



School Sisters of Notre Dame

June 28, 2017

The School Sisters of Notre Dame Spiritual Directors Weekend will be held this year at Notre Dame of Elm Grove, Wisconsin. All SSND spiritual directors are invited.

Important Information:

- The conference opens Friday, September 22. You are encouraged to arrive for the evening meal which is served from 5-6 p.m.
- We will gather at 7 p.m. for the opening session.
- The weekend will close at Noon on Sunday, September 24.
- The annual business meeting is an important part of the weekend. It is not too early to be thinking about next year's topic, possible presenter(s), as well as someone to serve as co-chair.

Presenters: Sisters Sandra Weinke, Marilyn Wussler and Charlene Zeisset.

Topic: *Finding Meaning in a Meaningless Time.* The speakers will challenge the assumption that the experience of chaos and suffering is to be avoided. Alternatively, convictions underlying this presentation include:

- Chaos is ever-present in the universe.
- Creativity embedded in chaos provides emergence of meaning in life.

Presentations are designed to be applicable to the spiritual direction process and each person's own spiritual growth.

To prepare for the gathering the presenters ask that you:

- Read Viktor Frankl's *Man's Search for Meaning*, and bring the copy with you.
- Focus on the physical, psychological, emotional and spiritual chaos in one's own life, and notice patterns in nature, e.g. rings in a tree stump, patterns in flowers.
- Bring your own coffee cup, folder, notebook and writing utensils.

The central Pacific Province is generously absorbing the food and housing costs. **Each sister/associate is responsible for her/his travel expense and the \$45 fee toward the presenters' stipends, which will be paid on arrival.** The registration form and travel form are online.

Registration deadline is August 28, 2017.

Feel free to contact either of us if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you and sharing the richness of this experience. Please keep our presenters and our gathering in prayer.

Co-chairs for 2017

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