

## DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO

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Dear Pastors, Vicars, Deacons, and parish leaders,

With joy, we announce the opportunity to participate in the Spiritual Accompaniment Internship Program through Mercy Center Auburn, designed to serve the great need in the Spanish speaking community in the diocese.

This is a unique two-year program designed for persons in pastoral ministry or leadership who have a desire to enhance their pastoral ministry in spiritual accompaniment with others on their spiritual journey. The program will be taught in English for bi-lingual English/Spanish speaking participants with a goal of developing a Spanish-speaking spiritual accompaniment program in the Diocese of Sacramento.

Please share this information with your bilingual candidates serving the parish community; the selection process for qualified candidates will include Letters of recommendation, complete application and interview process.

**Application due date: June 17, 2022**

**Start/Orientation date: July 24, 2022**

For further information, please feel free to contact Colleen Gregg, MA, Director, Mercy Center Auburn at (530) 887-2048 [cgregg@mercycenter.org](mailto:cgregg@mercycenter.org). For application, please call (530) 887-2019 or email [info@mercycenter.org](mailto:info@mercycenter.org).

Thank you for taking the time to share this information in your community.

With gratitude,

*Teresa G Donan*

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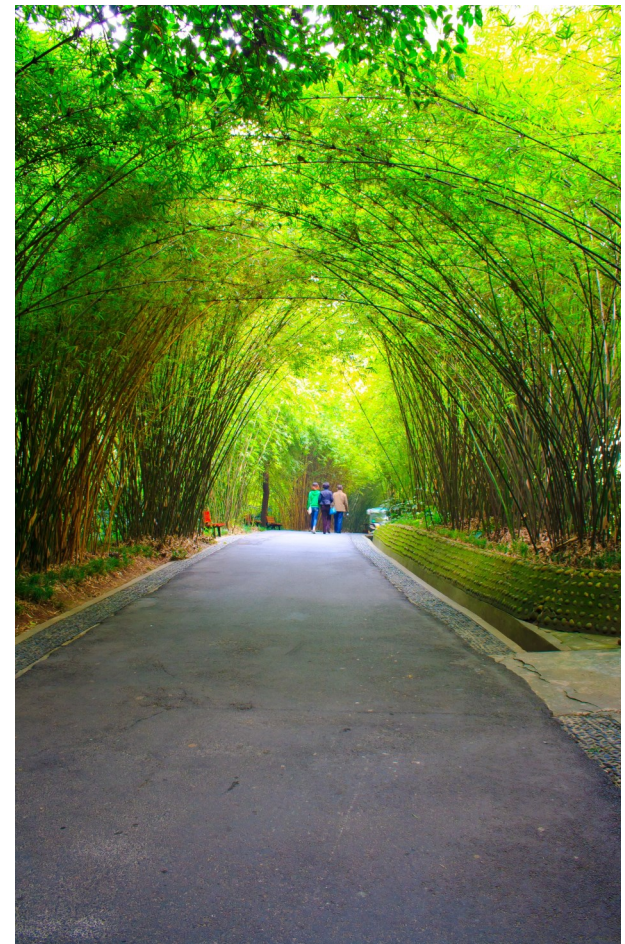
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# Internship for the *Formation of* **Spiritual** Accompaniment

Formación Para  
Directores Espirituales  
Acompañantes Espirituales

## PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

This is a special two year program designed for persons in pastoral ministry or leadership who have a desire to enhance their pastoral ministry in the area of spiritual accompaniment with others on their spiritual journey. The program will be taught in English for bi-lingual English/Spanish speaking participants with a goal of developing a Spanish-speaking spiritual accompaniment program in the greater Sacramento area.

## PROGRAM ADMISSION CRITERIA

These minimum requirements are essential to begin the application process:

- Currently serving in a pastoral ministry or leadership role (formal or informal)
- Engaged in an active prayer practice and participation in a faith community
- Preference for candidates who are currently meeting with a spiritual director
- Educational background includes some study of scripture, theology, spirituality
- Applicants must have access to the Internet and ability to use online communications

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND REFLECTION

Participation in the program requires an application, interview and acceptance process:

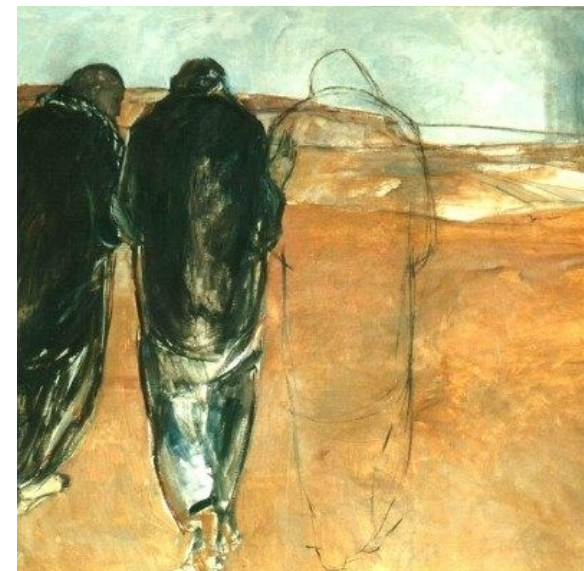
- Letters of recommendation from two persons familiar with applicant's background & skills.
- Program requires a significant amount of mentored work beyond the sessions
- Reading and writing assignment. deadlines, spiritual direction, and supervision.
- Effective one-on-one and group communication, writing and listening skills.
- Participants must commit to all class sessions and overnight retreats.
- Candidates must complete application and interview process.

## TUITION

- Application must be completed by **May 20, 2022** (fee waived)
- Tuition: \$2,000 per year (partial or full scholarships available).
- Text books and online resources are at participant's cost
- Year One - June 2022 to June 2023

## WHERE *(gatherings will be onsite and virtual)*

Mercy Center Auburn  
535 Sacramento Street  
Auburn, CA 95603



*As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them*

(Lk 24:15)

## DATES

Saturdays - 9:30am to 2:30pm

## 2022

- June 25
- July 24 - Mercy Center Auburn (1:00 to 3:00pm)
- August 27
- September 24
- October 29-30 - 2-Day Intensive/Retreat

## 2023

- January 28, 2023
- February 25, 2023
- March 25, 2023
- April 29, 2023
- May 27, 2023
- June 23-25 - Weekend Retreat