

## **A COVENANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS AND THE DOMINICAN CENTER AT MARYWOOD**

### **1. CODE OF ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS**

The practice of Spiritual Direction is a sacred charism that calls forth the spiritual director's integrity, responsibility, and faithfulness in accompanying another within the Faith Community. Ethical conduct, flowing from a lived reverence for God, self, and others, provides parameters within which the direction relationship may flourish. As a Spiritual Director associated with Dominican Center at Marywood, I accept the *Guidelines for Ethical Conduct* (Spiritual Directors International, 1999) as guiding principles of accountability in my ministry. As a director, I will apprise each of my directees of the provisions on this sheet and in the Guidelines for Ethical Conduct, including:

- The nature and ethical boundaries of spiritual direction
- The distinction between spiritual direction and other helping professions
- Respect for confidentiality and limits to the rules of confidentiality
- Respect of freedom of conscience
- Relationship with other professionals
- Periodic evaluation of direction sessions
- Termination of sessions

As a director, I understand that my own participation in peer/individual mentoring and in spiritual direction is encouraged.

### **2. Requesting Direction**

Directees are asked to complete the "Request for Spiritual Direction" form supplied by Dominican Center at Marywood. The information on the request form is used by a Direction Coordinator to assign a director whom the directee will then contact by telephone to initiate a first appointment. It is understood that Directors are free to contact Directees on their own.

### **3. Financial Considerations**

Spiritual Directors are expected to give direction without consideration of payment for their services. Donations toward the support of this ministry are accepted. No one is refused spiritual direction if unable to donate. A standard amount of donation in the Grand Rapids area is \$35.00 or \$45.00 per session, with \$40.00 per session as an average, or another amount agreed upon by the directee with the director.

- For Dominican Center Staff – Total donation will be given to Dominican Center at Marywood.
- For Practicum Associate Directors – Consideration of a donation to Dominican Center at Marywood is discussed with the Directee.
- For Spiritual Directors using Spiritual Director Rooms – If the Spiritual Director keeps the donation, it is legally considered taxable income.

The Financial Donation for a session held at Dominican Center at Marywood is payable to *Dominican Center at Marywood* and may be left with the Receptionist.

### **4. Rooms for Spiritual Direction**

Directors may reserve rooms at Dominican Center at Marywood for spiritual direction by contacting the Center Receptionist. Unless a working relationship exists in which the director turns over to Dominican Center at Marywood all donations received in the course of direction, a room fee of \$10.00 per hour will be charged to the director for reservation and use of direction rooms. This is payable the day the room is used.

**EACH DIRECTOR IS ASKED TO SIGN THIS SHEET, FOR DOMINICAN CENTER FILES, IN ORDER TO INDICATE AN UNDERSTANDING OF THIS COVENANTAL RELATIONSHIP. A COPY IS ENCLOSED FOR THE DIRECTOR**

Spiritual Director: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dominican Center Director: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_