

Ignatius Jesuit Centre is a place of peace that welcomes a global community of people who seek to integrate their inner and outer life with God and with all Creation.

We promote right relationships with God, with each other and with Creation, especially through spiritual development in the tradition of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola and through deep engagement with this land.

Ignatius Jesuit Centre is located one km north of Guelph on over 600 acres of beautiful farmland, with walking trails through rolling hills, woods and wetlands—all of it accessible to those who take part in our programs.



*The fullness of joy is to
behold God in everything.*

--Julian of Norwich



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The Mystics, Earth & You: Loving Your Place in the Family of Things

May 24-June 1 2019

An 8-Day Guided Retreat
*Facilitated by Yvonne Prowse,
Greg Kennedy SJ, & Bill Clarke SJ*



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Bill Clarke, SJ has been doing the ministry of spiritual accompaniment of individuals and communities since his ordination as a Jesuit priest in 1966. He has been deeply engaged with this land – living and working on it – for more than 35 years, and will share the fruits of the rich friendship that has developed.

Yvonne Prowse, MA holds a masters in Christian spirituality and spiritual direction, into which she weaves practices from Native American and African spirituality. She brings the wisdom of Ignatian Spirituality to the contemporary ecological crisis using poetry, mysticism and her life-long love of nature.

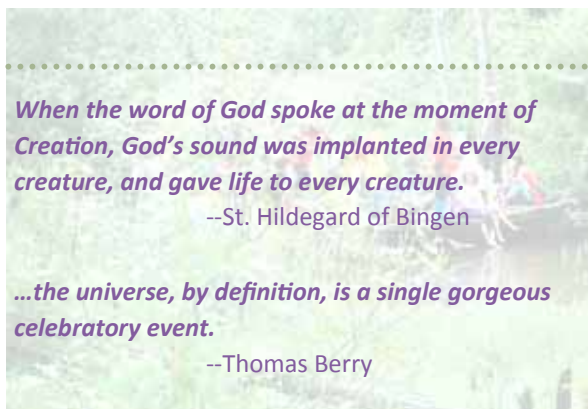
Greg Kennedy, SJ - With a PhD in philosophy, a Masters of Divinity, a Masters of Theology and several callouses on his fingers from guitar playing, Greg has come to the philosophical-theological conclusion that God speaks most clearly through meaningful, human conversation, good music and gentle trees. He is a Jesuit since 2006 and a priest since 2015.

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In the sweet days of Spring, with inspiration from mystics old and new --such as Teilhard de Chardin, Mary Oliver, Hildegard of Bingen and Francis of Assisi-- we will explore and deepen our place in the great family of things that is Creation. The Church has a rich history of mystics who met God in the natural world, which is, after all, God's dwelling place. Today, religious and secular leaders alike call us to love our Mother Earth more deeply, for what we love we will save. In this retreat we delve deeply into this mutual bond of love and care, at once revealing God to us and drawing us into the heart of God.

Through inspirational talks that weave the wisdom of various mystics, experiential meditations with nature, silence, Eucharist and other communal prayer on the Ignatius land, we will deepen the holy communion we share with the natural world, God and one another. Individual spiritual direction is included.

**Title is inspired by the poem Wild Geese by Mary Oliver*



When the word of God spoke at the moment of Creation, God's sound was implanted in every creature, and gave life to every creature.

--St. Hildegard of Bingen

...the universe, by definition, is a single gorgeous celebratory event.

--Thomas Berry

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Cost: \$792

Fees include accommodations, meals, sessions with a spiritual director (unless stated otherwise), daily liturgy, and access to the land. Commuter fees do not include accommodations. All fees are in Canadian dollars.

To apply for this program, complete the online application form at loyolahouse.com under Application. A downloadable form may also be completed, from the application webpage.

Checking In

This retreat begins promptly at 8pm on the first day and ends at 1pm on the last day. You may arrive between 6:30-7:45pm.

Payment Policy

Payment in full must be received in order to secure your booking. Cancellations & Refunds are managed by the Registrar on an individual basis.

Someday, after mastering the winds, the waves, the tides and gravity, we shall harness for God the energies of love, and then, for a second time in the history of the world, man will have discovered fire.

--Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Apprehend God in all things, for God is in all things...Every creature is full of God and is a book about God.

--Meister Eckhart

But I thought, of the wren's singing, what could this be if it isn't a prayer?

--Mary Oliver