

ADVISORY BOARD AND INSTRUCTORS

Daniel Brown, Ph.D., a licensed clinical psychologist, is a trained spiritual director. He is currently doing clinical work with nursing home residents.

Kay Gentile Johnson, Ph.D. is a retired college professor and a trained spiritual director. Katie is also a professional musician and composer and has worked with both children and adults in music therapy.

Bob Grinewich has a Master of Divinity Degree from Niagara University. He is the Pastoral Associate at Saints Peter & Paul Church in Williamsville and has focused his ministry on Marriage and the Family as well as Spiritual Direction.

Bill McCurdy, SJ, has done retreat ministry and spiritual direction since the 1960's. His ministry includes retreats in the U.S., Ireland, and Great Britain. Bill has also served in parish ministry as a college campus minister and high school guidance counselor.

Dianne Riordan is a family advocate with the Mental Health Association of Erie County. Trained in spiritual direction, she is married and has 7 children and 10 grandchildren.

Jan Sheridan, retired director of the Center, is a professional writer, journalist, and volunteer chaplain. Jan has a Masters degree in Religious Studies and has been a spiritual director and instructor at the Center for 13 years.

Mary Lou Schnitzer, SSJ will soon complete the Spiritual Directors Program in Wernersville, PA. She looks forward to companioning people in spiritual direction, directed retreats and the Exercises of St. Ignatius.

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St. Joseph Center for Spirituality



2011 - 2012

*May they live in a spirit
of complete humility,
gentleness, candor,
simplicity and
zeal for union
with God
among themselves
and with every kind
of neighbor.
-Fr. Medaille*

OUR MISSION

*To foster unity and reconciliation
with God, others, self, and all
creation*

- ❖ *By providing formation for those
called to the Ministry of Spiritual
Direction*
- ❖ *By ministering through spiritual
direction, retreats, courses, and
programs.*

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Pat Van Verth, Ph.D., is a retired professor from Canisius College. She is married and has two children and one granddaughter. Pat is a trained spiritual director with a particular interest in Ignatian Spirituality.

Joan Wagner, SSJ, offers a wealth of experience in spiritual direction, retreat work, graduate teaching in theology, and work with the founding charism of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

WHAT IS SPIRITUAL DIRECTION?

Spiritual directors assist people to recognize and integrate God's presence and direction in all aspects of life and prayer experiences. The director is a listener who helps people notice, discern and respond to God's action.

WHERE AND HOW OFTEN DO I MEET MY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR?

Generally you meet once a month or as needed at our Clarence address or at Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora.

WHO ARE THE DIRECTORS?

Staff members and associate directors are available. You may choose from single or married people, Catholic or Protestant, male or female.

DIRECTED RETREATS ON REQUEST

\$50 per night includes room, meals and spiritual direction.

-30 day Ignatian retreat

-3, 6, or 8 day retreats

-19th Annotation retreat - \$20 per session

PARISH TALKS AND RETREATS

Call Bob Grinewich, at 208-6129 to schedule

LENDING LIBRARY DAY

First Thursday of each month from 10-5 pm

Books, audio, visual available

SATURDAY ENRICHMENT CLASSES

9:30-11 See web site or call center for topics

Free will offering.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION TRAINING PROGRAM FALL 2012

Applications accepted beginning March 2012

FOR INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS

Call (716) 759-6893 ext.175

Visit our website at www.wnyreligion.net

2011 CLASSES

Introduction to Spiritual Direction – 9 classes

Thursdays, 7 - 9 pm Sept. 8 – Nov. 3. \$180

This basic course addresses a variety of issues pertaining to spiritual direction and provides assistance to those with initial interest in the spiritual journey as well as to those already engaged in directing others.

Discernment and Decision Making – 5 classes

Thursdays, 7 – 9 pm Nov. 10-Dec. 15. \$100

How do we make the important decisions in our lives? We will address the history of discernment in the Christian tradition and experience different methods of discernment especially in the Ignatian tradition.

2012 CLASSES

Understanding the Dynamics of the Exercises of St. Ignatius – 10 classes

Thursdays, 7 – 9 pm Jan. 5 – March 8. \$200.

Geared for those helping others on the spiritual journey, this course is an opportunity via video and discussion to grasp the internal dynamics of the Exercises. In order to take this course, you need to have already made a 30 day Ignatian retreat or the 19th Annotation.

Counseling: Theory, Process, and Skills

3 classes

Saturdays, 10-3 Jan. 7, 14, and 21. \$120

We will study the theories and process of counseling as well as practice basic counseling techniques as tools for guiding others in the Exercises.

New Testament Studies – 6 classes

Thursdays, 7 - 9 pm March 22 - May 3. \$120

In an introduction to the NT, we will look at the Gospels and Letters, considering how these stories spoke to people in the Early Church and how they impact our faith journeys today.

Theology of the Trinity, of Christ, and of Salvation - 6 classes

Saturdays, 10 – 12 noon May 12 - June 23. \$120

This is a basic overview of key elements of Christian theology: the Trinity, Christology, and what the Church teaches about our salvation story. We will briefly look at the major doctrines and heresies of the Church and their present day manifestations. The perspective will be to look at theology as it connects with people's spiritual lives.

Supervision and Practicum – 5 weeks

\$15 per hour of supervision

Students companion individuals through a 5 week retreat under the guidance of a supervisor.