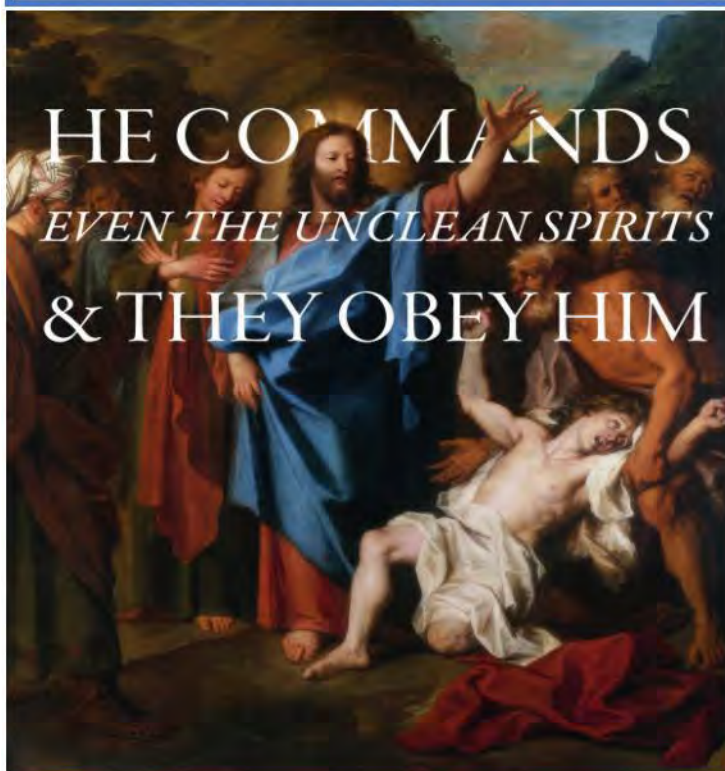


Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

1922 SW 20th Avenue / Cape Coral, Florida 33991

Telephone: (239) 283-9501 / Website: www.drexelcc.org



4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

PARISH STAFF

PASTOR —Father Ricky Varner (varner@drexelcc.org)
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FINANCE COUNCIL

Peter Barrett, Sr., Barbara Borders, William Carty, Deborah Eppinger, Tom Feig, Kathleen Houghton, Steve Ketteler, Mark Pennington and Steve Shaw

JEREMIAH TEAM

Father Ricky Varner, Timothy Altieri, Matthew Harkness, John Hudak, Renee Marazon, Rose Talbot-Babey, and Sandy Wilkin

NEW PARISHIONERS Registration forms are available in the church narthex, parish office and on the parish website.

JANUARY 28, 2024

PARISH OFFICE

Monday to Friday—8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Tuesdays—9:30 am to 4:30 pm

Faith Formation: (239) 283-0525 or
rose@drexelcc.org

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday—9:00 am
Vigil—4:00 pm
Sunday—8:30 am, 10:30 am and 12:30 pm
Monday-Friday—9:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays—After 9:00 am Mass
Saturdays—After 9:00 am Morning Mass
3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
First Fridays of the Month—After 9:00 am Mass,
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm or by Appointment

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

BAPTISM: Please obtain a baptism registration form either at the weekend Masses, or visit our website. After reading the requirements and completing the form, return it to Religious Education. For more information please email rose@drexelcc.org. Baptisms are scheduled after consultation with a priest.

MARRIAGE: Please contact the parish office at least nine (9) months prior to the desired date of the ceremony.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: Call Faith Formation at (239) 283-0525.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Are you going for a surgery? Do you need The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick? Please see the priest after any Mass or call the parish office.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: If you'd like a priest to visit you with the sacraments, please call the parish office.

PARISHIONERS IN HOSPITAL: If you are in a local hospital and would like a visit from a priest, please call the parish office. If it is an emergency, please call appropriate church for that hospital.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 29:

9:00 am † Kathy Martin

Tuesday, January 30:

9:00 am Anna O'Connor

Wednesday, January 31: Saint John Bosco, Priest

9:00 am Gus DeMarco

Thursday, February 1:

9:00 am † Pascal Daniels

Friday, February 2: Presentation of the Lord

9:00 am † Annette Louise Stefanuk

Saturday, February 3: Saint Blaise, Bishop/Martyr

9:00 am † Virginia Marie Kelley

4:00 pm † Robert J. Plazewski Sr.

Sunday, February 4: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am † George Kelly

10:30 am Saint Katharine Drexel Parishioners

12:30 pm † Konstanty & Stefania Potrepka

“Jesus taught a new sacrifice which the Church received from the Apostles and offers throughout the whole world.”

-Saint Irenaeus

Week of: January 28, 2024

SKD Church Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of

Michael Yacavone

By Anna Yacavone

Adoration Chapel Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Thanksgiving of

Gabriella Giliberti

By Giliberti Family



The red Sanctuary Lamp by the tabernacle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ.

Saint Katharine Drexel, pray for us.

SKD PARISH CALENDAR- MINISTRY EVENTS

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

6:30 pm Bell Choir (Church)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

6:00 pm Alpha #11 (Hall)

6:30 pm S.O.M Choir (Church)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

8:00 am Table of Plenty (Hall)

10:00 am Walking w/Purpose (FFE)

10:00 am Mom's Group (FFE)

11:00 am Bible Study (FFW)

5:30 pm Kids Choir (Church)

6:30 pm Youth Group (FFE)

6:30 pm Table of Plenty (FFW)

7:00 pm Adult Choirs (Church)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

10:00 am CCW (Hall)

6:30 pm Holy Spirit Group (Hall)

7:00 pm TMIY (FFE)

7:00 pm Walking w/Purpose (FFE)

7:30 pm Bible Study (FFW)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

10:00 am Legion of Mary (FFW)

5:30 pm Bereavement Group (Library)

6:00 pm Youth Group (FFE)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

12:00 pm CCW Fashion Show (FFW)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

9:00 am Religious Education (FFE, FFW)

Thank you for your Generosity!

Your gift to the Catholic Faith Appeal will continue to make a difference in the lives of others!

Stewardship January 21, 2023

Offertory: \$16,273.71

Online Giving: \$5,537.29

Catholic Faith Appeal 2023

Our Goal: \$221,000

Pledged to Date: \$243,162.71

Payments to Date: \$239,000.13

Want to try online giving?

Visit parish website: www.drexelcc.org

and click on the Online Giving link!

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Ministries

Adoration Chapel: Open 24 hours. Please call the parish office for more information at: (239) 283-9501.

Altar Servers: Call Rose at: (239) 283-0525.

Ark Young Adult: Third Tuesday at: 6:30 pm, Email Kerri Houghton at: kahoughton1998@gmail.com

Bereavement Schedule: First Friday at 5:30 pm and third Monday at 2:00 pm. Contact Carrie Daniels at: (239) 770-1510 or carriebereavement@hotmail.com

Bible Study: Wednesdays 11:00 am and Thursdays 7:30 pm. Call Russ at: (239) 574-4743.

Embrace Grace-Mom & Dad Support Groups: Contact Rose Talbot-Babey at: rose@drexelcc.org

Church Decorators: Contact Donna Frys at: (239) 540-7568.

Children's Rosary: 2nd Saturday of Month, Contact Gina Moreno at: gmdibagno@gmail.com

Council of Catholic Women: Meets First Thursdays September to May. Contact Vicky Parker at: (239) 219-4537 or email at: parker0496@yahoo.com

Cursillo/Ultreya: Vicki Minervini: vickiminervini@gmail.com

Gift Shop: Open Sundays 9:30 am to 11:45 am.

Holy Spirit group: First Thursday at 6:30 pm Hall. Contact Renee Marazon at: renee@marazon.com

Homebound Ministry: Contact Debbie Eppinger at: (330) 716-3108 or at: buhlcm2@gmail.com

Hospitality: Call Virginia Hinspeter at: (239) 283-3880.

Knights of Columbus: First Monday, 6:30 pm. Contact Lazaro Miel at: www.kofc11177.org or miell@bellsouth.net

Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary: Contact Lizzy Paredes at: (239) 233-9050 or lizzy@lpins.org

Lay Augustinians Every 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday at 7:45 pm. Call Russ Summerton at: (239) 574-4743.

Lectors: Contact Laura Furderer at: (239) 691-2233.

Legion of Mary: Contact Patricia Crowder at: (239) 573-8318.

Mom's Group: Bethany Normoyle at: (239)980-6537 or brnormoyle@gmail.com

Music Ministry: Bell Choir, Cantors, Children's Choir,

Contemporary Choir, Traditional Choir.

Contact: John Hudak at: hudak@drexelcc.org

Prayer Network: Call Jean Triplett at: (239) 699-2624

Prayer Team Ministry: Contact Renee Marazon at: renee@marazon.com

Prayer Shawls Ministry: Meeting third Thursday at: 2:00 pm
Call Tessa Buechler at: (904) 583-3298

Pro-Life Commission: Jeanine Pennington-Chairperson
Contact at: SKDprolife@gmail.com

Redeemer Associates: Fourth Mondays at: 6:30 pm. Contact Barbara M. at: bmeiderdrut@hotmail.com

Respect Life: Email Maria at: RespectLifeSKD@gmail.com

Rosary: After Weekday Mass and Sundays at: 12:00 Noon.

Secular Franciscans: Second Saturday, 9:30 am.
Contact Doug Elliott at: (585) 370-6178.

Sons of the Joseph: Mike Vasquez at: gyllr@me.com

Spiritual Direction: Rose Marie Talbot-Babey email at: Rose@drexelcc.org

SKD Family Life: Contact Rose at: skdfamily@gmail.com

Table of Plenty Food Pantry: Contact Ron Curr at: (239) 281-8833 or Kathy at: (239) 770-3551

TMIY -Timothy J. Altieri, Esq. (239) 810-1093
Email: timothy.altieri@altierilawfirm.com

TOPS: Weight loss support, Wednesdays at 9:00 am, Contact Janice Gainer at: jgainer396@yahoo.com

TOPS: Weight loss support, Wednesdays at 6:00 pm, Contact Debbie Baker at: (937) 626-6247

Vocations: Call Parish Office at: (239) 283-9501

Welcoming Committee: Contact Judy Ketteler at: (816) 809-2227 or at: judydesch@gmail.com

Wedding Coordinator: Karen at: karenrn1008@gmail.com

Women Bible Study- Walking with Purpose : Connie Orr
Francesca E. (239) 565-8969 or (239) 600-0470

Youth Group: Aileen Vasquez Email: aileen@drexelcc.org
High school: 1st & 3rd Fridays & Every Wed (6 pm to 8:30 pm)
Middle school: 1st and 3rd Fridays. (6:00 pm to 8:30 pm)

Pope Francis prayer intention for January 2024: All the faithful to pray for the gift of diversity in the Church. Recognizing "the gift of different charisms within the Christian community."

Abuse Reporting

An allegation of sexual abuse of a minor by anyone should be reported immediately to: **Florida Department of Children and Families Child**

Abuse Hotline: 1-800-96abuse (800-962-2873) or visit <https://reportabuse.dcf.state.fl.us>.

If the alleged abuser is a diocesan employer/clergy/volunteer,
also notify Victim Assistance Coordinator – Susan Benton at (941) 416-6114



2023 Contribution Statement

To request an End-of-Year statement of contributions for income tax purposes, please call the Parish Office at (239) 283-9501 or email to office@drexexlcc.org.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Envelope # _____

Pick up Contribution Statement from parish office Yes _____ No _____



Prayer Shawl Apostolate

*Can you Crochet?
Do you Knit?
Come and join us!*

We create Blankets and Shawls for various spiritual needs reminding you of God's sustaining presence. You will be refreshed in your weariness, comforted in your suffering, uplifted in your pain, and consoled in your loneliness. Prayer shawls feel like a Hug from God! They are offered to parishioners, family and friends, neighbors, co-workers and others. This may include people troubled with physical or emotional challenges, illness, loss of job, and struggles.

Shawls are created in prayer to share love and then blessed. Meetings are every 3rd Thursday, monthly.

For more info please contact: *Tessa Buechler* at 904-583-3298.
(We accept monetary donations for Yarn)



HOLY HOUR

**EVERY TUESDAY WITH
THE PARISH STAFF**

8:30 am Adoration in the Chapel

9:00 am Mass

Hospitality Ministry

Do you enjoy meeting new people? Do you like to make people feel welcome and included?

The SKD Hospitality Minister could use your smile and friendliness to greet and welcome all who walk through our doors to worship. We are looking for those who feel called to this ministry to join this us. Hospitality Ministers are needed to serve our parish at the Saturday 4:00 PM, Sunday 8:30 AM and 12:30 PM Masses. For more information, please contact Virginia Hinspeter at firstdreamteam@yahoo.com.

SURVIVING DIVORCE

Experience Healing & Hope

Are you, or is someone you know, navigating the challenging journey of a separation or divorce, seeking solace, and longing for a brighter tomorrow? Consider participating in Rose Sweet's renowned Surviving Divorce Program—a twelve week, transformative experience designed to empower, uplift, and guide individuals towards healing and renewal.



BEGINNING FEBRUARY 7
AT
7:30 P.M.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
PARISH, 625 111TH AVENUE
NORTH, NAPLES.

CONTACT:
MICHAEL DANA @
MGDANA@GMAIL.COM OR
301-332-9055

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- EXPERT GUIDANCE ON NAVIGATING THE CHALLENGES OF DIVORCE
- SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT WITH DIVORCE SURVIVORS
- EMPOWERING RESOURCES
- SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE: OUR LEADERS, SUPPORTED BY LOCAL CLERGY, WILL HELP YOU FIND SOLACE IN YOUR FAITH.



Fr. Larry Richards

EWTN Radio Host, Author and Pastor from Erie, PA

Presents: ***“Living Easter Joy!”***

Thursday, March 21, 2024 | 6:00 pm

St. John XXII Catholic Church—Parish Life Center
13060 Palomino Lane, Fort Myers, FL 33912

\$25.00 Per Person— Includes wine, beer & heavy appetizers.

Tickets are limited and will NOT be available at the door.

Hosted by Faith & Ale and Faith & Wine Lee County

Register Online at www.faithandale.com
or by scanning QR Code →



“Mary Gate of Heaven”

Presenter: Kelly Cleveland

Thursday, February 22, 2024 | 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm (Doors open at 6:00 pm)

St. Cecilia Marian Hall

Suggested Donation \$20.00

Kitty Cleveland will be sharing the adventure she has been on with Blessed Mother over the last several years, plus ways that you can personally benefit from Our Lady’s maternal intercession as you make your

All women are invited from all parishes to join us for a light dinner, a glass of wine and an evening of faith and fellowship. For more information and to register online please visit our website: www.faithandwineleecounty.com

Or mail a check payable to Faith & Wine Lee County. Include attendee name(s), address, telephone number, email and parish. Mail to: Julie Richards, 6946 Pickadilly Court, Fort Myers FL 33919

Registrations open January 24th

Dates and venues are subject to change. Speaker biographies are available for your review on our website.

Pray for Our Military

- SFC Ortiz-Lopez Juan Carlos USA
- SPC Joe Cecil USA
- A1C Matthew J. Clarke USAF
- Maj Michael J. Clifford ARNG
- SFC Steven J Cole USA
- 1LT Brent Cox, III, USA
- Capt. Hayes M. Cozza USMC
- Capt. Santino E. Cozza USAF
- ESN Jayden Curr USN
- A1C Hunter Daly, USAF
- ENS Tyler Dunnagan USN
- PVT Zachary Dunnagan USA
- GySgt Evan Fancher USMC
- Maj Shaun Floersch USAF
- Lt. Col. James Hannigan USA
- 1st Lt. H. Matthew Hernandez USMC
- Capt. Jesse Hudson USA
- Capt. David J. Jacobs USAF
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For info, Email Rita at: skd_prayers_for_military@yahoo.com

SKD Council of Catholic Women Annual Scholarship Awards



CCW is happy to announce that scholarship applications for students grades 6 through college are now available. Copies may be found in the Church Narthex and in the office. Applications can be requested via email - mmcdeblois@gmail.com and must be received by March 1, 2024. If you have any questions please call Maddy DeBlois (207) 754-2214

Registration for this event is now **OPEN!**

WALK with us to help our neighbors in need!



WALK FOR THE POOR
Saturday, 17 February 2024 10:30 am - 1:00 pm

\$15 REGISTRATION FEE includes a commemorative T-shirt!

4 WAYS TO PARTICIPATE:

- Register as an individual and walk with us on 17 Feb 2024.
- Register and join a team or create your own team with family and friends.
- Make an online donation and do a virtual walk on your own.

Please call 239-772-3543 or email capesvdp@gmail.com for more information.

Fashion Show & Luncheon Saturday, February 3rd @ 12:00 PM

Tickets On Sale Now



Walking On Sunshine
1994
Saint Barbara Priest
Council of Catholic Women
Fashion Show

email - Eileen.Sadlo7@icloud.com
or call - (239) 671-7184

Show Tickets **\$35**
Two for \$10
Raffle Tickets or
Five for \$20

All Tickets Will Be Sold at
Weekend Masses
Jan 20th, 21st and Jan 27th, 28th

Grand Prize ZAK's Jewelry
18K tri-color Gold Sapphire & Diamond (.10 ctw)
Butterfly earrings 9.6 grams **value \$2,295.00**

2nd Prize JP Riverboat Dinner/Lunch
Sightseeing Cruise-Fort Myers **value \$200**

3rd Prize Broadway Palm Dinner Theater
Dinner and Show for Two (Valid 4/12/24 - 6/12/24)
value \$160

4th Prize Barbara B Mann Community Concert
Barcelona Flamenco Ballet Two Tickets \$55 each
March 7, 2024 @ 7:30 PM value \$110

5th Prize RUMRUNNERS gift Certificate **value \$100**

Need NOT be present to win!

Fashions by- Anthony's
Luncheon Provided by- RUMRUNNERS (Choice of grilled Shrimp or Chicken Salad)

Donations support the CCW Scholarship Program

VALENTINE DINNER SOCIAL

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2024
ST. KATHERINE DREXEL PARISH HALL
DOORS OPEN 5:00 PM
DINNER SERVED 6:00 PM

MENU

BAKED ZITI WITH MEATBALLS
STEAMED VEGETABLES
BREAD WITH OLIVE OIL & HERBS
DESSERT

TICKETS \$20

FOR TICKETS CALL:
IRVING 917-734-3847
ROBERT 239-955-2149

ADVANCE SALE ONLY
NO TICKETS SOLD AT DOOR

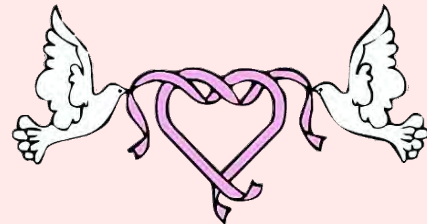
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*Wedding Anniversary Masses
with Bishop Frank Dewane*

All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Masses will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on **February 3**, at St. Leo the Great Parish, 28290 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs and at 11:00 a.m. on **February 24**, at Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tampa Avenue, Venice. Please contact your local parish office for reservations no later than a week prior to the event you choose to attend.



Registration continues! Packing shifts are:

- Sunday 2/18** 6:00-8:00 pm
- Monday 2/19** 9:30-11:30 am, 12:30-2:30 pm, 3:00-5:00 pm, 6:00-8:00 pm
- Tuesday 2/20** 9:30-11:30 am, 1:00-3:00 pm

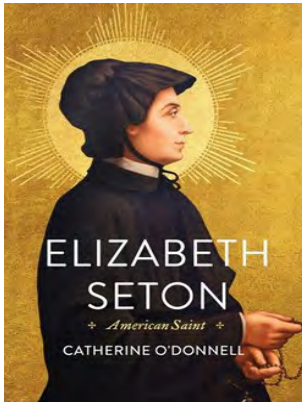
You can register in three ways:

- <https://give.fmssc.org/capecoral>
- sign up at the registration table after mass on January 13-14 or January 20-21
- by emailing bwolf3@new.rr.com

Drop off your ManaPack bag or other donations in our donation globe in the Narthex. Your donations will be used to pay for the ingredients we will be packing next month.

Please contact Barth or Mary Jo Wolf at bwolf3@new.rr.com or 920-621-6097 if you have any questions. Thank you for your support!





Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's Story

An American Saint

Mother Seton is one of the keystones of the American Catholic Church. She founded the first American religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity. She opened the first American parish school and established the first American Catholic orphanage. All this she did in the span of 46 years while raising her five children.

Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton is a true daughter of the American Revolution, born August 28, 1774, just two years before the Declaration of Independence. By birth and marriage, she was linked to the first families of New York and enjoyed the fruits of high society. Reared a staunch Episcopalian, she learned the value of prayer, Scripture and a nightly examination of conscience. Her father, Dr. Richard Bayley, did not have much use for churches but was a great humanitarian, teaching his daughter to love and serve others.

The early deaths of her mother in 1777 and her baby sister in 1778 gave Elizabeth a feel for eternity and the temporariness of the pilgrim life on earth. Far from being brooding and sullen, she faced each new "holocaust," as she put it, with hopeful cheerfulness.

At 19, Elizabeth was the belle of New York and married a handsome, wealthy businessman, William Magee Seton. They had five children before his business failed and he died of tuberculosis. At 30, Elizabeth was widowed and penniless, with five small children to support.

While in Italy with her dying husband, Elizabeth witnessed Catholicity in action through family friends. Three basic points led her to become a Catholic: belief in the Real Presence, devotion to the Blessed Mother and conviction that the Catholic Church led back to the apostles and to Christ. Many of her family and friends rejected her when she became a Catholic in March 1805.

To support her children, she opened a school in Baltimore. From the beginning, her group followed the lines of a religious community, which was officially founded in 1809.

The thousand or more letters of Mother Seton reveal the development of her spiritual life from ordinary goodness to heroic sanctity. She suffered great trials of sickness, misunderstanding, the death of loved ones (her husband and two young daughters) and the heartache of a wayward son. She died January 4, 1821, and became the first American-born citizen to be beatified (1963) and then canonized (1975). She is buried in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Reflection:

Elizabeth Ann Seton had no extraordinary gifts. She was not a mystic or stigmatic. She did not prophesy or speak in tongues. She had two great devotions: abandonment to the will of God and an ardent love for the Blessed Sacrament. She wrote to a friend, Julia Scott, that she would prefer to exchange the world for a "cave or a desert." "But God has given me a great deal to do, and I have always and hope always to prefer his will to every wish of my own." Her brand of sanctity is open to everyone if we love God and do his will. Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton is a Patron Saint of: Catholic Schools, Educators/Teachers, Loss of Parents and Widows.



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Spiritual direction is “help given by one Christian to another which enables that person to pay attention to God’s personal communication to him or her, to respond to this personally communicating God, to grow in intimacy with this God, and to live out the consequences of the relationship.” (William A. Barry and William J. Connolly, *The Practice of Spiritual Direction*)

Spiritual direction focuses on religious experience. It is concerned with a person’s actual experience of a relationship with God.

Spiritual direction is about a relationship. The religious experience is not isolated, nor does it consist of extraordinary events. It is what happens in an ongoing relationship between the person and God. Most often this is a relationship that is experienced in prayer.

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