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A Place of Peace

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How lovely the silence of growing things.
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FUNDRAISING

The celebration of our wonderful Sacred Ground campaign volunteers and donors continues all year!

Please spend a few minutes and see how Loyola House has been transformed due to the success of *Sacred Ground*. Click here to see our slide show with before and after photos.

We've created a visual summary of the past eight years - you'll be amazed! See it here.

And the upgrade of Loyola House's heating/cooling system continues to be on track for completion by the end of June. We expect to invest the savings generated by this upgrade towards our final capital upgrade - our sanitation system.

We are continuously grateful for our monthly, Advent, and Lent donors. Your donations mean that we can budget for a cash-flow that allows us to plan and implement our programs and services each year.

We welcome your ideas, comments and suggestions. Call 519-824-1250 ext. 257 Mondays-Friday, 9am-4pm or send an email to development@ignatiusguelph.ca.

Ignatius Jesuit Centre's Annual LAND BLESSING
Sunday, June 2 @ 10 am

Join us as we gather at St. Brigid's Villa for this year's Land Blessing.
What an opportunity to get out on the land and bless it for the upcoming season!

10:30 am - Liturgy of the Word
11:15 am - Wagon Tour - or just walk alongside
12:15 pm - Eucharist
12:45 pm - Potluck lunch

Bring your water bottle, coffee mug, plate & utensils... and something to share for the potluck lunch.

5420 Hwy 6 N, Guelph, follow the signs to St. Brigid's VIlla
519 824 1250 - ignatiusguelph.ca

"You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it...blessing its growth." (Psalm 65)

LOYOLA HOUSE RETREATS & PROGRAMS

For all of our retreats, please register online.

For more program options, **see the new 2019-2020 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*

- **8-Day Directed Retreats** - **August 11-19**, **August 21-29**
- **Getting Back to the Garden 8-Day Retreat** - **August 11-19**
- **40-Day Spiritual Exercises** - **October 1-November 10**
- **Ignatian Spirituality Retreat: A Practical Introduction 5-Day** - **October 2-7**

- **All of our upcoming retreats are listed here**

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

AT IGNATIUS FARM

CSA SHARES START THIS MONTH! HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR YOUR'S?

Are you ready for the start of the 2019 CSA season on June 18? We'll have crops from the hoophouse and field ready for you! Do **sign up** for a CSA shares with Ignatius Farm! Buy now online, mail in a CSA Registration form, or drop by the Farm Workshop or Loyola House between 9am-4pm, Monday-Friday!

The CSA grows over 60 types of fresh, certified organic vegetables and strawberries. New and returning members pick up shares at the location chosen with registration. The pick-up times and locations are:

Tuesdays:
- The Farm 3:30 - 7:00 PM
- St. Georges Park 4:30 - 5:45 PM
- Planet Bean Downtown 4:30 - 6:30 PM

Fridays:
- The Farm 3:30 - 6:00 PM
- Sweet Temptations 4:30 - 6:30 PM
- Planet Bean, Grange Rd, 4:30 - 6:30 PM (New Pick-up Location!)

Meet us at the Milton Farmer's Market!
Starting on June 15 until October, Ignatius Farm will be selling our organic produce at the Milton Farmer's Market. Come on Saturday's on the Main Street in Downtown Milton, Booth #40 from 7am-noon.

VISIT IGNATIUS FARM!

A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU!

Are you a dedicated volunteer with office experience and have time to share your talents and energy with like-minded people? Ignatius Jesuit Centre is seeking a Front Desk Volunteer for

Monday and Thursday's. If you are interested or have any questions, contact us to find out more officecoordinator@ignatiusguelph.ca or fill out the online form here. We look forward to welcoming you to the IJC Volunteer Team!

Be sure to mark your calendar and come out to the 16th annual Local Food Fest right here at the Ignatius Jesuit Centre! This event has lots of fun activities including live music, delicious local food, and interesting workshops. Ignatius Farm will have U-Pick strawberries, as well as organic greens and strawberries for sale, weather permitting! Matt Soltys is also leading a walk of the Community Food Forest that we're implementing this year at the farm. More information, a list of the vendors, workshops, kids activities, and live music can be found here.

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.

STEPS OF ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA:
A Journey with through Northern Spain with Jesuits of Canada

Fr. Bernie Carroll, SJ has been invited to be the Jesuit guide on this pilgrimage: **September 17-28**. He is looking forward to this as a way to celebrate his 60th anniversary as a Jesuit. He is hoping that some of our IJC friends are able to join him for this wonderful opportunity to visit the birthplace of St. Ignatius and the places that were significant in the transformation of his life from a courtier and soldier to a "Companion" of Jesus. If this intrigues you read more here and talk with Liz Dachuk at Connaissance Travel & Tours at 1-877-701-7729 or lizdachuk@connaissancetravel.com.

STORIES plus more!

FROM THE LOYOLA HOUSE KITCHEN

Just Barely June. Now that Spring seems to be firmly established, it's time to start anticipating Summer. **Read more here** and try out the Sour Cream Apricot Pie recipe!

THE OLD-GROWTH FOREST PROJECT

Planting season is in full swing for the project and luckily we have over 1000 grade 4 and 8 students to help us. Through May and June we have been offering programs that cover themes of water protection, habitat creation, and nature connection. An important aspect to these visits is the physical work of healing the land - planting rare wildflowers, installing bird perches, and removing invasive buckthorn.

This year we will be planting over 3,000 trees shrubs and plants! As the first stage of

reforestation is complete we are now focusing on restoring the health and biodiversity of the existing ecosystems.

Thank you to the Green Legacy Program and the GRCA and the County of Wellington's Rural Water Protection and Natural Area Restoration Programs that subsidized the purchasing of all these plants.

Our regular crew of helpers from Guelph Wellington Community Living have also started lending a hand. This will be their 3rd year. The group have achieved so much in that time. Thank you!

For more information about the project, our programs or volunteering, please visit our website or contact Martin Tamlyn oldgrowthforest@ignatiusguelph.ca or call 519-824-1250 ext 224.

TREES

Greg Kennedy SJ

barter
anchor
elevate
hold soil
as

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welcome
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cradled
in a
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on a hill
speak in
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laugh in
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wait and shade
and crack

with us breath.
heaven.
Earth.
in hands
eloquent as sign language poets.
transubstantiate particles
sunlight.
winged migrants
papers, process, status.
Jesus
shared embrace of pain,
died with him
once thick with forest.
scent.
fungi.
pollen
seldom stray
meditation.

when sorrow is too much to bear.
teach and feed
and wink
when wind tells jokes
through their tittering leaves.
are saints.
are martyrs.
are lightning rods
telling stories through scars
and rings
of exquisite calculus.
are mystics-
just look up
the word
in your fattest dictionary
and you'll find
its full meaning
printed on their flesh.

CREATING SPACERS FOR POLLINATORS & PEOPLE

by Jaye Crawford, Grounds

The Land Department recognizes the importance of supporting our native pollinator species and so are creating spaces around the formal grounds that will provide sources of food, shelter, nesting and overwintering sites for the many types of bees, butterflies, flies, and beetles that are essential to a thriving ecosystem.

You may notice a large area by Loyola House covered in a black tarp. This tarp is there to help prepare the ground for a brand new pollinator patch. The black tarp does a double duty of blocking sunlight, and cooking the ground below to kill of the grass. This August the site will be filled with bushes, grasses and flowering plants that support pollinators.

We are also renovating part of the wildflower meadow behind Loyola House. This area will be replanted in the fall with a native wildflower meadow seed mix. There are also a few small areas in the naturalized area by the farm workshop that will be planted with native under-story plants such as trillium, ferns, may apple, and more.

The amazing intricacy and wonder of the natural world inspires the work we do on the formal grounds. We strive to work with the natural world and its systems to create gardens and naturalized spaces that support and care for all the small beings that do so much. We look forward to sharing these new spaces with you.

Oh, the lilacs and blossoms are blooming beautifully here at the Centre, giving us the scents of spring. If you are in the area or coming for the Land Blessing on Sunday, be sure to check them out in the "Grotto", which is located in between the Orchard Park building and the Farm Workshop.

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