

Debbie Doornbos

Debbie is a professional facilitator, spiritual director and retreat leader. She particularly enjoys journeying with others and has a special interest helping people navigate life's many transitions. Debbie has extensive experience animating small groups and creating training programs.

Debbie's joined the Sacred Art of Living team in 2019 as the Canadian Director. Prior to that, Debbie was the Program Director for eleven years at Providence Renewal Centre in Edmonton. In that capacity she led a team in the development of a renewed spiritual direction formation program. She also created and led numerous retreats on various topics related to spirituality, faith and personal growth. For several years Debbie worked throughout western and northern Canada with the Oblate Parish Mission team. In that capacity she played a lead role in creating training workshops and overseeing a small group process. Debbie was also a Master Trainer for Tourism Saskatchewan and Regional Manager for Child's Play books.



Debbie has a Bachelor of Theology degree from Newman Theological College. She is a graduate of the Anamcara Apprenticeship program (including four units of Healing the Healers) with the Sacred Art of Living Centre. Debbie has a certificate of completion in spiritual direction from the Haden Institute. She also completed a Clinical Pastoral Education Unit (CPE) with a practicum in palliative care through St. Paul's University in Ottawa where she was enrolled in a Masters in Pastoral Counselling program.

Debbie has travelled extensively with her husband, John, who she has been married to for over forty years. They have been avid canoeists and outdoor enthusiasts. Debbie enjoys spending as much time as possible with her children and grandchildren, who are her greatest teachers.