

**Spiritual Direction Preparation Program Cohort 15
2018 – 2021
Application Form**

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Married _____ Single _____ Clergy Person _____ Woman Religious _____

Religious Affiliation _____

How did you hear about the program? _____

The following questions are designed to assist the SDPP Staff in getting to know the applicant in terms of background, experience, call to this ministry, and the expectations of the applicant relative to this program.

1. What are your reasons for wishing to participate in this program?

2. Describe your educational background. Include degrees, if any.

- 3. What workshops, courses, and/or seminars have you had that are related to the ministry of spiritual direction?**

- 4. What has been your experience of receiving spiritual direction? For how long? What in this experience is most helpful to you? (Please note that we require all applicants to be receiving regular spiritual direction prior to beginning the Spiritual Direction Preparation Program.)**

- 5. Are you currently serving as a spiritual director? If so, in what context?**

- 6. If you are not serving formally as a spiritual director, describe what experiences you have had as an informal companion in faith or as a “sought out listener” for other people that encourages you to explore this ministry.**

- 7. The Spiritual Direction Preparation Program is not necessarily intended to prepare you for a new line of work. Our program is designed to help you:**
- **embark upon a powerful experience of personal transformation and spiritual deepening**
 - **develop new techniques and methods to integrate into your existing line of work**
 - **gain the skills to effectively serve in the ministry of spiritual direction**

How do you foresee using the knowledge and skills gained through this program?

- 8. What is your present relationship and involvement in your church (or spiritual fellowship) and civic community?**

- 9. Prepare a short autobiographical sketch including the following (use a separate sheet of paper):**
- **your faith growth**
 - **family life**
 - **prayer life**
 - **significant life experiences**
 - **any other areas you care to write about**

10. **It is our hope to interview each applicant prior to program acceptance. Would you prefer a face-to-face meeting or a phone interview?**

11. **Please list the names of two persons who may be contacted for further recommendation of your application. Include full mailing addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers.**

It is helpful to us for processing purposes to receive 1) your completed application form, 2) your autobiography, and 3) a \$100 nonrefundable application fee (check made out to Franciscan Spirituality Center) postmarked within six weeks of receiving this mailing. We will not consider your candidacy until we have received all three items. We receive many more applications than there are available slots in the program, so your timeliness is important. Thank you.

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