

**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.



**Ignatius Jesuit Centre**  
*A Place of Peace*

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## Soil & Soul: A Springtime Retreat

***An 8-Day Guided Retreat***

*Facilitated by*

*Bill Clarke, SJ, Yvonne Prowse,  
& Tarcia Gerwing*

May 25-June 2 2017



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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 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.

**Tarcia Gerwing, MA** first fell in love with the Earth growing up on the prairies of Saskatchewan. She is a woman of deep wisdom and compassion. As a spiritual director, she teaches spiritual direction and prayer in many communities, including the aboriginal community on Manitoulin Island.

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Springtime...a time of abundant life, of birth and rebirth, of hope and resurrection... In these lengthening days of spring, when all around us life is being renewed, let our own prayer be about connecting with the God of life - in Earth and within ourselves - for all is God's dwelling place. Even as Earth's own life systems struggle against pollution, over-use and other harms, life blooms again. Whether you come weary or content, let your soul be renewed and your spirit inspired by Mother Earth.

Through inspirational talks, 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.

*The Earth is mother of all that is natural  
of all that is human...  
For contained in her  
are the seeds of all.*

*- St. Hildegard of Bingen*

*There is an amazing ability of humans  
to receive spiritual healing  
from the Earth.*

*- James Profit, SJ*

**May 25-June 2 2017**

**Cost: \$792 Cdn**

**To apply** for this program, complete the online application form at [loyolahouse.com](http://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.

### Retreats and Programs

It is our intention to ensure the financial sustainability of the retreats and programs we provide at the Ignatius Jesuit Centre.

Cancellations represent an expense to the Centre and a lost opportunity for others to participate in the retreats and programs.

### 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.

### Fees

The costs of all programs are in Canadian dollars (Cdn.). Payment may be made by cash, cheque, money order, VISA, MasterCard, online or bank draft in Canadian funds payable to the Ignatius Jesuit Centre.

The fees for all retreats include room and board, sessions with a spiritual director (unless stated otherwise), daily liturgy, and access to the land.