



“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](https://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](mailto:mcis@fairfield.edu).

Applications can be downloaded online by clicking [fairfield.edu/mcis](https://fairfield.edu/mcis).

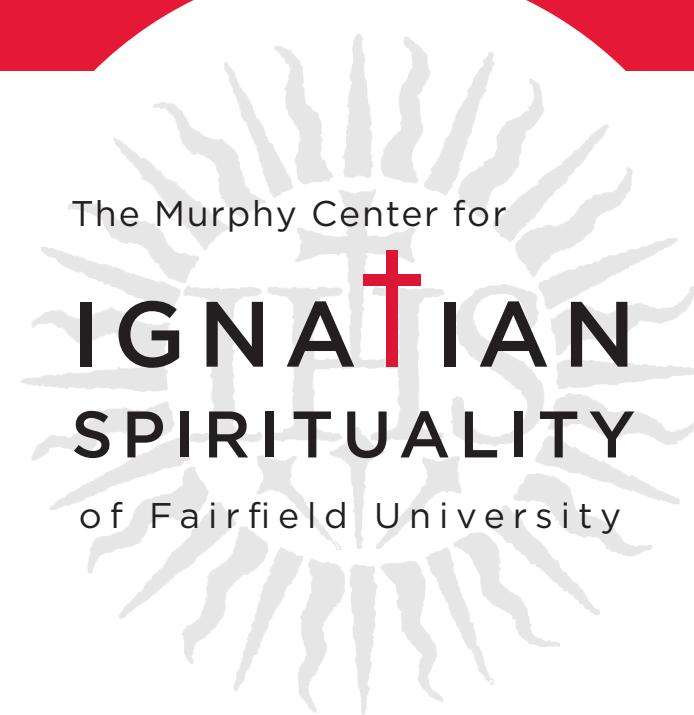
*All applications, references and related material must be received by June 30, 2021.*



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

***DEVELOPING A LISTENING HEART***

January 2022 - December 2023

## 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 2-8, 2022 and January 8-14, January 2023
- **Must commit to eight Saturdays each year at Fairfield University:**  
**2022:** February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14, September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10  
**2023:** February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, September 9, October 14, November 11, December 9
- **Assigned readings and reflection papers**
- **Monthly personal spiritual direction**
- **Regular individual supervision**
- **Two in-depth self-evaluations per year**
- **Quarterly meetings by phone, Skype, or Zoom with a 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]