

The Living Flame Program
was inspired by the Holy Spirit.

It was created by Monica Freeman and friends with
materials taken from Fr. Thomas Keating's books.

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Living Flame program please contact:

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**Applications are currently being accepted for
Living Flame 1 to be offered in the Fall of 2018
at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, 303
Tunxis Rd - West Hartford, CT in partnership
with Contemplative Outreach of CT.**

For more information and to apply for this
program please visit:

<http://holyfamilyretreat.org/cce/livingflame>

or call Mike Smoolca at 860-798-8992

Kindly submit your Application by January 15,
2018.



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*The Living Flame
Program*



*O living flame of love that
tenderly wounds my soul in
its deepest center!*

...John of the Cross



Living Flame

A Formation Program

This extraordinary program includes seven full-day offerings of in-depth spiritual study usually presented over a seven to nine-month period by commissioned presenters from the various Service Teams.

Designed to teach the vital conceptual background needed to support a faithful practice of Centering Prayer, the program also:

- offers encouragement and support in a small community setting;
- heightens the awareness of the purification process;
- helps discern when psychological skills can be helpful tools;
- and provides the opportunity to give and receive spiritual companionship.

Living Flame II is available in a similar format as a follow-up to Living Flame I.

The Refinement of Centering Prayer:

- Exploring the sacred symbols (word, breath, glance)
- Active/Breath Prayer
- Minute Book

Lectio Divina:

- Scholastic method
- Christian prayer rooted in Scripture
- Relationship

The Human Condition:

- True self/false self
- Emotional programs for happiness

Divine Therapy:

- Understanding the Spiral Staircase
- The healing process initiated by Centering Prayer

The Dark Night of Sense:

- Signs/Temptations
- Mourning

The Welcoming Prayer Practice:

- Consent on the go
- Mary and Martha

The Discernment Practice:

- Advantages/disadvantages
- Refining our question

Reclaiming Our Roots:

- The Contemplative Heritage in Christianity • Desert Ammas/Abbas

Lectio Divina:

- Monastic model
- The Four Senses of Scripture

Contemplative Living:

- Contemplative attitudes
- Fruits and Gifts of the Spirit

The Forgiveness Prayer:

- The prayer and the process
- Reconciliation

Soul Friending:

- As individuals and as groups
- The art of communication
- The gift of listening

The Psychological Experience of Centering Prayer:

- What years of practice may look like
- The process of unloading

The Dark Night of Spirit:

- Purification
- Divine Union
- The present moment