



## Information for Referees

Thank you for agreeing to provide a reference for an applicant to the Residential Spiritual Direction Training programme at the Franciscan International Study Centre. You can learn more about this programme on [www.franciscans.ac.uk](http://www.franciscans.ac.uk).

For information on spiritual direction in general, an introduction and guidelines are produced on the Retreat Association website:

<http://www.retreats.org.uk/documents/spiritual-direction-guidelines.pdf>

In your reference please include:

- how long you have known the applicant and on what basis
- your estimation of the applicant's suitability for this course and the ministry of spiritual direction [It is helpful to include comments on the applicant's faith practice, academic ability, competence in English, emotional maturity and social skills.]
- your sense of the contribution the applicant will make to the programme and other participants
- your sense of the benefits the participant will be able to offer upon completion of the course
- any reservations you may have regarding the applicant's suitability to be working with those seeking spiritual direction, including vulnerable adults

Be sure to sign and date your reference. To submit it, you may send it attached to an email addressed to [rsdt@franciscans.ac.uk](mailto:rsdt@franciscans.ac.uk) and marked for the attention of Marie Mann. Or, you can post it marked for the attention of Marie Mann to the address given below. Your recommendation will be treated as strictly confidential.