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WRITING THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

A SPIRITUAL FORMATION EVENT

DATES

May 18, 7:00-9:00 p.m., and May 19, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., 2018

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Many people long to write the stories of their life with God, their encounter with mystery, and their journey along the path of faith. Explore the connections between writing and the spiritual life and study best practices and popular forms of spiritual nonfiction writing. Leave with greater confidence in your writing and a clearer idea of what comes next in your writing life.

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