

# LAY LEADERSHIP UPDATE

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## A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

Christopher Pramuk's essay on hopefulness and possibility offers insight into a Lenten practice that promises to inform our ministry during these Lenten days. What gives you hope and what challenges you to succumb to fear? We are Christ to one another as we walk together into the Easter light that shatters all darkness. Here is where Christ's ministry takes us:

**Praying with St. Ignatius Retreats.** This 8-week retreat continues on Saturday mornings at **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Wickliffe**. The retreat will close on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> barring any snow emergencies!

**Food for the Journey.** This program continues as we focus our conversations on the text by Harvey D. Egan, SJ, *Ignatius Loyola the Mystic*. These monthly gatherings will conclude in April.

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

**Ignatian Spirituality Collaborative.** Representatives from 10 Ignatian ministries in northeast Ohio met in January to offer support and to cooperate in offering our various programs.



## CALLED AND SENT SPIRITUAL FORMATION PROGRAM - MODULE NEWS

The following modules are currently being offered:

**Ignatian Foundations.** The Board of Regents of St. Ignatius High School will gather for a day of retreat on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Facilitated by **Martha Campbell and Rich Jerdonek**, the retreat will focus on Ignatian Discernment and Decision Making: Diversity and Inclusion - "Finding God in All People."

**The Christian at Work in the World.** Co-leaders, **Sharon Bramante and Laura Fibbi**, will offer sessions on "Catholic Social Teaching" at **Blessed Trinity Parish, Cleveland**. The module will begin on March 7<sup>th</sup> and conclude with a retreat morning on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

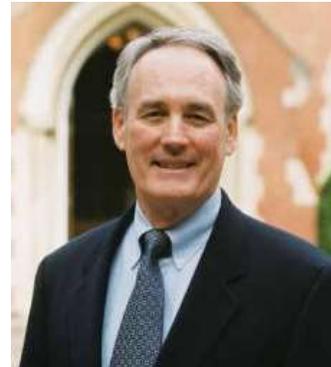
**Embracing the Mystery.** **Emma Krueger** will offer the second session of this module to 31 participants at **St. Noel Parish, Willoughby Hills**. The program focuses on the lived experience of Christ's paschal mystery.

**Living Prayer.** This ecumenical retreat-in-daily life continues at **Celebration Lutheran Church, Chardon** where members of the Chardon Ministerial Congregations are participating. Team members include: **Martha Campbell, Amy McKenna, Sandy Appeldorn, Rev. Paul Barbins, Mary Ann Burke, SND, Joyce Gordon and Emma Krueger**.

## COMING IN MAY ... IGNATIAN CURRENTS

### SOUL WORK WITH IGNATIUS LOYOLA AND CARL JUNG

Meet Our Presenter



**Anthony T. Moore, PhD** has been a student and practitioner of *The Spiritual Exercises* for almost 50 years. He holds a Ph.D. from Fordham University and a M. Div. from the Weston School of Theology. Serving for 34 years as a teacher, administrator and spiritual director at Georgetown University, he was engaged in many projects related to Ignatian spirituality and the Jesuit mission in higher education. He has directed lay colleagues in the 19<sup>th</sup> Annotation Retreat and has been involved in preparing others to give the *Spiritual Exercises*. Intrigued by the psychological depth of Ignatius, he sought an appropriate psychological partner for him to express his insights in contemporary terms. He found that partner in the Swiss psychoanalyst, Carl Jung. Dr. Moore is the author of a book, *Father, Son and Healing Ghosts* which is about his inner journey using Jungian psychology and Ignatian spirituality to connect to his father who was killed in World War II.

See details on the next page



## LAY LEADERSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The 15-member Lay Leadership Advisory Committee met for its tri-annual meeting this past January. Facilitated by **Martha Campbell**, the committee members focused its work on surfacing new programming ideas for on-site follow-up to the lay leadership outreach programs offered at various venues in northeast Ohio. Six new program ideas were surfaced! Stay tuned for further developments!





**DEEPENING OUR AWARENESS -  
SOMETHING TO PONDER**

**HOPEFULLNESS AND POSSIBILITY**  
A Lenten Reflection by Christopher Pramuk

[I]t is in our acts of mercy, not retribution, that we share in the very life of God. Then there is no separation. When we live in the spirit of mercy, we become God's hands and feet in the world. Measuring the whole human situation, Jesus reorders all relationships under the demanding light of God's care for all persons, guilty and innocent alike. Jesus, the wisdom of God incarnate, sees and responds to all things in the light of God's scandalously inclusive love. To live "in Christ" is to strain every muscle to do likewise. Blessed are the peacemakers, no matter their creed, for they are daughters and sons of God. ... Jesus' command to love our enemies presumes our graced capacity to do so. Is Christ's trust in us misplaced?...

To practice the presence of God in the world is to be and become what we receive freely, with every breath: the divine mercy. Yet our drones fill the skies in the East and strike with fury from above. The wheel of retribution spins round, a juggernaut rotating between us and them, generation after generation. Where is God? With whom is God? Is God? Jesus measures the situation, bends down, runs his fingers through the earth and asks the pivotal question. He is asking still.

In his sublime prose poem "Hagia Sophia," Thomas Merton narrates one man's awakening to the "soft voice" of Wisdom, the God whose loving presence shines from within all things "like the air receiving the sunlight." She is God's relational essence, the dance of love itself in the heart of the Trinity, poured out from the dawn of time, unleashing the inner dynamism and "suchness" of all created things, even the most humble. She is the child who "is prisoner in all the people, and who says nothing." Above all she is God's mercy – or mercying (*misericordando*), to borrow Pope Francis' favored term – that makes possible in us miracles greater even than creation: the work of patient listening and understanding, truth-telling, reconciliation and peace. In Wisdom's house there is room for all: the poor, the refugee, the forgotten. She sows forbearance and laughter.

My prayer is that [w]e ... will come to know the God of mercy and peace, the God of creation's astonishing beauty, diversity and gratuitousness. I pray [that we] will come to know the God who frees her children to imagine again, and to imagine together, so that [we] might face an unsettling horizon with hopefulness and possibility, not in fear and despair.

Adapted from "A Father's 9/11 Prayer" *America*, September 12, 2016

**A LENTEN INVITATION - LIVING IN HOPEFULNESS AND POSSIBILITY**

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– Christopher Pramuk



**WINTER/SPRING 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 Sessions: March 18 and April 22  
Registrations are closed.

**IGNATIAN CURRENTS ... SOME DETAILS**

**SOUL WORK**

**WITH IGNATIUS LOYOLA AND CARL JUNG**

Presented by Anthony Moore, PhD

**OPEN TO ALL - SPACE IS LIMITED**

**Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Coffee and Conversation from 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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](mailto:jrhcleve@att.net) OR (440) 884-9300 OR register online: [www.jrh-cleveland.org](http://www.jrh-cleveland.org)

**ON-LINE LENTEN REFLECTIONS**

**Living Lent Daily**

Read and pray with these daily Loyola Press postings by logging onto:

<http://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/lent/living-lent-daily>

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