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with Bill Hobbs

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SUMMER 2022

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of Jesuit Retreat Center,

Summer, 2022

On July 31st, the Society of Jesus (and we at JRC) will be concluding the **Ignatian Year**. It has been a time to contemplate the spiritual conversion of Ignatius, which took place 500 years ago beginning with his “cannonball” moment at the battle of Pamplona and to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the canonization of Ignatius Loyola and Francis Xavier. At JRC, we will mark the end of the Ignatian Year with our annual **Ignatius in the Meadow** concert on the evening of Saturday, July 30th.

The theme for this Ignatian Year is “Seeing All Things New in Christ” – an opportunity to understand the movements of God in our own lives and to ponder the invitation that is being given to us for the future. There has certainly been a lot of “new-ness” here at the Jesuit Retreat Center in the last year. Having moved into the role of Director at JRC has provided the opportunity to welcome Paul O’Connor, SJ as our Director of Mission and Identity and Ken Fortuna as our Director of Groups and Programs last summer. We have continued to update our facility, grounds, and programs, and internally, changed a number of our procedures and in Jesuit-speak, “our ways of proceeding” to improve operations.

This month, we will see continued new movement at JRC, which will help us become ever better and position us for future growth. First, we are pleased to welcome **Terrie Kiley** as our new **Director of Outreach**. In this new role, Terrie will have two primary responsibilities. She will be overseeing the restart and revisioning of our **Lay Leadership Program**, which provides programming in Ignatian spirituality and formation in leadership throughout the greater Cleveland and Northeast Ohio region. She will also become the point person for our ministry of **Spiritual Direction** for those seeking to connect with a director. Look to hear more about and from Terrie in the months ahead.

Also, as of June 1st we have a food service company which will oversee our kitchen and dining operations. **Normandy Catering**, a local Cleveland company, emerged from a several-months long discernment process beginning last fall to determine how to best meet the dining needs of our retreatants and guests. Mary Minnillo, who has served as Director of Food Services for the last decade has accepted another position; we are grateful to Mary for her hard work and her care for the nutrition needs of our guests, particularly in these last two challenging years of the pandemic.

Just a few short weeks ago, we hosted our first live **Hearts on Fire** event since May 2019. Approximately 350 guests enjoyed beautiful spring weather and delicious food as we gathered to recognize our 2022 **Ignatian Spirituality Award** recipients and raise necessary funds for the retreat center. **Sr. Jeanne Tighe, SFCC** and **Fr. Ken Styles, SJ** received well-deserved accolades during the celebration in recognition of their commitment to Ignatian Spirituality and service to JRC. That evening, we also launched our **Graced Vision Fund** to support our operational and strategic needs as we begin to look forward to celebrating 125 years of the ministry of the Spiritual Exercises at the Jesuit Retreat Center in August 2023.

We are ever grateful for your support of the work of the Jesuit Retreat Center, your presence on these sacred grounds, and participation in our retreats and programs.

Blessings,



Bill Hobbs, EdD

JRC Director

Mary Jo Lupica - CFO / Business Manager

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The Gift of Spiritual Intimacy

In the gift of Ignatian spirituality, the Holy Spirit offers all believers two distinct tools: spiritual direction and the Spiritual Exercises. These tools are given to us to help us grow in the knowledge of God's astonishing love for us.

Let me say a little bit about each.

Why does anyone need a spiritual director?

Have you ever gone on a hike with a guide? Or toured a museum with a docent? Didn't they help you find the best views and routes? An Ignatian spiritual director helps in much the same way. We are trained to listen with our heart to the person coming for direction and to trust that the Holy Spirit would guide us both. We work with the directee to discover more deeply how God is moving in their life and what they can do to grow in a deeper awareness of God's presence. It is a sacred conversation based in discussing the realities of daily life. If you think you would like to find out more about spiritual direction or connect with a JRC spiritual director, you can contact Terrie Kiley, the new Director of Outreach at JRC at tkiley@jesuitretreatcenter.org.

In this noisy world, silence is a treasured gift.

Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, lived a noisy life before he learned to listen to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. He believed that the best way to grow into a deeper relationship with God was to enter into silence. We can all certainly do that at home, but once in a while it is a good thing to go off to be quiet and listen to God. The Jesuit Retreat Center has been a place where people go away for silence to encounter God since 1898. JRC offers 'individually directed retreats' five or six times every year. These retreats are a chance to be quiet, meet daily one-on-one with a spiritual director, celebrate liturgy with the other retreatants, and to walk with God, have a cup of coffee with Him, talk with Him in one of the chapels, let God whisper to your heart "you are my beloved. Come, follow me."

The directed retreats are usually 7 nights / 8 days and there are also weekend options. A retreatant stays at the retreat center. Meals and a spiritual director are provided. The dates and costs are on the JRC website.

30 days...of silence...really!

In July, JRC offers the Full Spiritual Exercises. It is a thirty-day individually directed retreat. This is the same retreat that St. Ignatius designed 500 years ago. The process of the Spiritual Exercises is based on Ignatius' experiences of conversion and growth in becoming a pilgrim for Christ. Ignatius designed the retreat as a time of discernment – how is God calling me today?



Making a thirty-day retreat is a once or twice in a lifetime experience. The directors who accompany you on this retreat have all made the Full Spiritual Exercises themselves. It is absolutely the gift of a lifetime!

The Spiritual Exercises guide us on a path of spiritual intimacy with the God who loves us. We are richly blessed. This summer is a great time to come away to the quiet and experience this deep and abiding intimacy with your God.

My Story...

I first encountered the Spiritual Exercises as a candidate for the Jesuit novitiate. I was 18 years old. I turned 20 in the midst of my "long retreat" – the Full Spiritual Exercises. I have never recovered! The Exercises provided God the time to convince me that I was loved and accepted – that God had lovingly knit me together in my mother's womb (Psalm 139:13). It meant that how I lived my life was important to God. Many retreats later I am still plumbing the depths of God's love for me. I have not hit bottom yet!

In 2001, my first wife, Janet, died of breast cancer. This was the hardest thing I ever experienced. It broke my heart open. A few years later I was invited to apply for the second class of the Ignatian Spirituality Institute at John Carroll. In those early years of the ISI, it was described as a training program for spiritual direction and retreat leadership. I was not particularly interested in spiritual direction, and very interested in leading retreats. Halfway through the first year I became passionate about spiritual direction. It is a humbling experience to walk with someone along their spiritual journey. It has been my ministry for the past 17 years, with the loving support of my wife Jeannie. Seven years ago, I felt called to direct on the Full Spiritual Exercises. I consulted with Fr. Matt Roche, SJ who was working at JRC at the time, and began a 5-year program of study and prayer. This summer will be my third as a director on the long retreat. What an experience it is to witness men and women go through this transformative experience of walking with God.

Thirty days of silent prayer sounds impossible. It is! For me or for you, but not for the Holy Spirit. Please pray for the retreatants and we directors on the Full Spiritual Exercises this summer.

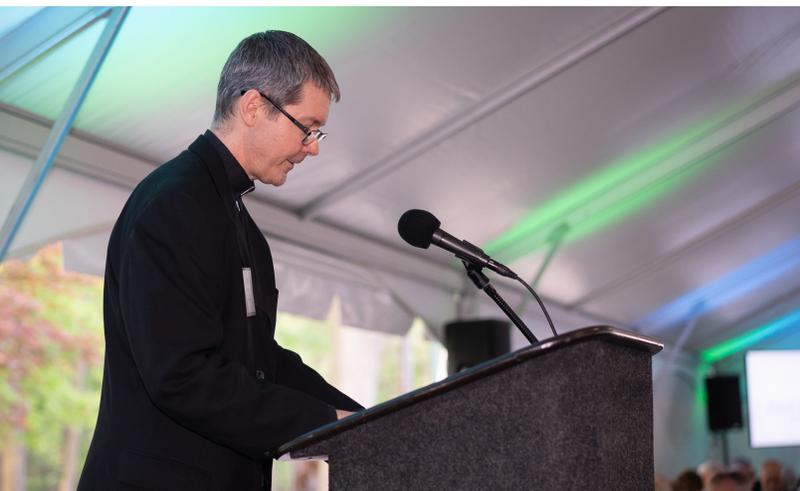


Hearts on Fire

Jesuit Retreat Center's Annual Fundraising Event



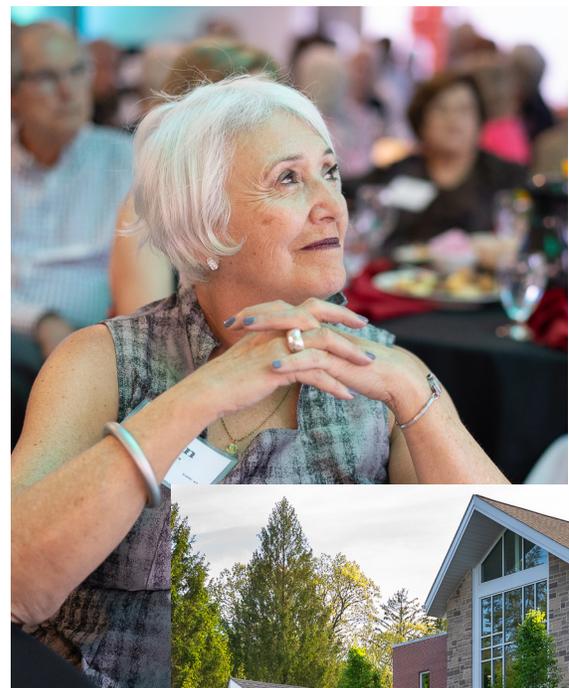
Each year as part of Hearts on Fire, we recognize individuals with the Ignatian Spirituality Award. This year's two recipients—Sr. Jeanne Tighe, SFCC and Fr. Ken Styles, SJ exemplify a commitment to Ignatian Spirituality in their own lives and support of the work and ministry of the Jesuit Retreat Center. Sister Jeanne, former Director of Religious Education at Gesu parish, has been the sustaining and motivating spirit behind the annual Gesu Parish Women's Retreat at JRC for three decades. Father Ken has brought the gift of Ignatian spirituality to students, faculty and staff at both Saint Ignatius and Walsh Jesuit High Schools. He is also a current JRC board member. Friends and family of both were present to recognize and honor them in person. Sister Jeanne and Father Ken join an illustrious group of prior recipients, a number of whom were also in attendance as part of the celebration.





On Friday, May 13, close to 350 friends and supporters were on-site at the Jesuit Retreat Center for Hearts on Fire 2022. The combination of beautiful weather, delicious food and drink and the opportunity to reconnect and celebrate with one another made it an evening to remember.

We are grateful to so many friends and supporters of the Jesuit Retreat Center for making the evening an overwhelming success. Sponsors, partners, vendors and the JRC staff all came together to create a wonderful experience for all in attendance. Hearts on Fire is our annual in-person fundraiser. The proceeds from this event goes toward bridging the gap between our retreat and program revenues our operating budget.



PROGRAMS & RETREATS

JUNE - SEPTEMBER, 2022

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

6/27

CINEMA & CONVERSATION: MASS

Monday, June 27, 7:00 – 9:00pm

We continue our cinema nights in June with the 2021 film *Mass*.

Free Will Offering / Registration Necessary

6/29

SR. IGNATIA AA WOMEN'S RECOVERY RETREAT SERENITY: CULTIVATING PEACE ONE DAY AT A TIME

Wednesday, June 29, 8:00am – 3:30pm

Presented by Karen S., Sue M., Jo Ann P., Marybeth S., Diane G., & Jane C. \$35

**7/11-
8/15**

JOURNALING WITH TEILHARD: THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY IN THE DIVINE MILIEU. SERIES 2. VIRTUAL PROGRAM

Mondays, 7:00 – 8:30pm. July 11, 18, 25. August 1, 8, 15.

Presented by Michael Reiling, M.Ed. \$45

7/30

IGNATIUS IN THE MEADOW: FEATURING LIVE MUSIC FROM THE CLAMS

Saturday, July 30, 6:30 – 8:30pm. Free Will Offering

**8/26-
8/28**

DISCOVERING WHOLENESS: DISCERNMENT AND THE ENNEAGRAM

Friday, August 26, 5:30pm - Sunday, August 28, 11:00am

Presented by Bill Hobbs, EdD. \$300

8/29

CINEMA & CONVERSATION: MISSION:JOY

Monday, August 29, 2022, 7:00 – 9:00pm

We continue our cinema nights in June with the 2021 film *Mission: Joy*.

Free Will Offering / Registration is no longer required

9/17

SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE AND BRAIN SCIENCE: WHOLE BRAIN LIVING, BY JILL BOLTE TAYLOR PH.D.

Saturday, September 17, 9:00am – 3:00pm

Presented by Michael Reiling, MEd and Carol Williams, MA. \$60

PRE-CANA DAYS

**June 12, August 28, September 18,
October 16, November 20**

12:45 – 6:30pm

\$75/couple

MORNING PRAYER FOR WOMEN

**June 13, July 18, August 15, September 19,
October 17, November 21, December 19**

9:30 – 11:00am

Free Will Offering. Registration no longer required

2023 DIRECTED RETREATS

Register for 2023 Directed Retreats!
Visit www.jesuitretreatcenter.org or call 440-884-9300

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.

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| 1/8 -
1/15 | JANUARY DIRECTED RETREAT (JOINT RETREAT WITH JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY)
Sunday, January 8, 12:00pm – Sunday, January 15, 2023, 12:00pm
\$775 |
| 5/21 -
5/28 | MAY 7-NIGHT DIRECTED RETREAT
Sunday, May 21, 5:30pm – Sunday, May 28, 2023, 12:00pm
\$775 |
| 5/26 -
5/28 | MAY WEEKEND DIRECTED RETREAT
Friday, May 26, 5:30pm – Sunday, May 28, 2023, 12:00pm
\$250 |
| 7/6 -
7/13 | JULY 7-NIGHT DIRECTED RETREAT
Thursday, July 6, 5:30pm – Thursday, July 13, 2023, 12:00pm
\$775 |
| 7/13 -
7/20 | JULY 7-NIGHT DIRECTED RETREAT
Thursday, July 13, 5:30pm – Thursday, July 20, 2023, 12:00pm
\$775 |
| 8/11 -
8/13 | AUGUST WEEKEND DIRECTED RETREAT
Friday, August 11, 5:30pm – Sunday, August 13, 2023, 12:00pm
\$250 |
| 8/11 -
8/18 | AUGUST 7-NIGHT DIRECTED RETREAT
Friday, August 11, 5:30pm – Friday, August 18, 2023, 12:00pm
\$775 |



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Ways to Give

Your support of Jesuit Retreat Center enables us to continue our 124 year legacy of being a place of peace for all who come here.

Visit www.jesuitretreatcenter.org/support-us/donate to make a recurring or one-time donation towards our Annual Fund or our new Arrupe Fund, which provides financial assistance for those in need who attend our retreats. Contact Amanda Zima at azima@jesuitretreatcenter.org or **440.884.9300 Ext 322** for more information.

In Loving Memory

In a special way we remember our friends who have gone home to the Lord. We remember & pray for **Sr. Marie Burke, SIW, Marge Diemer, Barbara Durkin, Patricia L. Flannery, Matt Fuchs, Chris Hamm, Renate Hornberger, Sr. Ignatius Jones, SIW, Sean McDonald, Anne Nehoda, Leo Reichard, Pat Strauss, and Dick Zanath**. 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.

Graced Vision – A 125-year legacy on State Road

In 1893, the Jesuits at Saint Ignatius College in Cleveland purchased 20 acres in South Brooklyn (now Parma). It was meant to be the location of a “country house”; a place where they could go on vacation during the summers and weekends to get a respite from the noise of the city. These Jesuits were part of the “Buffalo Mission”; they were ministering to German Catholic immigrants along the Great Lakes and Midwest.

However, there was a need for a place to form new Jesuit vocations and so the property on State Road was instead designated as the site for a new Jesuit Novitiate (the place where Jesuits have their first two years of training). On August 15, 1898, Fr. Theodore Von Rossum, SJ, who had been superior of the Buffalo Mission, became the first novice master and superior of Saint Stanislaus Novitiate.

Fr. Von Rossum was a man of great foresight and vision. Realizing the expertise in the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises in the Novitiate, he wanted to offer the opportunity to share that wisdom with others. At that time, the concept of a “retreat house” did not exist and it was rare for lay people to experience the Spiritual Exercises. Initially the numbers of retreatants (only men at that time) were few but over the following decades the numbers would grow into the hundreds and thousands. Thus our 125 year legacy as the oldest and longest continuously operating retreat house in the United States was born from humble beginning and graced vision...