

***St. Monica Spirituality Center
Giving the Exercises
2-Year Training Program for Spiritual Directors***

Application

Program Year: September 2021-May 2023

General Information

Name	Email
Address	Phone
Current Parish/Church Community	
Current Work/Employment History	Professional Training
Academic History (Diploma, Degrees)	

Please respond to the following questions:

1. Describe any course work, classes, reading you have completed in the areas of Scripture, Theology, Leadership, and Ethics?
 2. Describe any personal experience you have had in giving or receiving spiritual direction. If so, include the length of time of such direction. How do you understand the difference between counseling and spiritual direction?
 3. If you have family, partner or other significant responsibilities, are these persons aware and supportive of your interest in the St. Monica Spirituality Center program?
 4. Are there any special circumstance or needs that you have that would be important for the acceptance committee to consider in your application?
 5. What do you believe you are able to contribute in regards the expenses of the program?
- Please write a 2-page typed spiritual autobiography about yourself. See the guide below for assistance.
 - Along with this application, please attach two letters of recommendation.

Submission of Application

Please submit your completed application before August 31, 2021 to davidayotte@stmonica.net or mail to the parish offices at:

Fr. David Ayotte
St. Monica Spirituality Center, Director
St. Monica Catholic Community
725 California Ave.
Santa Monica, CA 90403

Upon receipt of your application, Fr. Dave Ayotte, will contact you for an interview whether at the parish offices or by zoom. You should receive a confirmation of whether you have been accepted into the program within one week following your interview.

Note: The first class of the Giving the Exercises program is Saturday, September 11, 2021.

Spiritual Autobiography

Thank you for your interest in the St. Monica Spirituality Center. While not exhaustive, the following questions are meant to aide you in your reflection and writing of your faith story.

- What and who have been significant events, objects, places and people in your life that have pointed you towards God and led to your current involvement in the Church?
- Describe what prayer is for you and what you do to help you to pray. Describe any experience of using scripture and/or your imagination in prayer.
- Describe any experience with spiritual direction, retreats, meditation exercises, theological studies or special programs of spiritual/faith formation.
- Are there spiritual traditions that have shaped you in your own journey (Franciscan, Ignatian, ecological, Buddhist, Islamic, Teilhardian, Benedictine, Dominican, monastic, etc.)?
- Finish the sentence..... “ God/Christ is for me”
- If one could say that God has a dream for you, what comes to mind?
- If one could say that God has a dream for your parish, what comes to mind and what place do you feel you might have in realizing this dream?

Please return your spiritual autobiography with an attached photo of yourself to Fr. Dave Ayotte. davidayotte@stmonica.net