

LAY LEADERSHIP UPDATE

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A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

As we witness violence in our country and in so many parts of our world, we pause to reflect on our own complicity with a violent life-style. (See *Deepening Our Awareness - Something to Ponder*, pg. 2). Here is where you will find us living into Christ's mission of PEACE:

Praying with St. Ignatius Retreats. Beginning on February 11th, this 8-week retreat will be held at **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Wickliffe**. Team Members include: **Rev. Paul Barbins, Patrick Cleary-Burns, Kathy Haag, Bill Hunt, Claudette Matero and Carl Toomey**. Two new leaders, **Mary Coffey and Dave Jesenovec**, will be mentored by experienced faith-sharing facilitators. **Margaret Balewski** serves as the JRH Administrator for the retreat.

Nurturing the Call. Beginning on Thursday, February 9th, a team of six leaders including **Margaret Balewski, Joan Carney, Jeannie and Patrick Cleary-Burns, Debbie Dacone and Liz Nau** will begin a 5-part program, "Cultivating Effective Leadership Skills," which will be offered to Leaders/Facilitators of *Praying with St. Ignatius* and the *St. Ignatius & Walsh Spirituality Program for Adults*. **Martha Campbell and Janet Lehane** are co-organizers of this program.

Food for the Journey. On January 21st, 12 participants began a new book reflection series focusing on the text by Harvey D. Egan, SJ, *Ignatius Loyola the Mystic*. We continue with three more monthly sessions.

Pilgrim Way of Ignatius Loyola. Facilitated by **Sr. Carol Anne Smith, HM**, this 4-part introduction to Ignatian Spirituality is being offered to the people of **St. Mary and St. Jude Parishes, Elyria**. Speakers in this series include **Bob Linton, Amy McKenna, Debbie Dacone and Rev. Paul Barbins**.

SEVEN NEW RETREAT LEADERS



Joining Our Retreat Teams: Joyce Gordon and Emma Krueger

Each year, we welcome new retreat leaders. This current year, **Mary Coffey, Joyce Gordon, Dave Jesenovec, and Mary Lou Swinerton** are being mentored as leaders for our *Praying with St. Ignatius Retreat*. Three new leaders will form part of the *Living Prayer Retreat* team: **Sandy Appeldorn, Joyce Gordon and Emma Krueger**.

CALLED AND SENT SPIRITUAL FORMATION PROGRAM - MODULE NEWS

IGNATIAN FOUNDATIONS

9 members of the **St. Ignatius High School Board of Regents** along with **Fr. Ray Guaio, SJ**, SIHS President and **Jerry Skoch**, VP and Chief Mission Officer, will conclude this 7-session formation program with a day-long retreat on March 19th. The theme of the retreat, which reflects a focus for the student body as well, is "Diversity and Inclusion." **Martha Campbell and Rich Jerdonek** are co-leaders for this module.

DISCERNMENT AND DECISION-MAKING

22 participants completed this 7-session module this past December 10th with a day-long retreat focusing on Ignatian Decision-Making. Facilitated by **Patrick Cleary-Burns and Janet Lehane**, this module focuses on using Ignatian "Discernment of Spirits" in daily life and applying Ignatian Decision-Making principles to a current life decision.

THE CHRISTIAN AT WORK IN THE WORLD

Beginning in March, **Sharon Bramante and Laura Fibbi** will offer this module to the people of **Blessed Trinity Parish, Cleveland**. This Lenten program will engage the participants in a process of learning about the principles of "Catholic Social Teaching." The participants will then create a practical plan to work to address a group-surfaced area of need in the Bellaire-Puritas neighborhood.

EMBRACING THE MYSTERY

Emma Krueger will engage the people of her parish, **St. Noel**, in this module beginning on February 6th. Reflecting on Jesus's passion, death and resurrection, the participants will see how this same pattern and process is lived in daily life. Subsequent monthly meetings held in March and April will conclude with a day-long retreat in May.

LIVING PRAYER

The six weekly sessions of this retreat-in-daily-life will be held at **Celebration Lutheran Church, Chardon** this coming Lent. Other local churches in the Chardon area will also participate in this ecumenical retreat. The retreat team will be led by **Martha Campbell and Amy McKenna**. Other team members include **Sandy Appeldorn, Rev. Paul Barbins, Mary Ann Burke, SND, Joyce Gordon and Emma Krueger**.

ENCOUNTERING JESUS CHRIST

This fall 2017, **Andy Kereky and Margaret Balewski** will team up to offer this 7-session module to the people of **St. Basil the Great Parish, Brecksville**.





DEEPENING OUR AWARENESS - SOMETHING TO PONDER

The Violence of Everyday Life

There is a pervasive form of contemporary violence to which the idealist most easily succumbs: activism and overwork. The rush and pressure of modern life are a form, perhaps the most common form, of its innate violence. To allow oneself to be carried away by a multitude of conflicting concerns, to surrender to too many demands, to commit oneself to too many projects, to want to help everyone in everything, is to succumb to violence. The frenzy of our activism neutralizes our work for peace. It destroys our own inner capacity for peace. It destroys the fruitfulness of our own work, because it kills the root of inner wisdom which makes work fruitful.

— Thomas Merton

Blessing in the Chaos

To all that is chaotic
in you,
let there come silence.
Let there be
a calming
of the clamoring,
a stilling
of the voices that
have laid their claim
on you,
that have made their
home in you,
that go with you
even to the
holy places
but will not
let you rest,
will not let you
hear your life
with wholeness
or feel the grace

that fashioned you.
Let what distracts you
cease.
Let what divides you
cease.
Let there come an end
to what diminishes
and demeans,
and let depart
all that keeps you
in its cage.
Let there be
an opening
into the quiet
that lies beneath
the chaos,
where you find
the peace
you did not think
possible
and see what shimmers
within the storm.

— Jan Richardson

Thomas Merton, *Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander*, p. 86
Jan Richardson, <http://paintedprayerbook.com>



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WINTER/SPRING PROGRAMS

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 Sessions: February 18, March 18 and April 22
Registrations are closed.

NURTURING THE CALL

Cultivating Effective Leadership Skills

Open to Leaders/Facilitators of *Praying with St. Ignatius*
and the St. Ignatius & Walsh Spirituality Program for Adults
See *Nurturing the Call*, pg. 1
Thursday Evenings - February 9, 23, March 2, 16 and 30
from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
(Coffee and Conversation beginning at 6:00 p.m.)
Registrations close on Monday, February 6th.

IGNATIAN CURRENTS PROGRAM

Facilitated by Anthony Moore, Ph.D.



SOUL WORK WITH IGNATIUS LOYOLA AND CARL JUNG

OPEN TO ALL

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

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

See details and register @ www.jrh-cleveland.org

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.

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