



## NORTH SHORE CERTIFIED SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

*Spiritual directors are prayerful people trained to support a directee in deepening his/her relation with God. If you are interested to explore this prayerful practice please contact a spiritual director in this list.*

Bonnie Chase (St. Margaret Mary Church, Slidell)  
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### BONNIE CHASE

I am an Associate Director at the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center, and a certified Spiritual Director, through the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center, practicing the ministry of Spiritual Direction since 1991. Trained in Ignatian Spirituality and the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, have directed 19<sup>th</sup> Annotation Retreats, Three, Five, and Eight-Day individual silent retreats, taught courses in Ignatian Spirituality and facilitated Discernment experiences. Have facilitates workshops and teaches courses for the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center. I am also a Cenacle Affiliate and has presented retreats, days of prayer and workshops for the Metairie Cenacle and at other facilities. Since 2009 I have also been involved with the Substance Addiction Ministry (SAM), for those who are either afflicted with or affected by addiction. I have also been part of the Ignatian Spirituality Project (ISP), *A Jesuit Ministry Offering Spiritual Retreats to End Homelessness*. Married to her husband Richard since 1964, together they have been involved in Marriage Ministry since 1978. We have four children and ten grandchildren.

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### ESTER AGURCIA SMITH

- Trained at the New Orleans Archdioceses Spirituality Center.
- Active member of St. Jane of Chantal parish.
- Master in social work.
- Administrator in a construction company.
- Mother of 3 children and grandmother of 7.

- President of the PC at St. John of the Cross
- Lector and group leader of the Spirituality Ministry.
- Eucharistic minister at SMH.
- Flexible schedule to accommodate directees.

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#### SHARON SCHNEIDER

- Trained at the New Orleans Archdioceses Spirituality Center.
- Saint Margaret Mary parishioner in Slidell.
- Married 30 years.
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#### ELIZABETH KILLEEN

- Trained at the New Orleans Archdioceses Spirituality Center.
- Active member of Saint Margaret Mary Church in Slidell.
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.
- Adoration chapel coordinator at Saint Margaret Mary Church.
- Occupational Therapist.
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#### CARLOS A. RAMIREZ, Deacon

- Trained at the New Orleans Archdioceses Spirituality Center since 2008.
- Deacon at the Archdiocese of New Orleans, serving at Saint Margaret Mary Church in Slidell.
- Retired Mechanical Engineer.
- Father of 3 and grandfather of 5.
- Ministers Hispanic communities in the North Shore.
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#### VIRGINA L. HYMEL

- Trained at the New Orleans Archdioceses Spirituality Center.
- Active member of Saint Margaret Mary Church in Slidell.
- Customer service agent in the N.O. airport for US Airways and American Airlines.
- Mother of 2 and grandmother of 4. Divorced, annulled.

- Former religious sister for 10 years.
- Volunteer as a PSR teacher, and Bible studies.
- Weekly nocturnal adorer of the Blessed Sacrament.
- Experience in vocational discernment, inner healing, directing Religious Srs, Brs and Priests.
- Previous ministries include RCIA, annulment support program, Intercessors of the Lamb, Third Order Franciscan, Come Lord Jesus prayer group member.
- Spiritual Director, Retreat Director, Parish Missions, Group Director

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#### DIANNE SANCHEZ

- Trained at the New Orleans Archdioceses Spirituality Center.
- Active member of St. Jane de Chantal Parish in Abita Springs
- Ministry at the Cenacle Retreat Center.
- Mother and grandmother.
- Love to accompany people in their spiritual journey assisting them to become the persons that God intended them to be.

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#### Fr. ROBERT CAVALIER

- Pastor, St John the Baptist Church, Folsom La.
- Diocesan priest with training in Benedictine, Ignatian and Trapist traditions.
- Certified spiritual director through the Archdioceses of New Orleans in early 1990s.
- Interest in travel, hiking, photography, music, dreams, healing and deliverance.
- Can meet with people at the North Shore Pastoral Center in Covington.

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#### DEACON FRANS LABRANCHE JR.

- Graduated from St. Joseph Seminary College in 1955.
- Attended Notre Dame Seminary for one year.
- Graduated from Loyola Law School in 1960.
- Served as a Jag officer in the U.S. Air force from 1961-1964 and in the reserve until 1974.
- Ordained as a Deacon in 1981.
- Became a certified spiritual director in 1991 and participates in the North Shore peer group;
- Taught at Tulane, LSU Medical School and Loyola University.
- Has been teaching Social Justice since 1983 to men in formation for the Diaconate.
- Retired lawyer.
- Married with five children, 12 grandchildren and 3 great grand children.

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