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A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

Even as we go forth in service to God's people, we know the need for our own spiritual grounding and renewal. Don't miss Pegge Erkeneff's reflection on landscapes that support spiritual grounding for ministry. (See page 2.) Here is where our ministries are taking us this fall:

Praying with St. Ignatius Parish Retreats. On September 10th, two retreat teams were commissioned to serve in two diocesan parishes this fall: **Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Euclid** began this 8-week retreat on Monday, September 22nd. **Blessed Trinity Parish, Cleveland** welcomed the retreat this past Tuesday, September 30th. 68 retreatants will be participating.



Fall Retreat Team Members (from left to right): Peggy Duffy, osu, Sue Palmer, Jackie Krejcik, Liz Nau, Joan Carney, Sandy Appeldorn, Kathy Michael, Patrick Cleary-Burns, Margaret Balewski, Bill Hunt, Agnes Strada, Jean Sullivan, Claudette Matero and Carl Toomey.

Not pictured: Mary Ann Burke, and

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 details. **Still time to register! Deadline: October 6th**

Food for the Journey. Spiritual directors, retreat leaders, pastoral ministers and those who have made the full Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius Loyola will gather for this three-session fall book reflection group on Saturday mornings: October 11th, November 8th and December 6th. We will reflect on the process of conversion as seen in the life of a contemporary spiritual leader, Karen Armstrong. Details on page 2.

Ignatian Spirituality Collaborative of Northeast Ohio. The September meeting of the ISC was hosted at 2907 Church Street, the office home of the Ignatian Spirituality Project and the Ignatian Volunteer Corps. Representatives from the following organizations participated: Gesu Parish, Jesuit Retreat House, Ignatian Spirituality Institute, Ignatian Spirituality Project, Ignatian Volunteer Corps, Spirituality Program for Adults at St. Ignatius High School and Spirituality Program for Adults at Walsh Jesuit High School. See details regarding the ISP October Fund-Raiser on page 2.

CALLED AND SENT SPIRITUAL FORMATION PROGRAM - FALL MODULE NEWS

Ignatian Foundations. This 7-part, monthly module began on September 22nd when 12 members of the **St. Ignatius High School Board of Regents** gathered to begin this spiritual formation series. **Martha Campbell** and **Rich Jerdonek** facilitated while **Ryan Masterson**, a Jesuit scholastic serving at St. Ignatius High School, offered reflections on the person of Ignatius Loyola. The series continues next month when the participants will share their insights on Ignatius' life based on an essay by Ron Hansen.

Encountering Jesus Christ. This 6-week module, designed and developed by **Andy Kereky**, had its first session this past September 25th. Offered at Andy's home parish, **St. Raphael Parish, Bay Village**, 40+ participants began this journey together. Participants articulated their hopes for the program which included: enriching their practice of prayer, deepening their personal love for Jesus Christ, developing/enhancing a prayerful and reflective attitude toward life, growing in self-knowledge and developing a greater awareness of God's merciful love.

Discernment and Decision-Making. Beginning on October 2nd, this 6-week module will be co-facilitated by **Pat Cleary-Burns** and **Janet Lehane**. It is designed for those intent on applying Ignatian "Discernment of Spirits" in their daily lives. 26 participants have registered for this module.

Three other modules will be offered this winter/spring: **The Christian at Work in the World** facilitated by Sharon Bramante and Claudette Matero, **Embracing the Mystery** facilitated by Karen Broer and Joan Carney and **Living Prayer** facilitated by Martha Campbell and Amy McKenna. Contact Martha Campbell to learn more about this new programming.

IGNATIANT CURRENTS PROGRAM SAVE THE DATES

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

Both sessions begin with Coffee and Conversation one-half hour preceding the start time.



DEEPENING OUR AWARENESS - SOMETHING TO PONDER



Emerging Wisdom: Shadow Dance A Reflection by Pegge Erkeneff *

While in Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA, a free morning offered an opportunity to walk for several hours. Alone, no destination in mind, I wandered the streets near the central plaza, each step deliberate, my smartphone camera in one hand. I stepped breath by breath, allowing myself to be led by instinct and curiosity. I picked up the pace, or paused, and parked myself on more than one bench to listen or write in a small journal.

Throughout this contemplative walk to notice and appreciate, my gaze and attention drew again and again to tree shadows of stark branches – barely budding with leaves – a dark contrast to the rising sun. My eyes drew toward a cloudless blue sky at 7,000 feet of altitude, and I paid attention to the curious way branches reached toward and touched one another in a circular embrace, or interwoven entanglement. Bird song accompanied me when I myself hummed a tune. Tucked into a museum courtyard near yet another statue, the breeze created a shadow branch dance upon sand-colored adobe walls. Shapes crisscrossed my skin and body, light and dark moving freely. My inner and outer awareness shifted into harmony, wholeness, and absolute acceptance of the moment, distinction and judgment absent.

A day later, Roshi Joan Halifax would describe spiritual companioning as *coming alongside* someone, similar as if two boats drifted together in a current. I experienced this shadow dance of branch and limb structures, and tree branch embrace or entanglement, as clues about how to be in relationship with my own story, and how we gather in community, a coming alongside one another.

In order to counter the suffering I see and encounter in the world, with people I accompany, and within my own skin, I need elemental places of wildness – trees, rocks, rivers, horizon views, shadow, thunderstorms, snow. Perhaps you do too. All of these elements assist me to become grounded in the here and now, with roots like a tree, and branches to move with ease in the wind. ...

A landscape can befriend us offering the opportunity to pause, receive, accept, reciprocate, and penetrate into essence. A spiritual companion or guide will come alongside us during our leafing, shedding, and emergence when we seek to integrate shadow and light – a discernment of our next best step within our own life particularities. ...

Where is your spiritual practice most enlivened? What landscapes aid you to show up and listen, reconciling dark and light, suffering and joy, with-in the skin of your body – your dwelling place in this life?

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FALL PROGRAM OFFERINGS

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



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 October 6th with Martha Campbell

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ALSO CONSIDER ...

AN EVENING OF HOPE - HAUNTED BY GOD

Join the Ignatian Spirituality Project (ISP) - Cleveland for An Evening of Hope, at St. Ignatius High School on October 25th.

A 6:30 reception will be followed by the renowned one-woman play *Haunted by God*, performed by Lisa Wagner-Carollo and based on the life of Dorothy Day, peace activist and co-founder of the Catholic Worker movement. Tickets for the evening cost just \$25. Go to www.tiny.cc/eveningofhopecleveland to purchase your tickets. All proceeds from the event will benefit the work of the Ignatian Spirituality Project (ISP) in Cleveland that provides hope and healing to men and women who are homeless and in recovery from addiction through overnight retreats and ongoing accompaniment. For further information contact Linda Catanzaro at 216-409-4997.



SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Where is your spiritual practice most enlivened? What landscapes aid you to show up and listen?

- Pegge Erkeneff

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