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A PLACE OF PEACE

THE MANRESA GROUP: IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY & LIFE'S JOURNEY

(Mini-Retreats)

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ADVENT RETREATS AT JRC

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FALL - WINTER 2025

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Fall-Winter, 2025

"It is good once in a while to feel oneself in the hands of God and not always eternally slinking around the familiar nooks and corners of a town where one always knows the way out."

– Soren Kierkegaard

I have certainly known that strong desire in my life – to place myself in God's hands and follow where I am invited to go, to see where I am led. It is probably the reason that in my adult life, I have changed jobs and moved to different cities every five to seven years. And so that is my current reality as I prepare to leave the Jesuit Retreat Center at the end of December after six very good years. My time here at JRC has been marked with some challenges (arriving just before the pandemic hit not being the least of them) but far more graced-filled moments. I will leave behind many great friendships and relationships, and a part of my heart will always be embedded in the buildings and grounds, but more importantly the people at JRC.

"Any time a person feels prompted to leave the present in order to embrace a new pathway in life, a decision is required. It is not just a decision just made in the head, or even the heart; it's something embodied. It requires a physical step forward, leaving behind our desk, or friends, or comforts as we start to walk, vulnerably into an unknown future."

– Welsey Graham-Michaelson in *Without Oars:
Casting Off into a Life of Pilgrimage.*

For me right now, it feels as if I am living "betwixt and between" finishing up tasks at JRC over the course of the next two months while also beginning to engage in my new role as Director of the Loyola Jesuit Center in NJ. It is not a completely unknown feeling as it is something I have done numerous times in my career and life, but is somewhat awkward, nonetheless. We have assembled a great team at the Jesuit Retreat Center, and I have no doubt that I leave the center in their capable hands.

"You call us from our settled ways, O God, out of old habits and rutted traditions. You call us into the land of promise, to new life and new possibilities. Make us strong to travel the road ahead. Deliver us from false security and comfort, desire for ease and uninvolved days. Let your Word and Spirit dwell in us that your will may be fulfilled in us for the well-being and shalom of all. Amen."

– Mozarabic Prayer 700 C.E.



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Register for 2026 Directed Retreats!
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Directed Retreats are ideal for anyone seeking to explore or deepen one's relationship with God and take the next step in his or her spiritual journey. You will be accompanied by a trained spiritual director who draws on a variety of resources to accompany you, primarily from the wisdom of Ignatius in the Spiritual Exercises, but also scripture, contemplative prayer, poetry and music as appropriate.

1/4- 1/9	5-NIGHT DIRECTED RETREAT Sunday, January 4, 5:30pm – Friday, January 9, 1:00pm
1/9- 1/11	WEEKEND DIRECTED RETREAT Friday, January 9, 5:30pm - Sunday, January 11, 1:00pm
5/17- 5/22	5-NIGHT DIRECTED RETREAT Sunday, May 17, 5:30pm - Friday, May 22, 1:00pm
5/17- 5-24	7-NIGHT DIRECTED RETREAT Sunday, May 17, 5:30pm - Sunday, May 24, 1:00pm
5/22- 5/24	MAY WEEKEND DIRECTED RETREAT Friday, May 22, 5:30pm - Sunday, May 24, 1:00pm
6/29- 7/30	THE FULL SPIRITUAL EXERCISES: 30-DAY DIRECTED RETREAT Monday, June 29, 1:00pm - Thursday, July 30, 1:00pm
7/6- 7/10	4-NIGHT DIRECTED RETREAT Monday, July 6, 5:30pm - Friday, July 10, 1:00pm
7/10- 7/12	WEEKEND DIRECTED RETREAT Friday, July 10, 5:30pm - Sunday, July 12, 1:00pm
7/10- 7/17	7-NIGHT DIRECTED RETREAT Friday, July 10, 5:30pm - Friday, July 17, 1:00pm
7/31- 8/2	WEEKEND DIRECTED RETREAT Friday, July 31, 5:30pm - Sunday, August 2, 1:00pm
7/31- 8/7	7-NIGHT DIRECTED RETREAT Friday, July 31, 5:30pm - Friday, August 7, 1:00pm

[Click here](#) to register for a Directed Retreat

PROGRAMS & RETREATS

To register for any of the programs listed below,
please visit www.jesuitretreatcenter.org or call **440-884-9300**

- 11/11** **NOVEMBER SABBATH DAYS - A PERSONAL RETREAT DAY – *[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)***
Tuesday, November 11, 8:30am – 3:30pm. Come to JRC to pray in our chapels, to sit in quiet reading in the library, to walk and meditate on the beautiful grounds. You are welcome here. **\$50**
- 11/14-11/16** **GROWING IN FRIENDSHIP WITH JESUS – *[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)***
Friday, November 14, 5:30pm – Sunday, November 16, 1:00pm. *Presented by Fr. Bernie Owens, SJ.* Come for a weekend retreat on growing beyond formal religion into lifegiving spirituality. Fr. Bernie has composed a series of talks on the various aspects of mature, sacred friendship that grows into deep, selfless love both with people in your life and with Jesus and His Father. **\$250 - \$325**
- 11/17** **TEILHARD DE CHARDIN S.J. AND CONTEMPORARY MYSTICISM – *[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)***
Monday, November 17, 9:00am – 2:00pm *Presented by Michael Reiling, M.Ed.* Discover the inspiring mysticism of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, where science, faith, and love for the world unite. This program will be held in person at JRC and includes short presentations, quiet times for reflection and journaling, prayer, the sharing of insights, and lunch. **\$50**
- 11/18-12/9** **TEILHARD'S MYSTICISM - FOR US (VIRTUAL PROGRAM) – *[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)***
Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:30pm EST. Nov. 18, 25, Dec. 2, 9. *Presented by Michael Reiling, M.Ed.* Using Teilhard de Chardin's earliest writings, *Writings in Time of War*, we will explore his understanding of mysticism, and how it can enrich our own understanding of our own unifying with God. **\$40**
- 11/18-12/9** **SR. IGNATIA AA WOMEN'S RECOVERY RETREAT – *[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)***
Friday, November 21, 5:30pm – Sunday, November 23, 11:30am. Come join us, to walk the path of our AA Founders, as we build a strong foundation on bedrock, not on sand. **\$325**
- 11/24** **CINEMA & CONVERSATION: THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER – *[LEARN MORE](#)***
Monday, November 24, 7:00pm – 9:00pm. Free Will Offering
- 12/2-12/4** **LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS: A MINDFUL ART RETREAT – *[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)***
Tuesday, December 2, 5:30pm – Thursday, December 4, 11:30am. *Presented by Nancy Rowell.* Step away from the demands of daily life and enter a rhythm of stillness, creativity, and spiritual renewal. Through guided meditation, quiet reflection, and the luminous art of stained glass, you'll discover fresh ways to center yourself and awaken hope. **\$500**
- 12/3** **ADVENT LUNCHEON (MINI-RETREAT) – *[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)***
Wednesday December 3, 10:00am – 1:00pm. *Presented by Fr. Paul O'Connor, SJ.* **\$50**
- 12/8-12/12** **DEEP AND STILL - AN IGNATIAN SILENT ADVENT RETREAT – *[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)***
Friday, December 8, 5:30pm – Sunday, December 12, 1:00pm. Longing for some peace, some quiet, some stillness in the midst of a busy December? Come to JRC for our first-ever silent Ignatian Advent retreat. **\$550 - \$720**

[Click here](#) to see our full schedule of programs and retreats

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12/9

ADVENT SABBATH DAY (MINI-RETREAT) – [*REGISTER HERE*](#)

Tuesday, December 9, 8:00am - 4:30pm. Looking to deepen your Advent season? We know the holidays get hectic, so take a few hours and give yourself the gift of prayer, rest, and silence during our Advent Sabbath Day. **\$60**

12/10

ADVENT SABBATH DAY (MINI-RETREAT)– [*REGISTER HERE*](#)

Wednesday, December 10, 8:30am - 4:30pm. Looking to deepen your Advent season? We know the holidays get hectic, so take a few hours and give yourself the gift of prayer, rest, and silence during our Advent Sabbath Day. **\$60**

12/11

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Thursday, December 11, 8:30am - 4:30pm. Looking to deepen your Advent season? We know the holidays get hectic, so take a few hours and give yourself the gift of prayer, rest, and silence during our Advent Sabbath Day. **\$60**

12/12-
12/14

CALIX AA MEN'S RECOVERY RETREAT – [*CLICK HERE TO REGISTER*](#)

Friday, December 12, 5:30pm – Sunday, December 14, 11:00am. A Recovery Retreat at Jesuit Retreat Center is a time to nurture your serenity and find the strength to work the steps of recovery. **\$325**

12/16

DECEMBER SABBATH DAYS - A PERSONAL RETREAT DAY – [*REGISTER HERE^{1*}](#)

Tuesday, December 16, 8:30am - 3:30pm. Come and spend a day of renewal and prayer at the Jesuit Retreat Center. **\$50**

12/19-
12/21

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM: AN IGNATIAN CONTEMPLATIVE WEEKEND – [*REGISTER HERE*](#)

Friday, December 19, 5:30pm – Sunday, December 21, 11:00am. In the busyness of the season, step away and spend some time observing the silence and beauty of Advent. **\$200 - \$300**

1/5-
1/26

THE CHURCH ACCORDING TO TEILHARD DE CHARDIN (VIRTUAL) – [*CLICK HERE TO REGISTER*](#)

Mondays, 7:00pm - 8:30pm EST. January 5, 12, 19, 26. Presented by Michael Reiling, M.Ed. This course will adapt the insights of Louis Savary, a renowned Teilhard educator from his recent books *Catholicism and Evolution* and *The Christian Phenomenon: The Once and Future Church*. **\$40**

1/12-
1/14

WOMEN'S RETREAT: JOY ON LIFE'S JOURNEY – [*CLICK HERE TO REGISTER*](#)

Monday, January 12, 2:00pm - Wednesday, January 14, 11:30am. Speakers are Bob Kloos, Sister Jean Marian (Cookie) Crowley, Annamarie Kachurek, Miguel and PJ Chavez, Father Bernie Owens, S.J. This retreat offers 2 days (with an optional 3rd day) of prayer, meditation, Mass, discussion and relaxation along with powerful presentations. **\$325 - \$475**

1/16-
1/18

CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT – [*CLICK HERE TO REGISTER*](#)

Friday, January 16, 5:30pm - Sunday, January 18, 11:00am. Presented by Fr. Paul O'Connor, SJ and Tom Pussel. If you are a Catholic man looking to deepen your faith, seeking to develop your relationship with God, longing to have real conversations, hoping for greater insights into living Christian manhood, and desiring to develop a practical spirituality, then we hope you join us. **\$325 - \$475**

[Click here](#) to see our full schedule of programs and retreats

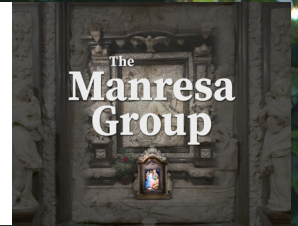
ONGOING SPIRITUAL PROGRAMS

THE MANRESA GROUP: IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY & LIFE'S JOURNEY (MINI-RETREATS)

Nov. 10, Dec. 1, Jan. 19, Feb. 9, March 23, May 11

6:30 – 8:30pm

\$15/session, other options for multiple sessions



MORNING PRAYER FOR WOMEN

Nov. 17, Dec. 15, Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 16, April 20, May 18

9:30 – 11:00am

Free Will Offering, Drop-ins welcome!



PRE-CANA DAYS FOR ENGAGED COUPLES

Nov. 16, Jan. 25, Feb. 15, March 22, April 19, May 31, June 28, Aug 23

12:30 – 6:30pm

\$90/couple



SABBATH DAYS - PERSONAL RETREAT DAYS

Nov. 11, Dec. 16, Jan. 20, Feb. 9, March 10, April 21, May 12, June 2

8:30am – 3:30pm

\$50



4-WEEK IGNATIAN DIRECTED RETREAT: WEEKS #3-4 (VIRTUAL)

February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 2026. \$240.

4-WEEK IGNATIAN DIRECTED RETREAT: WEEKS #1-2 (VIRTUAL)

October 8, 15, 22, 29, November 5, 2026. \$240.

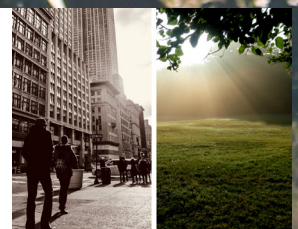


THE 19TH ANNOTATION DIRECTED RETREAT: SPIRITUAL EXERCISES IN DAILY LIFE

32-Week Retreat in Everyday Life

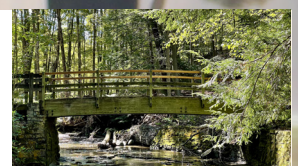
October 13, 2026 – June 1, 2027

\$1,600



COMING IN MAY 2026...

Life Transitions Retreat: May 1, 5:30pm – May 3, 2026 11:00am. \$225 - \$325.





Spiritual Direction at JRC

Spiritual Direction is a ministry of holy listening in which a person meets with a director on a regular basis. Spiritual directors accompany individuals on their spiritual journey as it unfolds in the individual's life and circumstances, helping them discern God's invitation(s), and uncover what may promote or inhibit their growth in God.

All spiritual directors affiliated with JRC are certified and many have been trained through the Ignatian Spirituality Institute at John Carroll University.

If you are seeking a spiritual director, you can make a request at www.jesuitretreatcenter.org/spiritual-director or contact Jayne Churchmack at jchurchmack@jesuitretreatcenter.org.

Private Retreats

Since 1898, the grounds of Jesuit Retreat Center have provided spiritual peace for people looking to deepen their relationship with God. The sacred space of JRC is a vital gift to all those in Cleveland, Northeast Ohio and beyond.

Private Retreats are a time of sacred silence, an invitation to step away from the pressures and demands of daily responsibilities, and an opportunity for sustained personal prayer. These retreats are ideal for anyone seeking to explore or deepen one's relationship with God and take the next step in his or her spiritual journey. Private retreats, with or without spiritual direction, may be scheduled outside our normal calendar of directed retreats.

Limited dates available. Please contact our Director or Groups & Programs, Ken Fortuna (kfortuna@jesuitretreatcenter.org) to inquire about private retreats.



Liturgy & Ignatian Spirituality

Every Tuesday, except for certain holidays, the Jesuit Retreat Center offers Mass followed by a brief reflection on Ignatian Spirituality.

A variety of priests will preside at Mass, and a variety of Ignatian trained people will present the Ignatian reflection. The Ignatian reflection will develop your prayer life, offer practical tips for daily contemplation, and deepen your understanding of Ignatian spirituality. Often, coffee and pastries are available afterwards for conversation and deepening our JRC faith community.

Visit www.jesuitretreatcenter.org for details each month.



Give the Gift of Peace This Season

Share the gift of renewal with a loved one through a JRC Gift Certificate! Perfect for the holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, or simply as a thoughtful way to say thank you.

Gift certificates can be applied toward any JRC-led retreats and programs.

To learn more or purchase a gift certificate, call **Laurie Hertelendy** at **440-884-9300**,
Monday–Friday, 10am–3pm.

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Pilgrims of Hope is a special initiative in the spirit of Jubilee Year 2025 to restore sacred statuary, build and renew pathways, and enhance the natural beauty of the Jesuit Retreat Center's 57 acres. These gifts help ensure that retreatants encounter outdoor spaces that inspire prayer, reflection, and community for generations to come. We are grateful to the following donors whose commitments are making this vision a reality.

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St. Stan's Society recognizes those who have included the Jesuit Retreat Center in their estate plans. By remembering JRC in this way, these individuals ensure that future generations will continue to encounter God in prayer, peace, and community on our sacred grounds. We are deeply grateful for their foresight and commitment.

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Pilgrims of Hope Restoration Initiative

Since 1898, the Jesuit Retreat Center has offered retreatants numerous acres of meadow, marsh, and woodland for prayer and reflection. Today, we are honored to continue the stewardship of both sacred art and natural spaces across these 57 acres through the *Pilgrims of Hope* restoration initiative — a focused effort to preserve beloved features of our grounds for generations to come.

Earlier this year, we restored the 1918 statue of St. Stanislaus, patron saint of Jesuit novices and the original namesake of our campus, *St. Stanislaus Novitiate*. Made possible by the generosity of our Giving Tuesday donors and Milano Monuments & Restoration's matching gift, this project became a natural starting point for Pilgrims of Hope and a powerful way to highlight renewal on our campus.

Soon after that record-breaking Giving Tuesday campaign, the Ignatian ideal of *Magis* — “the greater” — left us asking: how else can we preserve the sacred beauty that permeates these grounds? Pope Francis’ proclamation of the Jubilee Year 2025 gave us an answer. In his words: “The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire.”

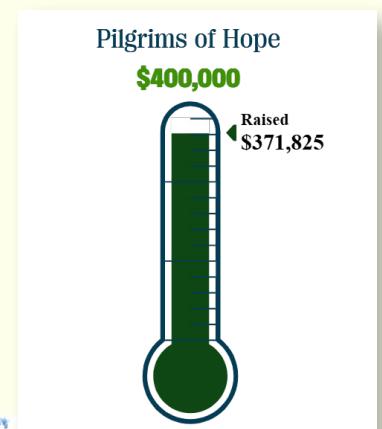
It is with those words in our hearts that this restoration initiative was born. Pilgrims of Hope goes well beyond a single statue. With the support of our board and dedicated partners, we are:



- **Restoring and Preserving 12 Key Features** — Master artisans at Milano Monuments & Restoration are renewing the statuary that has inspired prayer here for more than a century. In addition to restoring each feature, donors may direct a portion of every gift toward a Perpetual Care Fund, ensuring ongoing maintenance for decades to come.
- **Expanding Natural Pathways** — With guidance from Cleveland Metroparks, new trails will complete a system circling the perimeter of our property, offering retreatants more accessible ways to walk, pray, and encounter God in nature.
- **Conserving the Land** — In partnership with West Creek Conservancy and Jesuit high school students, we continue planting native trees and restoring Ohio’s natural habitat, enhancing both ecological health and spiritual renewal.

Thanks to the generosity of a small group of donors, we have already raised more than **\$370,000 — over 90% of our goal**. Our intention is to complete this ambitious initiative by year-end and break ground on several projects as early as Spring 2026.

Together, we are renewing sacred spaces and opening new paths of encounter across our 57 acres. Each statue restored and each pathway laid is another step toward ensuring the next 125 years of spiritual impact at the Jesuit Retreat Center.





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In Loving Memory

In a special way we remember our friends who have gone home to the Lord. We remember & pray for **Kathleen Bachmann, Patricia Connor, Mary Lee Dean, Mary Dietrich, Shauna Mattix, Mary Ann Protzik, Agnes Smith and Lily Ellen Smith.** Please let us know when you lose a loved one—we will add them to our prayer intentions.

Prayer Requests

You are always welcome to send us your prayer requests via our website: www.jesuitretreatcenter.org/prayer-requests

Our Mission

Jesuit Retreat Center provides opportunities for reflection, prayer, and discernment,

Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

Inspired by the spirituality of St. Ignatius,

Centered in a beautiful sacred setting,

To help all people respond to God's loving invitation into their lives.

Ways to Give

Did you know that every retreatant only pays about two-thirds of the true cost of their retreat? The remaining one-third is made possible by the generosity of donors like you. Your support ensures that thousands of people each year can find God, community, and themselves at the JRC — regardless of financial means.

Here are a few ways you can help bridge the gap:

- **Cash/Check and Credit Card** – Make a one-time gift by cash, check, or credit card. With a credit card, you can also set up a recurring monthly gift for ongoing impact.
- **Tribute Gifts** – Honor or remember a loved one with a gift in their name.
- **Gifts of Stock/Bonds** – Donate appreciated securities directly for tax-efficient giving.
- **IRA Charitable Rollovers / RMDs** – If you are 70½ or older, you can give directly from your IRA, reducing taxable income while meeting your Required Minimum Distribution.
- **Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs)** – Recommend a grant to JRC from your donor-advised fund.
- **Planned Giving** – Remember JRC in your estate plans through a bequest, trust, or beneficiary designation.

Every dollar you give helps cover that last one-third, ensuring that JRC remains accessible to all.

Visit www.jesuitretreatcenter.org/support-us/donate to make a recurring or one-time donation towards our Annual Fund or Arrupe Fund, which provides financial assistance for those in need who attend our retreats.