



Still and quiet...an opportunity to discover and cement our deepest identity. (Nicole Johnson)

DEVELOPMENT

Fundraising Update

Since 2013 the Wellington Catholic School Board's Annual Bishop's Dinner for Community Needs has contributed to our Sacred Ground campaign. We are very grateful for the generosity of the sponsors and participants of this annual fund-raiser. The 15th Annual Bishop's Dinner will be held on Thursday, October 5th this year. We encourage you to consider attending this wonderful event.

The Guelph Knights of Columbus Building Association have made two significant Sacred Ground campaign donations towards the retrofit of Loyola House. These gifts arise from the proceeds of the sale of the Guelph Knights building. The Guelph Knights of Columbus and the Jesuit Community of Guelph share a common history spanning a century of charitable work in our community. We look forward to continuing our collaboration.

The Confederation of Sisters of St. Joseph funded the upgrade of lighting at St. Brigid's Student Retreat Centre to energy-saving LEDs this spring. Our deep appreciation for this long-standing collaboration and friendship.

Watch for our first annual report for donors which was mailed out in June. [It is available on our website here.](#)

A testimonial from a new donor

As part of my effort to participate in Lenten alms-giving, I decided to do some research on [Catholic] organizations to which I could offer my support. I have always been passionate about the environment and sustainability. During a talk, "Introduction to Eco-Theology" given by Dr. Stephen Scharper at my parish, he mentioned the work the centre does to teach organic farming techniques and conserve forested areas in nearby regions. ... I was so glad to see that the Centre makes an effort to share this work with others through workshops and retreats.

LOYOLA HOUSE RETREATS & PROGRAMS

For all of our retreats, [please register online](#).

Our new programs brochure is here! For more program options, [see the 2017-2018 Loyola House Programs booklet](#).

Interested in becoming a spiritual director or in brushing up your skills? [Read more here about upcoming training programs and workshops](#). Consider signing up for one!

Upcoming Retreats - *Each retreat date is linked to our website for more information*

- **8-Day Directed Retreat** - [August 1-9](#), [August 11-19](#), [August 21-29](#)
- **Disposition Days Retreat** - [October 3-8](#)
- [All of our upcoming retreats are listed here](#)

The Full Spiritual Exercises Experience - [October 2-November 11](#)

For over 50 years, Loyola House has been offering a 40-day experience of prayer and daily guidance with a spiritual director as one journeys through the full Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. This experience is helpful for any one seeking a deeper relationship with God. It is an inner "Camino" pilgrimage with Christ. [Read more here](#).

"Truly a privilege to be here and to be guided so gently and so completely on this life-giving journey with Christ." - a participant in the 40-Day Experience

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

IGNATIUS FARM

Save the Date - Our Open Farm Days will be happening **August 22 and 25** this year with more great food, kids activities, and ice cream to celebrate your neighbourhood farm. Beat the heat and turnip the music! [Read more here](#).

Mid Summer Shares Starting July 25th - Did you miss the first round of vegetables this year? Get the freshest, certified organic produce by signing up ASAP for our Mid-Summer and Late Summer Share options. Take a look at our online Farm Store for more information, or call 519-824-1250 x 245.

Hoophouse on the Move! One of our amazing support people, Heidi Renkema, is seen here helping set up the ribs for our new hoophouse. Gardeners, retreatants, and hikers going past the old pool area may have seen our hoophouse being built to make a new production space.

A hoophouse is an unheated greenhouse. They are a popular low cost structure used by small and medium sized farms to protect crops from the uncertainty of weather variability by allowing the farmers to have some control over the temperature, humidity, and water. At Ignatius we plan to rotate through several popular crops including tomatoes, cucumbers, and various popular greens.

We look forward to completion and our first harvests in the new space!

OLD-GROWTH FOREST ACTIVITIES

There are many opportunities to get involved in the restoration efforts of the Ignatius Old-Growth Forest! Check them out here (*each event title will link to the event page for more information*):

- [Healthy Streams, Happy Fish!](#) - Sat. July 22 9am-12:30pm
- [Working with Seeds](#) - Sat. Sept. 16 10am-3:30pm

Also, [read the Old-Growth Forest events brochure here](#).

If you are interested in volunteering with the project on a regular basis, we will be running volunteer days every Wednesday this summer. Activities include tree planting, tree care, building boardwalks, invasive buckthorn removal and creek rehabilitation. [Connect with Martin](#) to find out more information.

GUELPH WALKING PILGRIMAGE August 5-12 2017

Since 2002, in early August, a group of pilgrims journey from the Ignatius Jesuit Centre to the Jesuit Martyrs' Shrine in Midland - place that honours early Jesuit missionaries who introduced Christianity to the Huron Wendat Nation. Those who walk the Guelph-to-Midland pilgrimage find it to be a unique and grace-filled experience. For eight days pilgrims pray, sing, laugh, and share stories with others as they journey; not always easy, it is always rewarding.

Still time to sign up for this year's pilgrimage! Deadline is July 21, 2017

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FROM LOYOLA HOUSE KITCHEN

Simmering in the Summer - Be sure to learn Susan's "Blueberry-Lemon Vinaigrette" recipe from the Loyola House kitchen [here!](#)

A 'PERFECT FIT' MAY HAVE BEEN FOUND FOR FORMER COLLEGE AT IGNATIUS JESUIT CENTRE

The Jesuit Province of Canada, the landlord and owner of the Ignatius Jesuit Centre, has agreed to enter into a contract with Angel Oak Communities, in a Letter of Intent.

Angel Oak Communities is a newly formed not for profit organization that has presented the Jesuits with a Co- Housing Model for the Ignatius Jesuit Centre's (IJC) Orchard Park.

Angel Oak Communities is proposing to build approximately 70 residential units within Orchard Park. The target demographic will be adults with disabilities and seniors. There will also be

commercial lease space made available. The intent within the Angel Oak Communities proposal resonates well with the Centre and the Jesuits as working with marginalized populations is a strong mission of Jesuits throughout the world.

The Jesuits would retain ownership of the building and associated land and would enter into a long term lease agreement. IJC would turn over the operations of Orchard Park to Angel Oak Communities. The Jesuit Province in Canada will retain ultimate veto power over the proposal until such time a final contract is ratified by both parties.

[Read more in this article by Rob O'Flanagan in Guelph Today.](#)

GUELPH/ERAMOSA TOWNSHIP'S TIME CAPSULE PROJECT

Guelph Campus Co-op, Wellington County's Green Legacy Programme and the Guelph/Eramosa Township continue to be significant supporters of our Old-Growth Forest, the land trust conservation gift to the community that we envision 500 years into the future. In this spirit of hope for future generations, we have provided project information for the Guelph/Eramosa time capsule marking Canada's 150th birthday to be buried at Rockmosa Skate Park in Rockwood on August 3 . We wonder what the future Guelph/Eramosa Township residents will think of our Old-Growth Forest when the time capsule is opened in 2117.

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