

LAY LEADERSHIP UPDATE

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A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

How do we decide for Christ in the face of ... falsehood and dishonesty, immigrants facing deportation, so many starving people, refugees fleeing violence, radical environmental changes, polarization and increase in hate crimes? See Peter Fagan's suggested orientation on pg. 2 of this newsletter. Here is where you will find our contribution as we share the "discipleships of our lives:"

Praying with St. Ignatius Retreats. This 8-week retreat at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Wickliffe concluded on April 1st. The retreat team included: Paul Barbins, Patrick Cleary-Burns, Kathy Haag, Claudette Matero and Carl Toomey. In addition, Mary Coffey and Dave Jesenovec partnered with more experienced team members to offer small group facilitation. One retreatant commented, "I put a lot into this retreat and I got a lot out of it. I will read and use the material from the retreat every day of my remaining life."

Food for the Journey. 10 participants will conclude their participation in this 4-part series on April 22nd with a conversation on "a genuine portrait of St. Ignatius" as presented by Harvey D. Egan, SJ author of *Ignatius Loyola the Mystic*. This book reflection series has been facilitated by Martha Campbell.

The following modules of the Called and Sent Spiritual Formation Program are currently being offered:

The Christian at Work in the World. Co-leaders, Sharon Bramante and Laura Fibbi, are offering sessions on "Catholic Social Teaching" to 31 participants at Blessed Trinity Parish, Cleveland. The module which began on March 7th will conclude with a retreat morning on April 22nd.

Embracing the Mystery. This 4-part program will conclude on May 6th with a day-long retreat. Emma Krueger is facilitating this module where 31 participants at St. Noel Parish, Willoughby Hills have participated. The program focuses on the lived experience of Christ's paschal mystery.

COMING IN MAY ... IGNATIAN CURRENTS

SOUL WORK

WITH IGNATIUS LOYOLA AND CARL JUNG
Facilitated by Dr. Anthony T. Moore

Friday, May 5th, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Ignatius Loyola and Carl Jung: Spiritual Companions

What do a Twentieth-Century Swiss psychoanalyst and a Sixteenth-Century Spanish mystic have to say to each other? This presentation explores the unique compatibility between fundamental concepts of Carl Jung's psychology and the dynamics of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. In addition to input, there will be time for group sharing.

Saturday, May 6th, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Soul Work, Jung, and "Field of Dreams"

Based on Anthony Moore's book, *Father, Son and Healing Ghosts*, this program begins with a brief review of some fundamental Jungian concepts. Segments of the movie, "Field of Dreams," will be viewed and interpreted from a Jungian perspective. By using images and dialogue from the movie, a methodology for doing soul work will be presented. Using this methodology, Dr. Moore will share his own inner journey to connect with his father, a Marine who was killed in World War II. Time will be given for personal reflection and group sharing.

See details on the next page

CALLED AND SENT SPIRITUAL FORMATION PROGRAM - MODULE NEWS



Living Prayer Retreat Team Members

(From Left to Right: Pastor Laura Barbins, Paul Barbins, Emma Krueger, Amy McKenna, Mary Ann Burke, SND, Sandy Appeldorn and Joyce Gordon)

This ecumenical retreat-in-daily-life concluded on April 4th at Celebration Lutheran Church, Chardon where members of the Chardon Ministerial Congregations participated. 34 representatives from the following churches participated: Advent Lutheran, Celebration Lutheran, Mayfield Methodist, Pilgrim Christian, St. Edward/St. Lucy Catholic, St. Luke Episcopal, St. Mary Catholic, Trinity Lutheran.

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY COLLABORATIVE

15 members of the Ignatian Spirituality Collaborative will be meeting with Brian Paulson, SJ, the Chicago-Detroit Provincial Superior of the Jesuits, at a specially convened meeting on Tuesday, May 1st. We will be sharing the history and practices of the Collaborative with Fr. Paulson who is interested in sharing this practice with other Ignatian ministries in the province.





DEEPENING OUR AWARENESS - SOMETHING TO PONDER

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?*

A Reflection by Peter Fagan

Elijah stood on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, waiting for the Lord to pass by. (1 Kings 19:11-13) Tornado winds, an earthquake and a forest fire occurred - but the voice of the Lord was not heard in these powerful events. Only after these roars came a gentle whisper that asked Elijah cringing in the depths of his cave, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

These are days of political upheaval and angst. Both national and global disparities in basic resources of life are everywhere. The roar of injustices is heard with every switch of the TV channel or X.org email request to sign a petition and donate money. We hear the tremendous noise and are tempted to cringe in our domestic caves.

"What are you doing here?" is the question that is heard in the gentle whisper of contemplation. In contemplative prayer we can hear the probing call to examine the "what" of our doings and the "you" of the individual gifts of our unique personhood. There is no dichotomy between activity and contemplation. It is the listening of contemplation that gives birth to the question, "What are you doing?" It is the Grace of that time that allows us to hide our face in the presence of the Holy and then walk to the edge of our cave, walk down the mountain and serve God's people.

[As Ignatian Contemplatives-in-Action, we] are a gathering of the cave-dwellers who have been listening to [and discerning] the Voice of the gentle breeze. [Our ministry, grounded in prayer, is] a thoughtful immersion into the world. ... The question of the voice, "What are you doing?" is held together and answered in the discipleships of our lives.

*Adapted from *Baltimore Carmel News*, Spring 2017.

WHAR ARE YOU DOING HERE?

"Jesus called his disciples to a new future, to create a new transformed earth, a 'kin-dom' of equality and inclusivity - where ALL ARE ONE in justice, mercy and peace."

- Ilia Delio, osf

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SPRING/SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

Ignatius Loyola the Mystic
by Harvey D. Egan, S.J.

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.)
Remaining Session: April 22
Registrations are closed.

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Presented by Anthony Moore, PhD

OPEN TO ALL - SPACE IS LIMITED

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Coffee and Conversation from 8:30 a.m.

Program Options

Friday evening only: \$26; Saturday only: \$52

Friday & Saturday commuters including lunch: \$68

Friday and Saturday overnight, including breakfast and lunch: \$102

Although the programs can be taken separately, we encourage you to participate in both the Friday and Saturday programs to receive full benefit of the experience.

To Register: Contact Barbara Leggott at jrhcleve@att.net OR (440) 884-9300 OR register online: www.jrh-cleveland.org

2017 WORLD UNION OF JESUIT ALUMNI (WUJA) CONGRESS

at John Carroll University

June 28 - July 2, 2017

This global gathering of Jesuit friends and alumni will be held in North America for the first time! Learn more at www.wujacongress2017.org

