

School of Lectio Divina

2015-2016 Application Form

Based on the observations of master teachers of *lectio divina*, this experience works best for those who have had some initial experience with the practice of *lectio divina* and seek to foster a commitment to sustaining it. Participants need to be comfortable with silence, willing to trust the process, and contribute to mutual learning. Familiarity with the Benedictine tradition is helpful, but not essential.

The School of Lectio is Christian in its origin and ecumenical in its scope. Through an intensive retreat experience set in the rhythm of life at St. Paul's Monastery, the School of Lectio teaches the tradition of *lectio divina* through structured time with a sacred text selected by each participant, instruction by a master teacher, opportunities for individual counsel, and reflective conversation with other participants. Because of the intense nature of this experience, we limit enrollment to 15 participants. The application process helps clarify expectations and enables the staff to determine whether there is a good match between people's personal goals and backgrounds and the outcomes of this spiritual development process.

All information provided in the following application will be held in confidence.

We review completed applications for the Schools of Lectio Divina on a revolving basis. You may use this form to apply for any upcoming School. Early applications will receive first consideration; once the retreat capacity is reached, a waiting list will be opened.

Email completed applications to srahberg@stpaulsmonastery.org. A \$50 deposit will be requested of those who are accepted to a School of Lectio Divina.

Name:

Email:

Address 1:

Address 2:

State:

Phone:

Faith Tradition:

Applying for: ___ Jul. 10-15 ___ Feb. 19-24, 2016

1. What motivates your desire to participate in the School of Lectio Divina?
2. Describe your experience with *Lectio Divina*, spiritual direction, and/or retreats with the Benedictine Center of St. Paul's Monastery or other retreat centers.
3. What Scripture passage, if any, has been on your heart or mind?
4. What do you hope to gain through your participation in the School of Lectio Divina?
5. Describe your current spiritual practices (e.g. daily prayer, personal devotions, Bible reading, other spiritual reading, spiritual direction, annual retreat, etc.).
6. Provide a brief autobiographical sketch that reflects who you are.
 - Note some of the challenges you have faced and what they have taught you
 - Achievements about which you are most proud
 - Key events and people shaping your life's outlook
7. Please provide two letters of recommendation from people who can comment on what you might gain from participation and what contribution you will make to the work of the group.
8. What else would be helpful for us to know about you?