

*Awakening the Spiritual Heart*  
Contemplative Formation Program  
2018 - 19

**Application Process: Instructions and Forms**

**Part 1: Application Form:** Fill out and sign the form. A \$50 non-refundable fee *must* accompany the application. Checks should be made out to *The Mariandale Center*. Upon acceptance into the program, the fee will be applied to total program cost. To use a credit card, call Linda Rivers, OP, Registrar: (914) 941- 4455. Send to Janet Corso at Mariandale (see address below) or copy and email (jecorso@aol.com).

**Deadline for application: July 30, 2018**

**Part 2: Reflections Questions.** Answer the 5 reflection essay questions (below) on separate paper. These questions invite you to discern how God might be calling you to a more intimate relationship through this program of spiritual deepening by considering the wide scope of your life --- those events and experiences that have most influenced your inner journey. *Your answers should be in depth, but collectively not longer than 2 double spaced, typed pages.* If not accompanying the application form, your responses may be emailed to Janet Corso (jecorso@aol.com) as an attachment or mailed to her at Mariandale. **Deadline for reflection questions: July 30, 2018**

1. *What attracts you to this program and why do you believe that you are being invited to participate at this particular time in your life?*
2. *Describe your current spiritual practices.*
3. *What has been your experience of being drawn to the contemplative practices of listening, silence, and open availability to the Divine Presence?*
4. *What are your experiences and/or involvement in justice, volunteer or community work?*
5. *Highlight how some significant experiences and events in your life have influenced your spiritual journey.*

**Part 3: Two References:** Give the reference form to two (2) persons who are in a position to assess your suitability for the program. Have them complete the form, sign it and then mail it directly to Janet Corso. **Deadline for references: August 5, 2018**

**Part 4. Personal Interview:** You will be contacted about scheduling a personal interview with two team members in August 2018. On the application form you will have a choice of a weekday or evening appointment during the week. We hope that the time with us will help you in your discernment. Interviews will be informal, will last no more than 30 minutes and will take place at Mariandale. Kindly arrive a few minutes early. You will receive an email confirmation of your appointment time.

Janet Corso  
Contemplative Formation Program  
The Mariandale Center  
299 N. Highland Ave.  
Ossining, NY 10562

### **See all forms below**

Dates:

All those accepted into the program need to attend one of the following orientations: Sept 20<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm (lunch included)

Weekend dates of program: in 2018: Sept. 28 – 30 and Nov. 9 – 11; in 2019: April 5 – 7; May 17 – 19; and June 7 – 9

Small group/circle dates to be announced; all those participating will belong to a small group that meets 1x per month (7 – 8 times during the program) on a weekday morning afternoon or evening.

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**Application Form 2018 – 2019**

**PLEASE PRINT THEN FILL OUT, SIGN, AND MAIL IN or EMAIL**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone (indicate home, cell, or work) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Religious tradition \_\_\_\_\_

Current occupation or ministry \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you currently in spiritual direction? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, are you willing to enter into spiritual direction/companioning during the program? \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer to come for my interview on a (choose one): \_\_\_\_\_ weekday afternoon or a \_\_\_\_\_ weekday evening.

2.

Degrees, courses or programs you have taken relating to spirituality, theology, psychology, etc.

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How did you hear about this program?

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

***Note: Your \$50 non-refundable deposit (make check out to The Mariandale Center) must accompany this application.***

Email Janet Corso: [jecorso@aol.com](mailto:jecorso@aol.com)

or

mail to:

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**BY JULY 30, 2018**

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**Personal Reference**

Please address each question indicating your judgment of the applicant's suitability for this formation program for furthering his/her spiritual life. After completion, email to Janet Corso at [jecorso@aol.com](mailto:jecorso@aol.com) or to:

Janet Corso  
Contemplative Formation Program  
Mariandale Retreat and Conference Center  
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**Deadline for submission is August 5, 2018**

Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. For how long *and* in what capacity have you been acquainted with the applicant?

2. What is your appraisal of the applicant's level of spiritual and psychological maturity?

3. Assess what you believe is the ability of the applicant to maintain the discipline of silence as well as to relate with others in one-on-one and group situations.

4. Please mention at least one area of the applicant's life or ministry which you feel is in need of growth.

5. Do you wish to share other important information about the applicant?

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your email address or phone # in the event that we may need further information:

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