



Ignatius Jesuit Centre

A Place of Peace

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Silence is a gift. Learn to value its essence. (unknown)

FUNDRAISING

Celebrating our Sacred Ground donors & volunteers!

2019 is a year of celebration of all our Sacred Ground volunteers and donors who helped us raise \$2.5 million. Your amazing support has made it possible for IJC to retrofit and upgrade Loyola House. You have made the educational outreach of our Old-Growth Forest project happen! A major donation of \$750,000 began our first Endowment whose funds are dedicated solely to employing lay spiritual directors. All of you sustain this place of peace!

Last month Ignatius Farm received a donation from St. Gregory's Catholic Women's League in Etobicoke since their theme for this year is "Care for our Common Home." They determined that "the Ignatius Farm lives this theme." We are strongly encouraged by this endorsement.

Fundraising continues and we welcome your ideas for how to name our continuing campaign. Some ideas we're considering include "Keeping the Sacred Alive"; "Moving What is Sacred Forward"; "Sacred Growth into the Future". We want to hear from you. If we like your idea, we will give you a set of Loyola House mugs. Call 519-824-1250 ext. 257 Mondays-Friday, 9am-4pm or [send an email to development@ignatiusguelph.ca](mailto:send_an_email_to_development@ignatiusguelph.ca).

LOYOLA HOUSE RETREATS & PROGRAMS

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

For more program options, [see the 2018-2019 Loyola House Programs brochure](#).

Interested in a training program for giving spiritual direction? [Read about our workshops and training opportunities here](#).



UPCOMING RETREATS - *Each retreat date is linked to our website for more information*

- Lenten Taizé Retreat - [March 22-24](#)
- Les Misérables Weekend - [March 29-31](#) - facilitated by Br. Dan Leckman, SJ
- A Retreat with Jonah: Three Days in the Whale - [March 29-31](#) - facilitated by Fr. Greg Kennedy, SJ

- **The Mystics, Earth & You: Loving Your Place in the Family of Things 8-Day Retreat** - [May 24-June 1](#) - facilitated by Bill Clarke SJ, Yvonne Prowse, & Greg Kennedy SJ
- **8-Day Directed Retreat** - [May 24-June 1](#)
- **The Little Prince Retreat: A Weekend with a Childhood Friend** - [June 14-16](#) - facilitated by Greg Kennedy, SJ
- **Finding Your Way: Weekend of Discernment** - [June 14-16](#)
- [All of our upcoming retreats are listed here](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

AT IGNATIUS FARM

Become the Very First 'Retreat Garden Volunteer'!

To facilitate an interactive experience with the land, we are offering a community garden plot for Loyola House retreatants who wish to get their hands dirty and connect with the farm ecosystem.

Since retreatants will be tending to the garden on a drop-in basis, we are seeking a Retreat Garden Volunteer to tend to the plot weekly throughout the growing season. Tasks include crop planning, planting, weeding, watering, pest management, and harvesting.

In exchange for their time and effort, the volunteer will be offered an annual garden plot (up to 1,000 square feet) for free!



To learn more about the volunteer position, contact Ignatius Farm at 519-824-1250 ext. 244 / farmeducation@ignatiusguelph.ca.

Find the Farm Team

With spring just around the corner, you will find the farm team at many events around town. Here's a snapshot of what's to come:

March 23: eMERGE EcoMarket, part of the Resilience Festival by Transition Guelph. We'll be talking about the farm and facilitating a drop-in seedling workshop! Find us from 10am-3pm in the Quebec St Shoppes.

May 11: How-To Festival at Guelph Public Library. We'll be teaching folks how to plant and care for seedlings, and how to test the soil type of your garden!

May 18: Spring Field Day at the farm featuring a seeds and seedlings sale, orientations to the community gardens, drop-in workshops, and BBQ!

CSA Shares and Community Garden Plots

Community garden plots are selling fast so be sure to register as soon as possible! You can [sign up in the farm store](#) or come by the farm workshop on Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm.

CSA shares are also [available online](#) or you can sign up in the farm workshop. Only three months to go before the first pick-up of the season!



GMO's: A CULINARY, AGRICULTURAL, SPIRITUAL & POLITICAL CONVERSATION

Thurs. March 21, 7 pm

Loyola House, Ignatius Jesuit Centre

A screening of the [award-winning 2017 documentary *Modified*](#), a personal and moving investigation into the lack of proper, Canadian food-labelling of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO's). Afterwards, join Ignatius farm manager Heather Lekx, Loyola House head chef Susan Sprague, and spiritual director Greg Kennedy SJ for a diverse discussion on the multiple dimensions of food. By donation. More info: gkennedy@ignatiusguelph.ca. [See the Farm's FB event page here.](#)

EASTER BRUNCH - Sunday April 21 @ Loyola House

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Fee - \$25
 Seniors & Children under 12 yrs - \$16
 Children under 6 yrs - Free

Reserved Seating - 10 am & 12 noon
 To reserve call 519 824 1250 ext 241
officecoordinator@ignatiusguelph.ca
 Reserve tickets by Wednesday, April 10

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Be sure to book a spot for this year's Easter Brunch! There will be a smorgasbord of breakfast and lunch favourites that is sure to delight your palate! Tickets are \$25 ea, seniors & children under 12 years \$16 ea, with children under 6 years free. **Reserved seating - 10 am or 12 noon.** To reserve call 519 824 1250 ext. 241 or email officecoordinator@ignatiusguelph.ca. Deadline: April 10.

WALKING PILGRIMAGE - August 3-10

From a place of peace to a home of peace... It's about -

- Nourishing your spirituality
- Enjoying the great outdoors
- Getting great exercise - 20 to 30 km per day!
- Having fun and enjoying good company

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.



Join us as we cast off routine and for eight days and acquiesce to a community of higher purpose. All ages are invited. Participate for a day, two days, or for the entire trip! [Read all about it here.](#)

HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY

Are you inspired by the literary legacy of [Henri Nouwen](#)? Check out the [Henri Nouwen Society](#) which offers [free daily meditations](#) and provides numerous resources including [a listing of events across North America](#). For those who missed our Thomas Merton and Henri Nouwen retreat in February, consider the events in Toronto and London in March and April.

STORIES plus more!

FROM THE LOYOLA HOUSE KITCHEN

Whilin' Away the Winter - [read about Emily's Sesame Cookies from the latest Loyola House kitchen blog here.](#) Enjoy!

MARY OLIVER (1935-2019)

Greg Kennedy SJ

dead
 all those instances of rapture
 that smell of cedar
 on damp days spent bug-eyed
 watching ants by the river
 build busy civilizations
 that ours-alack, too slow-
 will probably never get

 so many pearls of prices--
 so exorbitant they swirl
 far beyond the pull of clocks--
 lie strung on matted weeds
 where her convalescence rested
 amid the calm agitation
 of teeming, tiny living
 that after hours of free instruction
 always taught her to take
 up her bed and walk

 her hand had awesome reach;
 she managed to autograph

some of the grasses here
still stirring in the chatter
that lower sky keeps up
with higher earth
in the fields of Sleepy Hollow

I think the bobolink
will probably mourn
but thankfully
without a hint of black.



Be sure to check out our social media links!



Ignatius Jesuit Centre's Facebook page



Ignatius Farm's Facebook page



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