

LAY LEADERSHIP UPDATE

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A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

Once again, the Easter season enlivens us with re-birth in Christ's own light. As our program year comes to a close, we rejoice in having been given the opportunity to serve Christ's mission. With the apostle Paul, we embrace the mystery of our life in Christ. (See Pope Benedict XVI's reflections on page 2 of this newsletter.) Witness our program life:

Praying with St. Ignatius Retreats. A total of 14 retreat team members served on the two retreats that took place during this past Lenten season at St. Barnabas Parish (Northfield) and at Forest Hill Church (Presbyterian, USA). One St. Barnabas participant reflected, "Now, I am more peaceful and I see Christ/God in the day to day events of my life." Another participant in the retreat at Forest Hill shared, "I deeply examined my faith and beliefs which made me feel quite vulnerable. This was a safe and loving way to do that."

Nurturing the Call: Leading Contemplative Group Programs and Retreats. 8 participants who are graduates of the Ignatian Spirituality Institute will complete this 10-part program during this coming month. The program prepares individuals to lead Ignatian Contemplative Group Retreats for JRH and other venues.

The Pilgrim Way of Ignatius Loyola. This 4-part introduction to Ignatian Spirituality was offered by a team of 5 leaders to 100+ participants at St. John Neumann Parish, Strongsville during this past Lent.

CALLED AND SENT SPIRITUAL FORMATION PROGRAM - MODULE NEWS

Four modules were offered during this past winter/spring season:

Embracing the Mystery. 23 leaders participated in the retreat held at Jesuit Retreat House which concluded this 4-part module. Co-leaders, Karen Broer and Joan Carney designed and piloted this program.

Living Prayer. 32 members of St. Clarence Parish, North Olmsted participated in this 6-part retreat-in-daily life.



Living Prayer Retreat Team (from left to right): Susan Antall, Jackie Krejcik, Ann Clark (St. Clarence Liaison), John Carlson, Mary Ann Campbell, Pat Cleary-Burns and Amy McKenna (not pictured - Martha Campbell)

The Christian at Work in the World: Finding God in Daily Work. 16 members of St. Basil the Great Parish, Brecksville completed this program.



The Christian at Work in the World Co-Leaders:
Sharon Bramante & Claudette Matero

Ignatian Foundations. 11 members of the St. Ignatius High School Board of Regents completed this program co-led by Martha Campbell and Rich Jerdonek.

**COMING IN MAY ... TIME TO REGISTER
IGNATIAN CURRENTS Program with
Joseph A. Tetlow, SJ
Come and Bring a Friend!**

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

Friday, May 29th, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Discernment in My Life

Mature Christians Discern Constantly Day In, Day Out.
Discernment engages our head, our heart, and our hands. As mature Christians, we discern when we are conscious of the interplay among the faith that we know, the belief that shapes our hearts, and the actions coming out of them. The evening is interactive: input, private reflection, work in triads, and open discussion and questions.

Saturday, May 30th, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Discerning the Signs of the Times

**The Lights Go on and the Vault is Open to the
Hidden Treasures of the Church**

Christians know that we have a mission from our Creator: to enact the gifts that God is giving us, thereby giving witness that Jesus Christ is Lord. We are the Reign of God alive in our world. We bring the light of joyful believing that God is merciful and plans our eternal life. And each of us brings the salt of hope and love to those who God puts in our lifeworld, especially to those in any way needy. Each session is interactive: input, private reflection, work in triads, and open discussion and questions.

See registration details on p. 2 of this newsletter.



DEEPENING OUR AWARENESS - SOMETHING TO PONDER

Life in the Risen Christ

An Excerpt from an Easter Vigil Homily of Pope Benedict XVI

What happens in Baptism can be explained for us if we consider the final part of the short spiritual autobiography that Saint Paul gave us in his *Letter to the Galatians*. Its concluding words contain the heart of this biography: "*It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me*" (Gal 2:20). I live, but I am no longer I. The "I", the essential identity of man - of this man, Paul - has been changed. He still exists, and he no longer exists. He has passed through a "not" and he now finds himself continually in this "not": *I, but no longer I*.

With these words, Paul is not describing some mystical experience which could perhaps have been granted him. ... No, this phrase is an expression of what happened at Baptism. My "I" is taken away from me and is incorporated into a new and greater subject. This means that my "I" is back again, but now transformed, broken up, opened through incorporation into the other, in whom it acquires its new breadth of existence. Paul explains the same thing to us once again from another angle when, in Chapter Three of the *Letter to the Galatians*, he speaks of the "promise", saying that it was given to an individual - to one person: to Christ. He alone carries within himself the whole "promise". But what then happens with us? Paul answers: You have become one in Christ (cf. Gal 3:28). Not just one thing, but one, one only, one single new subject. This liberation of our "I" from its isolation, this finding oneself in a new subject means finding oneself within the vastness of God and being drawn into a life which has now moved out of the context of "dying and becoming". The great explosion of the Resurrection has seized us in Baptism so as to draw us on. Thus we are associated with a new dimension of life into which, amid the tribulations of our day, we are already in some way introduced. To live one's own life as a continual entry into this open space: this is the meaning of being baptized, of being Christian. This is the joy of the Easter Vigil. The Resurrection is not a thing of the past, the Resurrection has reached us and seized us. We grasp hold of it, we grasp hold of the risen Lord, and we know that he holds us firmly even when our hands grow weak. We grasp hold of his hand, and thus we also hold on to one another's hands, and we become one single subject, not just one thing. *I, but no longer I*: this is the formula of Christian life rooted in Baptism, the formula of the Resurrection within time. *I, but no longer I*: if we live in this way, we transform the world.

(Excerpted from Homily of His Holiness Benedict XVI, Holy Saturday, 15 April 2006)

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— Pope Benedict XVI

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IGNATIAN CURRENTS ... SOME DETAILS

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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

Although the programs can be taken separately, it is encouraged that you participate in both the Friday and Saturday programs to receive the full benefit of the experience.

To Register: Contact Barbara Leggott at jrhcleve@att.net OR (440) 884-9300 OR register online: www.jrh-cleveland.org

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE

At St. Louis University

July 16 - 19, 2015

Ignatian Silence: Heart of Mission

"May the Lord give all of us the grace to love the silence ..."

-Pope Francis

Find out more about the Conference at:

<http://www.slu.edu/x37857.xml>

To register go to:

<https://connect.jesuitscentralsouthern.org/ignatianspiritualityconference>

