr.
Grand Coteau, LA 70541
[Click here for registration information](#)

WONDERFULLY MADE: A weekend retreat for LGBTQI persons, their friends, and family. Rooted in the Catholic tradition. Open to all.

Fr. Buddy Noel, Kurt Bindewaid, Dr. Bradley Leger, and Robin Toler
Friday, May 26 - Sunday, May 28, 2017
Rosaryville Spirit Life Center
39003 Rosaryville Road
Ponchatoula, LA 70454
[Click here for registration information.](#)



READER'S CORNER

Two Modern Christian Mystics: Simone Weil and Thomas Merton - How their experiences of growth through suffering can inform the practice of Spiritual Direction today

by Joyce Budenburg. Spiritual Growth Ministries, 2009

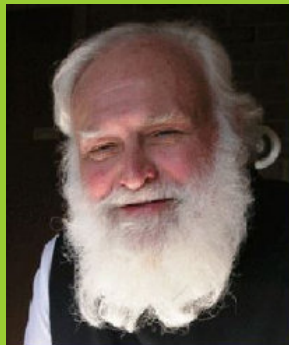
This research paper was written by Budenburg in a desire to combine an interest in both of these Christian mystics/writers (whose writings and experiences of growth through suffering have had a profound effect on my life) with the discovery of how to accompany directees authentically through times of difficulty. To access the document, [click here](#).



SOMETHING TO PONDER . . .

Unfortunately, in seeing ourselves as we truly are, not all that we see is beautiful and attractive. This is undoubtedly part of the reason we flee silence. We do not want to be confronted with our hypocrisy, or our phoniness. We see how false and fragile is the false self we project. We have to go through this painful experience to come to our true self.

~ Basil Pennington



TAKE NOTE

FEATURED RESOURCE FROM SDI

EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

[Free Teleconference: Spiritual Direction 101](#)

February 14, 2017

Presenter: Melanie Weidner

Do you know someone who is curious about spiritual direction? Are they seeking a spiritual companion to help them listen for the ways the Mystery that many name God is inviting them to become more fully alive? Are they wondering how to take the first step? Invite them for a free teleconference and learn how to begin. [Read more >](#)



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