

Get In Touch

Spiritual Opportunities

Advent Linger Over Coffee

Tuesdays, Dec. 5, 12, 19
9:30-11 a.m.

You are invited during the Advent Season to times of input, prayer, and conversations. Guided by the experiences of Marillac's Team members, we examine our journeys into the Christmas season. The morning concludes with the opportunity to join the SCL Sisters for their daily Liturgy at 11 a.m.

Individual Days of Prayer

You are invited to schedule a time to rest, to pray, to request spiritual accompaniment that fits with your needs. These individual times may exist as a single, three, five, or eight-day silence retreat.

Small Group Retreats

You are invited to come to Marillac with a small group for a program that you create. You may request from the Marillac Team for help facilitating a small retreat or spiritual program. To schedule a personal retreat, please contact Fr. Kevin Cullen, program director, at retreats@scls.org or call (913) 758-9714.



Marillac Center, established in the spirit of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, provides an environment of prayer, peace, hope and transformation. Located adjacent to the Sisters of Charity Mother House, the Sisters share their holy ground, their story and charism with those who seek to grow spiritually and deepen their quest for God.

Retreats; conferences; spiritual, holistic and educational programs are offered through Marillac Center. Guests are received in a spirit of hospitality offered in humility, simplicity and charity.

For more information:
retreats@scls.org or call
(913) 758-6552



Marillac Center

SISTERS OF CHARITY
OF LEAVENWORTH



Marillac Center

Spiritual Direction

4200 S. 4th Street
Leavenworth, KS 66048
Phone: 913-758-6552

e-mail: retreats@scls.org
website: marillaccenter.org

Introduction

What is Spiritual Direction?

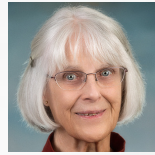
Spiritual Direction is a privileged time and place to reflect with another about my relationship with God. The focus of Spiritual Direction is my life with God as it is lived out in all my experiences. Ultimately, spiritual direction is the process of coming home to my deepest self.

I bring to Spiritual Direction all of my life as I seek to become more aware of God's presence in my life. The "agenda" is what I, the "directee," bring and that will include prayer, images of God, finding the Sacred, questions of faith, concerns about the church, and also my relationships with others, what worries me, grieves me, frightens me or gives me cause for joy and celebration. The director helps me to listen to my life with the care that it deserves.

The Spiritual Director serves in promoting the relationship between God and the one seeking direction. Spiritual direction, though practiced in the Church for centuries, is increasingly sought by people in contemporary society who are desirous of a deeper engagement with God and wanting someone to companion them in that search. The tradition has consistently defined the practice of Spiritual Direction as an art that recognizes the Holy Spirit as the true director. The human director needs spiritual training, a knowledge of human and faith development, and demonstrated skills and gifts for this ministry. The spiritual director is not a substitute for a counselor or a professional therapist.

Spiritual Directors

Suggested offering \$40. All are welcome, even if you cannot give the suggested offering.



Sister Susan Chase, SCL
(785) 331-5969
schase@scls.org

Sister Susan has spent much of her career in higher education.

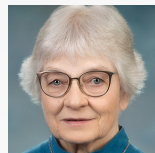
Her interests include how faith and science enrich each other. Her desire is to help people recognize how God is present in their daily lives. She approaches direction through the lenses of both Vincentian and Ignatian charisms. Her training is through the Sophia Center and the Ignatian Spirituality Center.



Father Kevin Cullen, SJ
(913) 758-9714
kcullen@scls.org

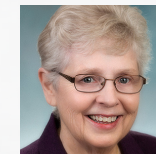
Father Kevin has enjoyed formation and mission work both

internal to the Jesuits and external in their apostolates, including Jesuit Refugee Services and l'Arche. Recognizing our gifts and contributions in this good world is a part of our spiritual experience. He has training in accompanying people in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. He enjoys spiritual conversations and retreat direction.



Sister Karen Guth, SCL
(913) 250-6500
kguth@scls.org

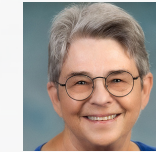
Sister Karen has a master's degree in theology with an emphasis in spirituality. She completed the Vincentian Spiritual Directors Program in Denver in 1998. She previously taught in Catholic schools; coordinated Making Choices, a program that trained women volunteers to mentor incarcerated women; and served as a team member at Marillac Center.



Sister Judith Jackson, SCL
(913) 758-9722

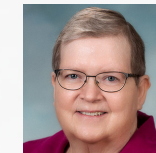
mjackson@scls.org

Sister Judith has been a teacher, administrator, hospital and hospice chaplain, and healthcare leader in mission integration/ministry formation/ethics. She has presented widely as a reflector and story-teller. Sister Judith has a master's degree in spirituality from Creighton University, and advanced training in clinical pastoral education.



Sister Mary Pat Johnson, SCL
(816) 806-7889, mjohnson@scls.org

Sister Mary Pat has many years' experience as a spiritual director. She holds a master's degree in Christian spirituality with certification in spiritual direction from Creighton University. Sister Mary Pat serves on the staff of the Souljourners' certification program for spiritual directors in Atchison, KS.



Sister Mary Pat Lenahan, SCL
(913) 758-9708, mlenahan@scls.org

Sister Mary Pat successfully completed the Souljourners Spiritual Direction Program. This

program focuses on the contemplative, evocative process. Sister Mary Pat appreciates the opportunity to pray with and accompany individuals seeking a deeper relationship with God as she also seeks the same. She completed the ForMission program, sponsored by the Religious Formation Conference for formators.



Sister Phyllis Stowell, SCL
(913) 702-8291, pstowell@scls.org

Sister Phyllis holds degrees from the University of St. Mary and the the University of San Francisco. She holds a certificate in spiritual direction from the Hesychia School for Spiritual Direction, Tucson, AZ. She is an experienced spiritual director and has worked with small church communities, provided instruction on the use of journaling in spiritual growth, and has facilitated women's prayer groups within the parish. She previously was a founding member of the Shekina Spirituality Center, Santa Fe, NM.