

Information for Applicants:

1. Receiving spiritual direction is an essential element in the discernment of a call to the ministry of spiritual direction. No applicant will be accepted who is not receiving spiritual direction from a trained spiritual director by the beginning of the program. Applicants will be asked to provide the name of their spiritual director. Preference will be given to applicants who have longer experience in spiritual direction from a trained spiritual director.
2. Fruitful participation in the Quellen Spiritual Direction Formation Program presumes a basic formation in the areas of scripture, theology and spirituality. This formation may include degree programs in theology or ministry; a significant number of academic courses in scripture, theology, and spirituality; certification for a church ministry such as catechetics; other forms of significant study/workshops/reading in the areas of scripture, theology and spirituality. The staff of the Quellen Spiritual Direction Formation program may recommend further studies in these areas as a condition for admission or continuance in the program.
3. The Quellen Spiritual Direction Formation Program is an experience of discernment of the call to the ministry of spiritual direction. At various points in the program, the participants and staff mutually discern the continuance of the participant in the program for the next year. The final decision about continuance rests with the staff of the program.

**BELOW YOU WILL FIND A COPY OF THE
APPLICATION FORM.**



APPLICATION FORM

Personal Profile – Part One

Today's Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Phone: HOME _____ - _____

WORK _____ - _____

CELL _____ - _____

FAX _____ - _____

Faith Affiliation _____

Married _____ Single _____ Clergy _____ Religious _____

Religious Community Name and Initials _____

Academic History:

High School Name & Year of Graduation _____

4. What has led you to believe you have a calling in this ministry of Spiritual Direction?

5. Experience in receiving Spiritual Direction:

I receive Spiritual Direction myself: Yes _____ No _____

[If yes] I have been receiving direction for _____ year[s]

Name of Director _____

Frequency of direction sessions: _____

Experience in giving Spiritual Direction:

I am currently giving Spiritual Direction: Yes _____ No _____

[If yes] Number of persons you see: _____

Number of years you have been directing: _____

How often you meet: _____

6. Do you have any reservations about applying for this program and/or do you foresee any difficulties for yourself arising from your participation in it?

7. Is there any other information you feel is relevant to your application?

Personal Profile – Part Three: Spiritual Autobiography

Attach to this application an autobiographical sketch **no longer than 5 pages** typed. As you describe your life history include events, which had impact on your development, present prayer life, use of scripture and relationship with God. Describe your religious development including relationships that affected your faith life. Describe your experience of spiritual direction and how it has affected your spiritual growth, what led you to seek direction, when you began the process, how you chose a director and whether it is ongoing. Describe your gifts and talents as you see them and how they would help you as a spiritual director.

Personal Profile – Part Four: Letter of Reference

Please print out 3 copies of the Letter of Reference and obtain references from 3 people who are familiar with your faith journey. Please do not use members of your immediate family. **Please note that the references should be sent directly by the person recommending you to the Quellen Spiritual Direction Formation Program.**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

1. Please enclose a US \$50 deposit [**non-refundable**] with the completed application [Parts One, Two and Three, above]. Your application cannot be processed unless accompanied by the deposit. Please send check or money order payable to *Quellen Spiritual Center* no later than May 1, 2009 to:

**Quellen Spiritual Direction Formation Program
c/o Teresa Marie Skierkowski, SCC
350 Bernardsville Road
Mendham, NJ 07945-0800**

2. Please send application in a 9x12 envelope. **Please do not fold the application form or your autobiography.**

3. If you have any questions regarding this application please contact Sister Teresa Marie at 973-543-6528 x 217.