

Writing as a Sacred Path

What can writing teach us about making a beginning?

What can writing teach us about living in the middle?

What can writing teach us about endings?



Description: Join us as we explore the ways the practice of writing can serve as a window - a sacred path - that illuminates how we live as people of faith. The discipline of writing can teach us to pay attention, to listen closely, to risk moving ahead one word at a time into an as yet unknown future. Together, we will explore the ways writing intersects with, informs and (most often) deepens a life of faith.

The day will be structured around times of teaching, writing, conversation and silence. Attention will be given to balancing space for quiet reflection with opportunities to connect with other attendees.

Suggested readings: *The Writing Life*, by Annie Dillard, *Big Magic: Creative Living Beyond Fear*, by Elizabeth Gilbert



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Date: Saturday, October 21, 2017

Time: 9:30am-3:30pm

Where: Still Waters, Carlisle, PA

Retreat Fee: \$60 - \$85 (as you are able) Please bring a bag lunch.