

Dear Friends,

It is with sadness and with great gratitude that I write my final message to you. Many of you know that I will be leaving the University of San Diego at the end of January. I have accepted a new position at the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry as the associate director of spiritual formation, a continuation of the type of ministry I love in an excellent university. I regret the need to leave mid-year but the starting date necessitated this early departure. I will be team teaching two courses at USD in January, one which is described below. I may even see some of you before I head east.

Over these past nine and a half years, I feel very privileged to have met and worked with so many wonderful people. Your interest and openness to growth sparked ideas for numerous innovative and stimulating topics and programs. The speakers and teachers who have graced the Center for Christian Spirituality have been outstanding in their vision and their ability to challenge and to enrich. I have learned so much from you and for that I will be forever grateful.

A search committee will begin the work of finding a new director in January. While there will not be regularly scheduled programs this spring, you will be among the first to learn of new programs to come. **Course four of the Spiritual Direction certificate program will continue this spring to complete the two year cycle. A new cycle will begin in the fall so please pass the word!** See below for more information.

For now, please know that my heart is full of gratitude and appreciation for you. I leave you with this prayer:

This then is what I pray, kneeling before God, from whom every family, whether spiritual or natural, takes its name. Out of God's infinite glory, may God give you the power through God's Spirit for your hidden self to grow strong, so that Christ may live in your hearts through faith, and then, planted in love and built on love, you will with all the saints have strength to grasp the breadth and the length, the height and the depth, until knowing the love of Christ which is beyond all knowledge, you are filled with the utter fullness of God.

Glory be to the One whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory be to God from generation to generation in the church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:14-21*

With gratitude and affection,

*Barbara J. Quinn, RSCJ*

## “The Peacebuilder: A Call to Personal and Communal Transformation”



The work of peacemaking hinges in no small part on the person of the peacebuilder. In addition to learning theory and methods of analysis, the rigorous work of peace requires deep personal and communal resources grounded in spirituality, the ongoing search for ultimate values which guide our lives. This course will lead students to discover meaning and motivation for peacebuilding through dialogue with the wisdom of the great spiritual traditions.

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Director, Center for Christian Spirituality  
William Headley, CSSp., Ph.D.,  
Dean, Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies

When: Friday, January 28, 1–5:30 p.m.;  
Saturday, January 29, 8:30–12:30; 1:30–5:30 p.m.

Where: Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice

Cost: \$200: Non-credit; 12.5 clock hours

Registration: January 14 deadline

## Spiritual Direction Certificate Program



The first course of the two year/four course spiritual direction certificate program will begin in September 2011 under the leadership of Mary Louise Flick, RSCJ. The first course, Introduction to Spiritual Direction, offers a basic overview of spiritual direction, its history, and its various components. The first two courses are open to all.

Those wishing to complete the full certificate program should contact Sandee Gutierrez, executive assistant, in the Center for Christian Spirituality for further information.

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