

LAY LEADERSHIP UPDATE

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A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

This month, we will observe the Feast of Pentecost, a celebration of Christ's giving us his own Spirit to form us and to enliven our ministry effort in his name. Following Pope Francis' Spirit-led example, we see our service as members of the church firmly placed in the world. (See Leonardo Boff's reflections on page 2 of this newsletter.) Witness our program life:

Praying with St. Ignatius Retreats. As we plan our retreats for the coming year, we are engaging in Ministry Reflection evenings - times when we come together to witness the Spirit's presence in our ministry. Identifying "best practices" and defining places where change is indicated, we prepare for the coming program year.

Nurturing the Call: Leading Contemplative Group Programs and Retreats. 8 participants who are graduates of the Ignatian Spirituality Institute have completed this 10-part program. The program prepares individuals to lead Ignatian Contemplative Group Retreats for JRH and other venues. Watch the JRH Newsletter and check out the JRH website for the "Walking the Pilgrim Way of Ignatius Loyola" retreats which will be offered by these retreat leaders:



This year's Nurturing the Call participants include (from left to right): Mulba Borsay, Chuck Herbruck, Paul Barbins, Barbara Curran, Elaine Pearl, Elyse Wagner Berry, Sharon Seyforth-Garner and Liz Nau.

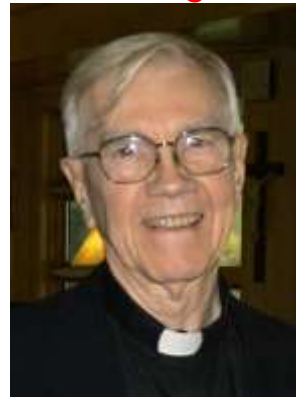
Food for the Journey. This program, designed for spiritual directors, retreat leaders, pastoral ministers and those who have made the full *Spiritual Exercises*, offers a setting in which spiritual teachings may be received in a way that informs the heart and provides an opportunity for faith-sharing from this experience. A self-selected group of volunteers will be meeting in June to discern the content of this coming year's programming.

CALLED AND SENT SPIRITUAL FORMATION PROGRAM - MODULE NEWS

Now that all six modules of this program have been developed and piloted, the next phase of the programming begins. A marketing team which includes **Margaret Balewski, Martha Campbell, Claudette Matero** and **Jean Sullivan** will be discerning the various places we are called to offer these spiritual formation modules to God's people. Please pray that we attend to the Spirit's leading!

IGNATIAN CURRENTS ... TIME TO REGISTER

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

Two Models of a Church in Tension By Leonardo Boff

What is the position and mission of the church in the world? To answer this big question we have to understand the two pillars on which the church rests and is built: the kingdom and the world.

The *kingdom* is the central message of Jesus, his utopia of a complete revolution that reconciles creation with itself and with God. The *world* is the place where the church carries out its service to the kingdom and where it builds itself.

The church belongs to the kingdom and also to the world. How should the church live with this tension in the world and in history? We have two different models, in tension and sometimes in conflict: the church of *witness* and the church of *dialogue*.

The model of *witness* states the following with conviction: we have the deposit of faith, which contains all the truths necessary for salvation; we have the sacraments, which communicate grace; we have a well-defined morality; we have the certainty that the Catholic Church is the church of Christ, the only true church; we have the pope who enjoys infallibility in questions of faith and morals; we have a hierarchy that governs the faithful people; and we have the promise of permanent help from the Holy Spirit. It witnesses all this to the world, which will never achieve salvation on its own. The world must pass through the mediation of the church, without which there is no salvation. ...

The *dialogue* model starts from other assumptions: the kingdom is greater than the church and also finds secular fulfillment wherever there is truth, love, and justice; the risen Christ has cosmic dimensions and is pushing evolution toward a good end; the Spirit is always present in history and in good people. God never abandons his own, and offers to all the opportunity of salvation, because he produced them from his heart so that one day they might live happily in the kingdom of the freed. The church's mission is to be a sign of this history of God within human history and also an instrument for its implementation, together with other spiritual paths. ... The *dialogue* model is that of Vatican II and clearly, of Pope Francis. Pope Francis has set himself decisively on this road of dialogue and humble service to all humanity.

(Adapted from *Francis of Rome and Francis of Assisi*. Orbis Books, 2014.)

HEALING FOR OUR CHURCH - POPE FRANCIS' ROAD

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— Leonardo Boff

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OPEN TO ALL - SPACE IS LIMITED

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Thinking with the Church -

Discerning the Signs of the Times

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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>



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