

# LAY LEADERSHIP UPDATE

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## A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

This coming program year is taking shape as leaders respond to the call to be with Christ on mission. Here is what's happening:

**Praying with St. Ignatius Retreats.** This 8-week retreat-in-daily-life will be offered this fall at **Jesuit Retreat House** on Monday mornings from 9:30 - 11:30 beginning September 16<sup>th</sup> and also at **St. Mary's (Hudson)** on Thursday evenings from 7 - 9 beginning September 26<sup>th</sup>.



Amy and Jean ... with Christ on mission!

Amy McKenna and Jean Sullivan have been polishing their presentation skills as they prepare to attend fall diocesan district meetings to announce our *Praying with St. Ignatius Retreat* that is now beginning its 8<sup>th</sup> year.

**Nurturing the Call.** Our fall program is taking shape as Mary Ann Burke, SND, Martha Campbell and Janet Lehane work to develop this program focusing on retreat leadership skills. Our theme for the fall is: "Guiding Gospel Contemplation for Large Groups" and is open to Leaders/Facilitators of JRH's *Praying with St. Ignatius Retreat* and the St. Ignatius and Walsh Jesuit Spirituality Program for Adults. (See pg. 2 for more information.)

**Food for the Journey.** Registration deadline for the fall program: August 14<sup>th</sup>. We will gather as spiritual directors, retreat leaders, pastoral ministers and those who have made the full *Spiritual Exercises* in a reflection on the "process of conversion" in the life of Augustine of Hippo. (See pg. 2 for program dates and details.)

## CALLED AND SENT SPIRITUAL FORMATION PROGRAM

**Module News.** This fall, we are offering two programs for which we ask your support and prayer!

**The Christian at Work in the World.** Beginning on Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 7 - 9 p.m. in Rodman Hall at John Carroll University, Sharon Bramante will be offering this program in its revised form in partnership with the John Carroll University Office of Alumni Relations. Registration deadline: August 12<sup>th</sup>. Please help us spread the word ... or consider participating yourself!

Here is what one participant said about the program:

As a result of this program, I realize that my work-life can be as meaningful and Christ-driven as any specific "service" work that I may do. In effect, my whole life is service work.

Learn more about *The Christian at Work in the World* at <http://sites.jcu.edu/lifelonglearning/home/fall-spiritual-workshop-2/>

**Welcome to Ignatian Adulthood: A Program in Discernment and Decision-Making** will be offered by Patrick Cleary-Burns at Jesuit Retreat House this fall on Mondays from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. on September 30<sup>th</sup>, October 14 and October 28<sup>th</sup>. The module includes a day of retreat which will be offered on November 16<sup>th</sup> at The Franciscan Center in Garfield Heights from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The program is designed for young adults in their 20s and 30s. Contact Patrick for more information and to suggest a young adult who may be interested in this program: [pclearyburns@gmail.com](mailto:pclearyburns@gmail.com)

## COMING IN OCTOBER - IGNATIAN CURRENTS Embracing God's Love in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola



Janice Bachman, O.P. is a Dominican Sister of Peace who has been engaged full time in the ministry of spiritual direction and giving directed retreats since 1997. She has extensive background in the theology of the Spiritual Exercises and has directed numerous 6 and 8 day retreats as well as both the 30day Spiritual Exercises and the 19th Annotation Retreat in Everyday Life. Janice has been involved in the training of spiritual directors for the past 14 years has been practicing as a Jungian Analyst since 2008. She holds a MA in Christian Spirituality from Creighton University (Omaha) and a Diploma in Analytical Psychology from OAJA (Toronto), and also holds an MBA from Xavier University, Cincinnati

Janice will be here at the Jesuit Retreat House on October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. See page 2 of this newsletter for program details.



**DEEPENING OUR AWARENESS -  
SOMETHING TO PONDER  
HIS WAY OF PROCEEDING\***  
A Reflection by James Martin, SJ



What are the hallmarks of Ignatian spirituality and how might they influence Pope Francis? First, one of the most popular shorthand phrases to sum up Ignatian spirituality is "finding God in all things." For Ignatius, God is not confined within the walls of a church. God can be found in every moment of the day. This provides Pope Francis with a world-embracing spirituality in which God is met everywhere and in everyone. The pope's now-famous washing of feet at a juvenile detention center in Rome during the Holy Thursday liturgy underlines this.

Second, the Jesuit aims to be a "contemplative in action," a person in a busy world with a listening heart. That quality was evidenced within the first few minutes of this papacy. When Francis stepped onto the balcony overlooking St. Peter's Square, he began not with the customary papal blessing but with a request for the prayers of the people. In the midst of a boisterous crowd, he asked for a moment of silent prayer and bowed his head. Offering quiet in the midst of the tumult, he was the contemplative in action.

Third, Jesuits make a vow of poverty. We are, said St. Ignatius, to love poverty "as a mother." There are three reasons adduced for that: first, as an imitation of Jesus, who lived as a poor man; second, to free ourselves from the need for possessions; and third, to be with the poor, whom Christ loved. But Ignatius noted that Jesuits should not only accept poverty, we should actively choose to be like "the poor Christ." So far Pope Francis has eschewed many of the traditional trappings of the papacy. He elected to live not in the grand Apostolic Palace but in a small, two-room suite in the Casa Santa Marta, where the cardinals had stayed for the conclave. ...

Another hallmark is flexibility. Over and over in the Jesuit *Constitutions*, flexibility is recommended for Jesuit superiors. Ignatius recognized the need to meet situations as they arise with creativity. It seems to be with Francis also, who seems happy to speak off-the-cuff in his homilies and adapt himself to the needs of the situations.

Like any Jesuit, Pope Francis is deeply grounded in the spirituality of St. Ignatius. *We, too, have encountered Christ in the Spiritual Exercises and are called to emulate the spirit of Ignatius – contemplatives in action, finding God in all things and walking with the "poor Christ," and adapting to each situation that arises.*

\*Article adapted from America, April 29, 2013

**DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND TABOR FUND**

The Diocese of Cleveland offers financial support to persons who are seeking to refresh and/or re-energize their spirituality, faith, mind and/or physical well-being. Awards apply to JRH programs. Application deadline is **September 15<sup>th</sup>**. Check out this website for more details and to apply: <http://www.cdcf.org/page.aspx?pid=378>

**COMING THIS FALL ... NEW PROGRAMS ...  
TIME TO REGISTER!**

**FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY**

**The Process of Conversion in the Life of Augustine of Hippo**  
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 - 11:30  
(Coffee and Conversation beginning at 9:00 a.m.)  
September 14  
November 9  
December 14  
Register by August 14<sup>th</sup> with Martha Campbell at  
[campbellmarthal@gmail.com](mailto:campbellmarthal@gmail.com)

**NURTURING THE CALL**

Open to Leaders/Facilitators of *Praying with St. Ignatius* and  
the St. Ignatius & Walsh Spirituality Program for Adults  
Thursday Evenings from 6:30 - 8:30  
(Coffee and Conversation beginning at 6:00 p.m.)  
October 24  
November 7  
November 21  
Saturday Morning from 9:30 - 11:30  
(Coffee and Conversation beginning at 9:00 a.m.)  
December 7  
Register with Janet Lehane @ [jlehane@ignatius.edu](mailto:jlehane@ignatius.edu)

**IGNATIAN CURRENTS**

**EMBRACING GOD'S LOVE IN THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST.  
IGNATIUS LOYOLA**  
Facilitated by Janice Bachman, OP  
**OPEN TO ALL**  
Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Register online at [www.jrh-cleveland.org](http://www.jrh-cleveland.org)



**CHRIST AS FRIEND**

Welcome Christ as a friend, with trust: He is life! If up till now you have kept him at a distance, step forward.  
He will receive you with open arms!

- Pope Francis

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