

# Source at the Center



## Spiritual Direction Programs

According to the Roman Catholic tradition, there have always been women and men in the faith community whose very nature and connection with God has led people to seek them out to be companions on the spiritual journey. These holy people possessed a wisdom and contemplative listening presence to others and were called by many names: Desert Fathers and Mothers, confessors, anchorites, anam cara (Celtic), the staretz (Russian Orthodox), and spiritual directors.

Today, there are men and women who have become spiritual directors in unexpected ways. In all cases, they knew and trusted the urging of the Spirit who led people to them; people who sought them out to be companioned in spiritual direction. They may not have completed a training program, however their role as spiritual director is genuine and guided by the Holy Spirit, whom they constantly discern to be active at the core of their being.

Source at the Center programs are designed for spiritual directors who a) have not completed any formal training and b) trained spiritual directors who would like a short refresher program to restore and renew themselves in the ministry.



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## Source at the Center 2011

### **SOURCE AT THE CENTER II**

*Sunday, July 31, 5:45 p.m. – Saturday, Aug. 13, 2011, 10:00 a.m.*

*Prerequisite: Source at the Center I*

This continuing formation program is for practicing spiritual directors who have not completed formal training, or trained spiritual directors who are seeking a refresher program to renew themselves in ministry.

### **SOURCE AT THE CENTER III – SUPERVISION**

*Sunday, July 31, 5:45 p.m. – Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011, 10:00 a.m.*

*Presented by: Margaret Scharf, OP*

This NEW PROGRAM is open to any practicing spiritual director interested in ministering to other directors as their supervisor. The week consists of presentation on the nature of the ministry, its use as a tool for the director's growth, and practical application through the use of experiences brought to the classes by participants.

### **SOURCE SYMPOSIUM 2011**

*Sunday, Aug. 14, 5:45 p.m. – Saturday, Aug. 20, 2011, 10:00 a.m.*

***Facilitator: Margaret Guenther***

This NEW PROGRAM is a result of requests from experienced spiritual directors who are looking for conversation and shared experience with peers who have been practicing spiritual directors for at least 15 years. There are programs available for initial formation of directors, but what about people who are, in the words of Janet Ruffing, "beyond the beginnings"? The days will be structured with prayer, presentation on a topic to start conversation, reflection, and sharing.

*In all "Source" offerings, participants live on campus, though day commuters are accepted.*

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