

LAY LEADERSHIP UPDATE

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A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

As our program year winds down, we reflect back on what has been as we plan for what will be ... all in the grace given us by the Spirit of Christ who empowers us for mission.

Praying with St. Ignatius Retreats. Our retreat at St. Basil the Great Parish concluded this past month.



On the concluding night of the retreat, the Leadership Team paused in thankfulness and fellowship. Pictured above are Retreat Team Members (left to right): Carl Toomey, Deborah Zawislanski, Joan Carney, Dottie Rieman, Laura Kuhn, Margaret Balewski, Sr. Mary Ann Burke, Rich Jerdonek and Sr. Judith Wood.

Nurturing the Call. Ignatian Spirituality Institute participants and grads along with leaders/facilitators of the *Praying with St. Ignatius* Retreat and the St. Ignatius Spirituality Program for Adults joined with our facilitator, **Joe Konen**, for the program: *Exploring Personality Type for Personal Growth and Ministerial Effectiveness*. The final session of this three-part series concludes on May 9th.

Food for the Journey. Our spring program, *Exploring the Interior Castle with Teresa of Avila*, concluded this past month when participants reflected on the Seventh Dwelling Places. Teresa of Avila's teaching takes us where Ignatius Loyola would have us go, out into our active lives transformed in Christ.

CALLED AND SENT SPIRITUAL FORMATION PROGRAM Module News

May will see the conclusion of two modules: **Ignatian Spirituality: Grounding for Life and Leadership** (final session with the Board of Regents at St. Ignatius High School on May 6th), **Welcome to Ignatian Adulthood: A Program of Discernment and Decision-Making** (final session of this pilot with young adults on May 11th). **The Christian at Work in the World** continues this month on May 18th and concludes next month on June 4th. Plans are being made to design and develop the final two modules of the program: **Embracing Life, Embracing Death** and **Encountering the Living God through Jesus Christ**.

COMING THIS MONTH ... IGNATIAN CURRENTS

PROGRAM with
EDWARD P. HAHNENBERG, PhD
Come and Bring a Friend!



THE CHRISTIAN AT WORK IN THE WORLD: OUR CALLING

Friday, May 17, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Vatican II on the Life of the Laity in the World

At the heart of the renewal called for by the Second Vatican Council was a renewed role for the laity. No other council in the history of the Catholic Church gave such sustained attention to the contributions of the ordinary believer. This evening's program will explore the vision of the council, and ask what it means for each of us as we strive to live out our faith in the midst of our daily lives.

Saturday Program, May 18, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Living Out Our Many Callings

Is my work meaningful? Is my home a site of grace? Are my friendships a form of fellowship with the divine? Do we even consider these ordinary, everyday realities as central to our Christian vocation? For so long we have limited the notion of "vocation" to priesthood and religious life. In the process we have forgotten a basic truth: We are all called by God. Today's program seeks to reclaim the rich notion of vocation and apply it to all aspects of our lives. Through a wide-ranging conversation that draws on history, theology, contemporary culture, and—in a special way—the spiritual vision of St. Ignatius of Loyola, we will each begin to discover our own answer to the poet Mary Oliver's pressing question: "Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?" The day will include input, time for personal prayer, as well as small and large group sharing.

See registration details on p. 2 of this newsletter.



DEEPENING OUR AWARENESS - SOMETHING TO PONDER

CHALLENGES OF TODAY'S WORLD

A Reflection by Santiago Fidel Ordóñez, OCSO

We must look at the challenges that the world of today makes to our identity as believers. When I say "the world today," I am thinking not of the difficulties that can come from "outside" but rather of those springing from inside ourselves, as children of our age.

These challenges that the world makes to our identity as Christians, are in a particular way *individualism*, *hyperactivity*, and *superficiality*. Individualism eats into the quality of community life; hyperactivity undermines contemplative life; and superficiality weakens any commitment to serving the Lord.

Individualism means "closing oneself in, believing oneself to be the center." Only Christ is the center of the community. It is he who calls us together, who makes it possible to have a "common" will, decentralizing us and thus despoiling us of our own will. The individualistic person is the one who is convinced that he or she is the necessary, irreplaceable center...

Hyperactivity is "much ado about nothing." One has to act, of course. Any commitment - and the contemplative life is one - demands that we give ourselves wholeheartedly to the task at hand. However, any other activity that does not help or flow from such commitments can be suspected of concealing a void that the person is desperate to fill. We know how "busy" everyone is. No one has time enough, everyone is in a hurry; but how do they "fill" their time?

Superficiality involves not "sinking roots." Today's ease of movement and communication results in not having time to let our experiences ripen and our wine become mellow. That is why there is no time for deep roots to grow and become serious, stable commitments. But with deeper roots, it then becomes possible to face the storms, be up to date, stride into the future, and rejoice in one's own culture.

Excerpted from the "Forward," *The Sun at Midnight* by Bernardo Olivera, OSCO

LAY LEADERSHIP OFFERINGS ...

Ignatian Currents - Register Today!

Facilitated by Ed Hahnenberg, PhD
The Christian at Work in the World: Our Calling
OPEN TO ALL

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7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

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Although the programs can be taken separately, consider participating in both offerings to receive the full benefit of the experience.

Program Options

Friday Evening Only: \$25.00
Saturday including lunch: \$50.00
Friday Evening and Saturday including lunch: \$65.00
Friday Evening and Saturday including lunch + overnight accommodations including breakfast: \$98.00

To Register: Contact Barbara Leggott at

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(440) 884-9300 OR

register online: www.jrh-cleveland.org

Nurturing the Call

EXPLORING PERSONALITY TYPE FOR PERSONAL GROWTH AND MINISTERIAL EFFECTIVENESS

Facilitated by Joe Konen

Open to Leaders/Facilitators of the Parish Retreat Program 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.)

May 9

Held at St. Ignatius High School

FINDING GOD IN TODAY'S WORLD

We will find God today not primarily in the tensions of needs and lacks,
but rather in the fullness of being and living.

- Santiago Fidel Ordóñez, OCSO



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