



Franciscan Season of Giving

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Peace and all good,
Christine, FSC's Director



a word from Milly

Last year, I was invited to join the FSC spiritual direction program as a mentor for a group of students starting the first year and have continued as

a mentor in year two. I have served as a spiritual director for many years at Franciscan Renewal Center in Scottsdale, AZ. Being a FSC mentor is a new opportunity; and it has been a holy privilege for me.

Indeed, the FSC online program experience has blessed my heart and extended my global horizons. Students attend and connect from Africa, England, the Netherlands as well as many states within the USA. FSC is a welcoming community where each student has full opportunity to engage and grow with each group session, reference material studied, and creative assignment. I've seen the students enthusiastically embrace all aspects of the Franciscan tenants of faith that ground this FSC community. These sacred stories come alive through the dynamic life and teachings of St Francis and St Clare. The tender ways of listening and relating are held sacred. Pausing to consider, dwelling - desiring an ongoing relationship with God. FSC offers a lively, thoughtful environment where spiritual direction students are encouraged to explore and journey - deeply and safely.

As a mentor, I have had the privilege to facilitate group sharing sessions. The great fun of this time together is the ready interest students have demonstrated: sharing about the reading materials, their genuine thirst for spiritual stories and the ways of spiritual guidance. These group discussions offer holy space for sharing any, all thoughts and questions. I've discovered with delight: the coming together of students from very different backgrounds and places. I've seen the excitement, genuine joy in students as each begins to explore their-own inner faith/fire and share about the growing desire to serve others seeking God.

The Franciscan Spiritual Center has served persons seeking God for many years. Their guidance and training changes lives and offers support for the life journey. I pray FSC's online spiritual direction training will be welcomed and offered in many more places around the world. Please join us in supporting this endeavour. The newly expanded online spiritual direction program is currently bringing forth "holy workers" in several far reaching places. Please help the FSC community continue to wisely and prayerfully expand this supportive, valuable blessing to others seeking spiritual direction training. Please consider your gift, giving today.

In closing, I'm delighted to share that as a mentor, I have watched and witnessed students flower as holy persons willing to learn, relate deeply and serve graciously. As these students readied for graduation this October, they willingly dedicated themselves to journey with others - to support others in their holy walk with the Jesus. I pray that the FSC spiritual direction training continues to flourish as God's blessings and love are encountered, received and lived deeply with support for the holy journey.

Thank you. Your kind consideration is greatly appreciated.

With love and affection,

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