

LAY LEADERSHIP UPDATE

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A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

During these summer months, we are looking at our recent experience and discerning God's call for this coming program year. Here is what is taking shape:

Lay Leadership Advisory Committee. This 14-member committee met in late May to review the present marketing practices for the Lay Leadership Programs. A SWOT analysis led to some suggestions for better marketing practices. Subsequently a marketing sub-committee, **Kathy Haag, Rev. Doug Koesel, Sr. Mary Rose Kocob and Jean Sullivan**, surfaced action steps to be taken this summer. **Margaret Balewski, Martha Campbell and Jean Sullivan** have begun working on this action plan.

Praying with St. Ignatius Retreat. The leader handbooks as well as the participant materials used in this retreat are being reviewed and updated summer. Thanks to **Margaret Balewski, Joan Carney, Kathy Haag and Jean Sullivan**, our updated program materials will be ready for our fall retreats.

Nurturing the Call. **Martha Campbell and Janet Lehane** will once again team up to offer a learning process to the Leaders/Facilitators of the *Praying with St. Ignatius and the St Ignatius & Walsh Jesuit Spirituality Program for Adults*. Taking place during three evenings and one Saturday morning this coming fall, participants will gather to cultivate their leadership skills, refresh and renew their spiritual grounding for ministry and share in spiritual community. Details to follow.

Food for the Journey. Spiritual directors, retreat leaders, pastoral ministers and those who have made the full Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius Loyola will gather this fall to reflect on the process of conversion as seen in the life of a contemporary spiritual leader, **Karen Armstrong**. **Armstrong** is a British author and commentator known for her books on comparative religion. To learn more about **Karen Armstrong** just google "Karen Armstrong" where you will find many YouTube videos featuring her work.

Ignatian Spirituality Collaborative of Northeast Ohio. The Collaborative met in late May and welcomed representatives from two new member organizations: **Cathy Duer**, Regional Director of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps and **Jeff Nichols** of the Ignatian Spirituality Project, Men's Team. **Linda Catanzaro and Jeff Nichols** announced their first ever fund raiser to take place on Saturday evening, October 25th. Save the date and watch for more details!

CALLED AND SENT SPIRITUAL FORMATION PROGRAM Module Update

All six modules of this developing program are scheduled to take place this coming program year! **Martha Campbell** has been working with an editor to complete the program descriptions and **Debbie Riddle**, Graphic Design Artist, has submitted several designs to a small committee of reviewers. A focus group of "end users" will meet on September 10th to give input before we "go to press." We are excited to see this aspect of the program's development taking shape! Details on module offerings will follow.

COMING IN SEPTEMBER - IGATIAN CURRENTS CLARE WALSH, MHS Associate Director, The Jesuit Collaborative



Sister Clare Walsh

Clare Walsh is a Mission Helper of the Sacred Heart and an experienced spiritual director and retreat leader. For nearly twenty years, **Clare** served as the director of Pastoral Care at Tufts Medical Center. She is a graduate of Weston Jesuit School of Theology and the Center for Religious Development where she later served on staff. **Clare** presently serves as Provincial Assistant for Ignatian Spirituality and Director of Programming for The Jesuit Collaborative. Meet **Clare** on line by going to The Jesuit Collaborative website: <http://www.jesuit-collaborative.org> and clicking on *TJC Videos*.

Clare will be here at the Jesuit Retreat House on September 12th and 13th. The programs she will facilitate are meant for all who are "hungry for God" and seeking a deepening appreciation of the *Spiritual Exercises*. See page 2 of this newsletter for program details.



DEEPENING OUR AWARENESS - SOMETHING TO PONDER

A CONTEMPLATIVE WAY OF ENGAGING CHANGE

A Reflection by Bishop Robert Morneau



We are living through a period of massive change. How can we engage change in a contemplative way, a way that helps us encounter God and some of the greater truths which God may be inviting us to see?

"In a higher world it is otherwise, but here below to live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often."
(Cardinal Newman)

"A long, lonely journey, with sadness in the heart: away from the familiar to the strange: that is a hard and dreary thing even to the rich, the strong, the instructed."
(cf. George Eliot's *Adam Bede*)

Fifty years ago Thomas S. Kuhn wrote *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions* (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1963). Kuhn traced the massive changes that have taken place in the field of science through the work of such people as Galileo, Copernicus, Einstein, and others. With the appearance of anomalies that challenged previous theories, new paradigms emerged changing the landscape of the scientific world. It would never be the same after those new insights and discoveries.

Perhaps the most revolutionary event in our church life in the past 100 years was Vatican Council II. The 16 documents of that council, the follow-up implementation, and the articulation of the church as the people of God have all changed our landscape. For some individuals and communities, it brought new life and energy; for others, concern and worry.

Someone once claimed that there is another beatitude beyond those in Matthew 5: "Blessed are the flexible for they will not be bent out of shape." Flexibility is one response to change but it is not enough. It might simply be tolerance. Rather, we do need a way of discerning if change helps us to encounter a greater sense of truth, goodness, and beauty, those transcendentals that reveal to us aspects of God's presence. Our faith life is not static. The Spirit is moving in our world and our call is to see / hear and to respond with our whole being. As never before, we need the grace of discernment and courage.

*Adapted from "An Interview with Bishop Robert Morneau: Preparing for a Spiritually Intense Future. The Occasional Papers: The Leadership Conference of Women Religious, Winter 2014.

COMING THIS FALL ... NEW PROGRAMS SAVE THE DATES

FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

The Process of Conversion: Insights from "The Spiral Staircase" by Karen Armstrong

A Book Reflection Group Facilitated by Martha Campbell
Open to Spiritual Directors, Retreat Leaders, Pastoral Ministers
and Those Who have Made the Full Spiritual Exercises

Saturday Mornings from 9:30 - 12:00 noon
(Coffee and Conversation beginning at 9:00 a.m.)

October 11
November 8
December 6

NURTURING THE CALL

Open to Leaders/Facilitators of *Praying with St. Ignatius and the St Ignatius & Walsh Jesuit Spirituality Program for Adults*

Tuesday Evenings from 6:30 - 8:30

(Coffee and Conversation beginning at 6:00 p.m.)

October 14
October 28
November 11

Saturday Morning 9:30 - 11:30

(Coffee and Conversation beginning at 9:00 a.m.)

IGNATIUS CURRENTS PROGRAM WITH SR. CLARE WALSH WHAT IS MY PERSONAL GRACED HISTORY AND HOW DO I PRAY WITH IT?

Facilitate by Clare Walsh, MSHS

OPEN TO ALL

Friday, September 12th
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 13th
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

POWERS OF THE UNIVERSE

**A 12-WEEK JOURNEY TO EXPLORE THE STORY OF OUR
EVOLVING UNIVERSE AND OURSELVES**

Facilitated by Maureen Haggerty

Wednesdays 6-9 p.m. held at Unity Spiritual Center
23855 Detroit Road, Westlake, OH
September 3 - November 19, 2014

Cost: \$300 which includes a 200-page binder of materials.

Early Registration Discount (by August 4th): \$150

Contact Maureen Haggerty at mfhaggerty@aol.com

ENGAGING CHANGE

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- Robert Morneau

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