

LAY LEADERSHIP UPDATE

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A WORD THE DIRECTOR

The joyous living of our lives in Christ compels us to be community for one another, inviting others to share in the "Joy of the Gospel." Check out Fr. Joe Tetlow's reflections on page 2 of this newsletter and witness our joint acting on this word as we prepare for a new program year. Here is an update:

Praying with St. Ignatius Retreat. We will be taking this retreat-in-daily-life to four groups this coming program year. In the fall, we will be at **Our Lady of the Lake Parish**, Euclid and **Blessed Trinity Parish**, Cleveland. In the spring, we will serve the people of **Forest Hill Presbyterian Church**, Cleveland Heights and also **St. Barnabas Parish**, Northfield. Retreat teams are presently being formed. **Margaret Balewski**, **Joan Carney**, **Kathy Haag** and **Jean Sullivan** continue their work of updating our program materials as we prepare for our fall retreats.

Nurturing the Call. **Martha Campbell** and **Janet Lehane** will once again team up to offer a learning process to the Leaders/Facilitators of the *Praying with St. Ignatius and the St Ignatius & Walsh Jesuit Spirituality Program for Adults*. See page 2 for further details. Registration deadline: September 30th.

Food for the Journey. Spiritual directors, retreat leaders, pastoral ministers and those who have made the full Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius Loyola will gather this fall to reflect on the process of conversion as seen in the life of a contemporary spiritual leader, **Karen Armstrong**. Details on page 2. Registration deadline: September 12th.

CALLED AND SENT SPIRITUAL FORMATION PROGRAM Module Update

At its recent meeting, the Lay Leadership Advisory Committee suggested a simplification to the module titles. With their input and the cooperation of the various module developers, here are the new names for the modules: **Ignatian Foundations** (formerly called Ignatian Spirituality: Grounding for Life and Leadership), **Encountering Jesus Christ** (formerly called Encountering the Living God Through Jesus Christ), **Discernment and Decision Making** (no change here), **The Christian at Work in the World** (no change here), **Embracing the Mystery** (formerly called Embracing Life, Embracing Death) and **Living Prayer** (formerly called Living Prayer: My Life in God). See what can happen when we work together! Simple, inviting, beautiful! Stay tuned for further program updates.

SEPTEMBER IGNATIAN CURRENTS PROGRAM CANCELLED

Due to unforeseen circumstances in the life of our presenter, Sr. Clare Walsh, MSHS, the program which was scheduled for September 12 - 13, 2014 has been cancelled.

Hope to see you at the next Ignatian Currents Program, scheduled for this spring with Fr. Joe Tetlow, SJ!

COMING THIS SPRING ... SAVE THE DATES IGNATIAN CURRENTS PROGRAM Fr. Joseph A. Tetlow, SJ

WHAT HAS CHRIST TO DO WITH LUNCH?
Living the Christ-Life in the World Based on Pope Francis' Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*

OPEN TO ALL

Friday, May 29, 2015
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 30, 2015
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Followed by optional Liturgy of the Eucharist



Joseph A. Tetlow, SJ

Fr. Joe Tetlow began giving *Exercises in Daily Life* in the early 1980s and his *Choosing Christ in the World* has been translated into several languages. He was president of the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, associate editor of *America* magazine, and director of *Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House* at Lake Dallas. He was assistant for spirituality to the Jesuit Father General *Kolvenbach*, traveling extensively to speak and organize spirituality programs. He was ordained in 1960 and holds a doctorate in American Civilization from *Brown University*. He is currently writer-in-residence at *Jesuit Hall*, *St. Louis University*. (See Fr. Tetlow's Reflections on page 2 of this Newsletter)



DEEPENING OUR AWARENESS - TO PONDER

REFLECTIONS ON POPE FRANCIS' EXHORTATION, *THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL**

By Joseph A. Tetlow, SJ

A key theme in the Exhortation is the call to a "new phase of evangelization." Fr. Joe Tetlow offers these reflections which are particularly apt for laity who share Christ's mission in the world.

[E]vangelization does not mean that we go out to impose truth on anyone, or to constrain them with a new moral code. It means that we go out to live joyfully, collaborating, and even leading, the development of peoples—their science, technology, art, and philosophy. We go out to dialogue—a word that occurs some sixty times in the Exhortation. Our modus operandi is courteous, friendly—with intellectuals, believers in other religions, even agnostics. Francis rejects what he calls a "tomb psychology" that takes from us hope and joy and "slowly transforms Christians into mummies in a museum." ...

Christians must be truly open to the world we are in. In this synthesis, one of the deadliest dangers that the church faces right now is our being closed in on ourselves, living as though the life that we live in Christ really is not of the world's life. "We do not live better when we flee, hide, refuse to share ... and lock ourselves up in our own comforts. Such a life is nothing less than slow suicide."

In Pope Francis' mind, Jesus Christ keeps coming into our chaos to redeem those whom the Father has already chosen. Into this chaos, Christ keeps coming in the Eucharist, "not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak." This is how the Father relates to his sinful children. We can feel God's tenderness from the time of "the baptismal embrace, which the Father gave us when we were little ones," to the time when that same embrace teaches us sinful children to yearn for "yet another embrace, that of the merciful Father, who awaits us in glory." We are a sinful people who, by God's dispensation and in Christ Jesus, are exactly what the world around us needs. ...

[The] "new evangelization" begins and ends with Jesus Christ in the world. ... Those who have been called, and have accepted Christ are sent into their particular life's world to spread his name, and to do it joyfully.

*From "Where Your Synthesis Is, There Lies Your Heart: An Early Look at Pope Francis' Vision for the Church." Full text can be found at <http://www.hprweb.com/2014/02/where-your-synthesis-is-there-lies-your-heart-an-early-look-at-pope-francis-vision-for-the-church/>

GO AND MAKE A "MESS"!

During his trip to Brazil last summer, Pope Francis addressed Latin American youth encouraging them "to make a mess." The mess he was calling for, however, was not some kind of chaotic nihilism, but the active, joyous living out of the Gospel.

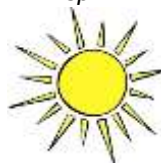
We are invited to do the same!

COMING THIS FALL ... NEW PROGRAMS MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

DISCERNMENT AND DECISION MAKING

Using Ignatian "Discernment of Spirits" in Daily Life

For those interested in developing the habit of discernment as a "way of life" and for those who have made either the *Praying with St. Ignatius Retreat* through Jesuit Retreat House or the *Spirituality Program for Adults* at St. Ignatius or Walsh Jesuit High Schools



Thursday Evenings from 7 - 9 p.m.
October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and November 6
and

A Retreat Day from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday, November 15

Facilitated by Patrick Cleary-Burns and Janet Lehane
Held at St. Ignatius SPA Classroom

Register on line www.jrh-cleveland.org or call Barbara Leggett at 440-884-9300 X310

FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

The Process of Conversion: Insights from "The Spiral Staircase" by Karen Armstrong

A Book Reflection Group

Open to Spiritual Directors, Retreat Leaders, Pastoral Ministers and Those Who have Made the Full Spiritual Exercises

Saturday Mornings from 9:30 - 12:00 noon
(Coffee and Conversation beginning at 9:00 a.m.)

October 11, November 8, and December 6

Facilitated by Martha Campbell

Held at The Franciscan Center, Garfield Heights, OH

Register by September 12th with Martha Campbell
campbellmarthal@gmail.com

NURTURING THE CALL

Open to Leaders/Facilitators of *Praying with St. Ignatius and the St Ignatius & Walsh Jesuit Spirituality Program for Adults*

Tuesday Evenings from 6:30 - 8:30

(Coffee and Conversation beginning at 6:00 p.m.)

October 14, October 28, November 11

Facilitated by Martha Campbell and Janet Lehane

Held at Jesuit Retreat House Lounge

AND / OR

Saturday Morning, December 13 from 9:30 - 11:30

(Coffee and Conversation beginning at 9:00 a.m.)

Facilitated by Martha Campbell and Janet Lehane

Held at St. Ignatius SPA Classroom

Register by September 30th with Martha Campbell
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