

# LAY LEADERSHIP UPDATE

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## A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

The “lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer” are affording us the opportunity to renew and refresh our call to ministry. Vacationing and retreating happen even as work on the plan for the coming program year takes place. All part of preparation for ministry!

**Praying with St. Ignatius Retreats.** Having completed our spring retreats, team members gathered on May 7<sup>th</sup> for an evening of story-telling and review. Incorporating ideas from our retreat leaders, Joan Carney, Jean Sullivan and I met on June 26<sup>th</sup> to plan for our 2013-14 retreats. Jean Sullivan will be leading the retreat at Jesuit Retreat House on Monday mornings from 9:30 - 11:30 beginning September 16<sup>th</sup>. The retreat at St. Mary's, Hudson will be co-led by Kathy Haag and Marcia Lewan and will be held on Thursdays from 7 - 9 p.m. beginning September 26<sup>th</sup>. Spring retreat teams are being discerned.

**Nurturing the Call.** Janet Lehane and Sr. Mary Ann Burke and I will be meeting later this month to prepare for our fall program. We are treating ourselves to an immersion in Ignatian literature that will help us discern and incorporate “best practices” involved in guiding retreatants in the Ignatian prayer form of “Gospel Contemplation.” We’re looking forward to sharing the fruit of our experience and study with the *Praying with St. Ignatius* and *Spirituality Program for Adults* retreat leaders when we gather this fall. (See pg. 2 for program dates.)

**Food for the Journey.** This year’s program will gather 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 lives of Augustine of Hippo and Francis of Assisi. More information on this program will be offered by email during this coming month. (See pg. 2 for program dates.)

## ALLED AND SENT SPIRITUAL FORMATION PROGRAM

**Module News.** During these summer months Roundtable Meetings continue for Patrick Cleary-Burns, Sharon Bramante and me as we prepare for the 2013-14 program year by documenting the program designs for the four modules that have now been piloted: *Ignatian Spirituality: Grounding for Life and Leadership*, *Living Prayer: My Life in God*, *Discernment and Decision-Making* and *The Christian at Work in the World*.

**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)

**The Christian at Work in the World.** Now that this program has been piloted and revised, Sharon Bramante will be offering it again in partnership with the John Carroll University Office of Alumni Relations. Learn more at <http://sites.jcu.edu/lifelonglearning/home/fall-spiritual-workshop-2/>

## COMING IN OCTOBER - IGNATIAN CURRENTS MEET JANICE BACHMAN, O.P. Plan to Come and Bring a Friend!



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. In addition, Janice has also been practicing as a Jungian Analyst since 2008. She has been involved in the training of spiritual directors for the past 14 years: through Creighton University (Omaha, NE) and Wellstreams Ecumenical Training Program in Spiritual Direction (Columbus, OH) Janice has been on the summer faculty of Creighton University's Master of Christian Spirituality Program since 1997. She has directed numerous 6 and 8 day retreats and both the 30day Spiritual Exercises and the 19th Annotation Retreat in Everyday Life. Among the courses she has taught at Creighton, she teaches *The Theology of the Spiritual Exercises*. Janice lives and ministers in Columbus, OH. Janice 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>. The programs she will facilitate are meant for all who are “hungry for God” and seeking a deepening appreciation of the *Spiritual Exercises*. See page 2 of this newsletter for program details.



## DEEPENING OUR AWARENESS - SOMETHING TO PONDER

### THE MAGIS

A Reflection by Paul Coutinho, SJ



Ignatius recognized his fundamental grace when he had his foundational experience at Manresa. He had found his absolute in God. During the battle of Pamplona, Ignatius was wounded by the French while he was defending a fortress for the honor of Spain. While he was convalescing in his home, the castle of Loyola, he reflected on the flow of his life, and he was deeply affected by reading the *Life of Christ* and the *Lives of the Saints*. He frequently read passages from these two books and experienced a deep affection for what he read. He spent a long time reflecting on the experience, soaking it in, and then letting the experience permeate every aspect of his life. In this process he was assimilated into the Trinity through Christ, and through the Trinity found himself in the Divine Essence. Ignatius's way of relating with God helped him live a life of continual consolation.

Ignatius had the habit of keeping a journal of his experiences. He also kept notes of things that helped him and which might help others later. When he set out as a pilgrim on a spiritual path, he carried these notes with him. He decided to spend a few days in Manresa to finish writing his experiences. The few days turned into eleven months, and the few notes into the *Spiritual Exercises*.

At Manresa the eyes of his understanding began to be opened, and the consciousness of the Divine transformed him. Ignatius expressed his foundational experience as the *magis* - the ever greater. The experience of the *magis* was the meaning, the message of his life, and gave his life power, authority, and efficacy. The *magis* is not measured by what Ignatius does, but by the ever-deepening relationship with the Divine. The *magis* then, is a divine relationship of infinite possibilities.

Excerpted from *An Ignatian Pathway*, pp. xvii- xviii

## 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 can be applied

to programs in Education/Formation and Retreats. Eligibility for the Tabor Award includes any employee (paid or volunteer), lay, deacon or religious who works in a recognized ministry actively serving the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. These awards allow qualified applicants to access programs at local retreat centers (including **Jesuit Retreat House**) throughout the year. 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 ... SAVE THE DATES

### 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

### 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

### 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.



## WHAT IS THE "MAGIS"?

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- Paul Coutinho, SJ

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