



“I am deeply grateful for the Spiritual Direction Formation Program of the Murphy Center for Ignatian Spirituality. Many clergy and lay faithful of the Diocese of Bridgeport have participated in the Program and, in learning how to listen attentively to the work of God and discern God’s will, they have helped others to recognize the Lord’s loving and consoling presence in their lives.”

~ Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport

PROGRAM DETAILS AND COSTS

Please visit our website fairfield.edu/mcis for more information on this program, faculty profiles and fees. If you wish to speak with a Center staff member, please contact Colleen Gilbertson at 203-254-4000 ext. 3468 or e-mail mcis@fairfield.edu.

Applications can be downloaded online by clicking fairfield.edu/mcis.

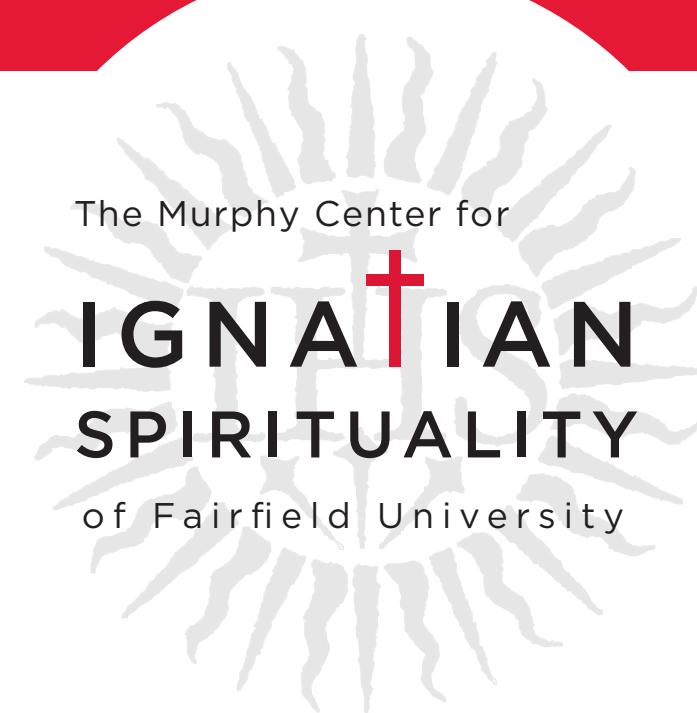
All applications, references and related material must be received by June 30, 2019.



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**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION FORMATION
IN THE IGNATIAN TRADITION:**

DEVELOPING A LISTENING HEART

January 2020 - December 2021

THE PROGRAM

The Murphy Center for Ignatian Spirituality of Fairfield University is pleased to offer a two-year certificate formation program in spiritual direction in the Ignatian Tradition. The program is intended for persons with a theological and ministerial background who feel called to serve in this ministry. The program provides intensive formation in the theory and practice of spiritual direction and in the theology and practice of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. The program gives attention to the critical psychological issues frequently encountered in spiritual direction.

FACULTY

Gerald R. Blaszczyk, S.J., *Co-Director*

Denis Donoghue, S.J., *Co-Director*

Karen M. Doyle, S.S.J., *Co-Director*

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- **One residential week each year in January at Mercy Center, Madison, CT:** January 5-11, 2020 and January 3-9, January 2021
- **Must commit to eight Saturdays each year at Fairfield University:**
2020: February 8, March 14, April 11, May 9, September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12
2021: February 13, March 13, April 10, May 8, September 11, October 9, November 13, December 11
- **Assigned readings and reflection papers**
- **Monthly personal spiritual direction**
- **Regular individual supervision**
- **Two in-depth self-evaluations per year**
- **Quarterly meetings by phone or Skype with faculty mentor**

ELIGIBILITY

Candidates for admission to the program should:

- **Be a minimum of 30 years of age**
- **Have an appropriate background in theology and ministry**
- **Have received regular spiritual direction over a significant period of time**
- **Be an active member of a faith community**

“Spiritual direction is help given by one person to another which enables the seeker to pay attention to God’s personal communication to her/him, to respond to this personally communicating God, to grow in intimacy with this God—and to live out the consequences of the relationship.”

[*The Practice of Spiritual Direction*, Barry/Connolly]