FROM THE ALUMNI...

"AEISD formation has led me to a deeper encounter with my loving nurturing God who constantly challenges all of us and beckons us to a closer walk with him. Walking this sacred journey provided me with caring, supportive companions who could glimpse the beauty and uniqueness found in each human person (no matter how young, no matter how old) and who could help empower each person to believe in his/her, God given, potential to make a difference and create a better world."

Loreto Downing (Cohort 2009)

"For me AEISD was an invitation to come and sit and dine at God's banqueting table. At that table my hungry soul was nourished and satisfied."

Michelle Jereb (Cohort 2009)

"It was a calling and discernment from the start, transforming and enlightening all the way through, and an unfolding personally and professionally still. I am eternally grateful for my cohorts and teachers, the readings, retreats, discussions, and growth..all big blessings."

Adele P. Swan (Cohort 2009)

"Participating in this program allowed me not only to learn about accompanying those on a spiritual journey, but also gave me a wonderful opportunity to deepen my spirituality and become more aware of how God is working in my life. I would recommend it to anyone who may feel a call to walk with others on their spiritual path."

Damien Faughan (Cohort 2005)

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

The Director or Administrator of AEISD will process admission of candidates into the program on the basis of a formal application, an oral interview, review of references and student transcripts. Successful applicants will be notified of their entrance into the program through a formal letter of acceptance.

Fees Include:

Application Fee:	$ 35.00
Interview Fee:	$ 150.00
Annual Tuition:	$1,700.00

Additional costs include required texts, retreat fees and personal liability insurance. Limited scholarships are available for second year students.

For more information or to request an application visit us at **www.aeisd.org** or in person contact:

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Vivian Barrera, Administrator

Application due August 15th

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Prayer—Discernment

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OVERVIEW

This two year ecumenical program is designed to provide training, resources, and support for individuals called to do spiritual direction. Development of spiritual gifts within a community of believers is the primary objective of the program. This program emphasizes the process of developing a greater sense of spiritual discernment and presence through the practice and understanding of contemplative traditions and disciplines. The substance of the program includes individual participation in the following:

- Spiritual Direction
- Sixteen Monthly Integrative Seminars (Saturdays 9:00-4:00)
- Four Weekend Retreats
- Personal Prayer and Study
- Supervised Practicum Under the Guidance of trained Spiritual Directors.

The Arizona Ecumenical Institute for Spiritual Directors (AEISD) is blessed with an academically and spiritually diverse faculty. Faculty members include leaders from various faith traditions, clergy, religious, professional psychologists and counselors, educators in religious studies and spirituality. The director in collaboration with a Board of Directors facilitates various administrative, advisement, admission, and organizational parts of the program.

CURRICULUM

YEAR ONE

September	Gathering Retreat
October	Intro. to Spiritual Direction
November	Prayer and Spiritual Direction
December	Scripture and Spiritual Growth
January	Psychological Dimensions
February	Cultural and Religious Diversity
March	Discernment in Sp. Direction
April	Ethics and Professional Boundaries
May	Spiritual Direction Skills
May	Closing Retreat

YEAR TWO

September	Opening Retreat
October	Supervision and Spiritual Direction
November	Tools for Life's Challenges
December	Human Relationships
January	Christian Mysticism
February	Eco-Spirituality
March	Ecumenical Spirituality
April	Spirituality and Social Justice
May	Drawing It All Together
May	Closing Retreat and Commissioning

QUALIFICATIONS

This program is open to individuals who feel called to the ministry of spiritual direction. Candidates may include lay people, clergy, vowed religious, and professionals representing diverse vocational backgrounds and faith traditions.

Spiritual and academic expectations for qualified candidates include:

- Experience of receiving personal spiritual direction for at least **six months**.
- A time of personal discernment (e.g. AEISD OASIS program)
- Involvement in a Christian faith community and participation in faith sharing with others.
- A desire for deeper faith and an intimate relationship with the Divine.
- Committed and disciplined prayer life.
- Evidence of completion of pre-requisite requirements (e.g. AEISD Foundations)

⇒ Introduction to Christian Spirituality
⇒ Christology
⇒ Introduction to Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament)
⇒ Introduction to Christian Scriptures (New Testament)
⇒ Human Growth and Faith Development