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The Alleluia School of Spiritual Direction
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Dear Friends in Christ,

*"It is dangerous to make everybody go forward
by the same road: and worse to measure others by oneself."*
Saint Ignatius of Loyola

The desire of Saint Ignatius to allow each individual to find his or her path to God through rigorous spiritual exercises has greatly enriched the spiritual tradition of the Church. The practice of Spiritual Direction has allowed many to strengthen their relationship with Jesus Christ, and find true fulfillment. Spiritual Direction however requires well prepared Spiritual Directors who will help the faithful hear and see how God is at work in their lives. We do not all walk forward by the same road, but our destination is the same.

I am grateful to the Alleluia Community in Augusta for instituting a School of Spiritual Direction to prepare doctrinally sound Spiritual Directors to respond to a growing desire among the faithful for spiritual direction. The School of Spiritual Direction is an authentic and growing ministry within the Church that trains Spiritual Directors from among our clergy, religious, and lay people. Under the leadership of Mike and Beverly Firmin, the School has successfully trained Spiritual Directors who are now working throughout the world. The good fruits of this School are evident.

I extend my full support to the Alleluia Community and its School of Spiritual Direction. I encourage men and women to participate so they may learn how to play an indispensable role in the mission of the Church, which is to bring souls to Jesus Christ.

May we meet each day in our prayers, and *Rejoice in the Lord always!*

In Christ,

Most Reverend Stephen D. Parkes
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