



FRANCISCAN SPIRITUAL CENTER
SPIRITUAL DIRECTION TRAINING PROGRAM

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Please consider the following qualifications. Those who combine most of these will be given priority for admission. If you have any questions, please call or write one of the staff for clarification.

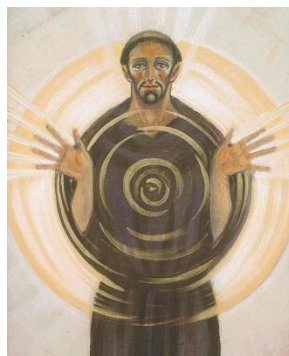
The Spiritual Direction Training Program is available to women and men who are discerning a call to spiritual direction ministry and who wish to explore that call in a Franciscan context, engage in personal spiritual growth, enhance the knowledge and skills needed for this ministry.

In addition, this program is for persons who:

- Have some theological background
- Appreciate learning with others from different faith traditions and diverse backgrounds
- Have experienced and are willing to engage in continuing personal spiritual direction
- Are seeking a deeper spiritual connection in their lives
- Are well grounded in faith and are willing to articulate that faith
- Have an interest in and willingness to do readings between sessions, some personal reflection writing, and engage in a cohort of fellow seekers

The intent of the Spiritual Direction Training Program is:

- To enrich the spiritual life and theological awareness of the participants
- To offer resources, experience, and support which can prepare participants to practice the art of spiritual direction sensitively and skillfully
- To immerse the participant in the Franciscan way of being in the world, with its universal inclusivity as expressed in the presence of the Divine in all creation and the dignity of the human person.
- To develop community, building a network of people who are prepared to serve in diverse spiritual settings.



Application Form 2024-2026

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Present work/Ministry: _____

Past work/ Ministry: _____

Degrees, courses or program you have taken related to theology, spirituality, psychology:

What are the ways you are already expressing your call to ministry?

Please complete the following:

I am receiving spiritual direction ____ regularly ____ from time to time ____ No. of years .

I am no presently receiving spiritual direction ____.

What other forms of spiritual direction have you experienced? _____

I am presently giving spiritual direction. Yes ____ No ____ Number of persons ____.

SPIRITUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Please write a short autobiographical sketch (1-3 pages) that describes your spiritual journey up to this point, including your family background and the significant happenings in your spiritual journey and your ministries.

Also indicate your reason for wanting to participate in the program and how you have sensed God's call to this ministry. This material should be presented to the Center a minimum of **one week prior to your formal interview.**

PERSONAL REFERENCES

Please list the name, address and telephone number of 3 people whom you would trust to know your work and potential as a spiritual director/guide (e.g. your pastor, spiritual director). Ask them to submit a letter of recommendation for you to the Franciscan Spiritual Center- Spiritual Direction Training Program. (forms included in this application packet)

1. _____	2. _____	3. _____
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Application Checklist:

- Application Questions answered
- Spiritual Autobiography
- 3 References
- Check for \$35

The completed application and your \$35 check should be mailed to:

Franciscan Spiritual Center
Attention: Sr. Mary Jo Chaves
Spiritual Direction Training Program
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Marylhurst, OR 97036

Phone: 503-794-8542
Fax: 503-794-8556
Email: info@francisspctr.com
Web: www.FrancisSpCtr.com

You are also welcome to email your completed application to Sr. Mary Jo Chaves mjchaves@francisspctr.com

Contacts:

Facilitators: Sr. Mary Jo Chaves & Eileen Parfrey
Administrative Assistant: Michelle Kroll

APPLICATION DEADLINE: August 1, 2026