

Ignatius Jesuit Centre is a place of peace that values all of creation, compassion, unity in diversity, ecological sustainability, interfaith connections, social justice, and the spiritual journey.

We are dedicated to providing programs that:

- Foster an ecological way of life, for the healing of the world
- Nurture a deeper spirituality in people, leading to inner freedom
- Promote the production of local sustainable food
- Provide a welcoming space for individual and communal discernment, and education

Loyola House – *Retreats & Ignatian Training* - central to the Ignatius Jesuit Centre, is located on the Centre's 640 acres just one km north of Guelph. Explore this beautiful land with its walking trails, forest and woods, and wetlands—all an integral part in our retreats and programs.



Active hope is not wishful thinking... Active hope is waking up to the beauty of life on whose behalf we can act... It is a readiness to discover the strengths in ourselves and in others; to discover the reasons for hope and the occasions for love.—Joanna Macy

With the incarnation God's presence abides not only in and for the world but goes deep down to the point of identity as part of the world... an unimaginable act of loving solidarity.—Elizabeth Johnson



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Blooming in a Greenhouse World:

Hope, Faith, and Climate Change

May 21-29 2020

An 8-Day Guided Retreat

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Blooming in a Greenhouse World: Hope, Faith, and Climate Change

Much more than a household word, climate change has quite suddenly become a terrifying reality. What just five years ago seemed a distant, even disputable threat, now hangs over us with a ferocity that has many people paralyzed, consciously and unconsciously, with fear. When the United Nations announces that, unless radical transformations occur in all aspects of human activity without the slightest delay, the world as we know it will grow unbearably hostile by 2030, it is very easy to crash into cynicism and despair.

“Fear not” is a favorite, recurrent phrase in the Bible. How is it to be understood responsibly amid the ravages of extreme weather, savage forest fires, waves of climate refugees, extinctions, and decimated crops? Poor interpretations are rampant: willful ignorance; plain indifference; hedonistic consumerism; blind technological optimism; an immature belief that God never allows bad things to befall good people.

In contrast to these harmful denials of fear stands a wide-eyed faith that empowers and emboldens. True faith summons up our deepest ecological concern, conversion and action. Only then will our refusal to cower before legitimate anxiety in the face of global, biological de-

cline prove to be life-giving and authentic.

Blooming in a Greenhouse World is a prayerful, communal occasion to embrace the anger, grief and fear generated in our hearts by climate change and to entrust them to a Creator God who calls us to active, fruitful hope. Through prayer, daily talks, intimacy with the beautiful land of Ignatius Farm and Forest, ritual, group sharing, silence and spiritual direction, we will explore our own part in both the passion of the Earth and its promised renewal. The retreat offers participants a contemplative alternative to the ecological fight or flight dichotomy. Between these two extremes waits a faith that listens, sees and acts with discernment and determination.

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Cost: \$792

We discover the divinity hidden in weakness today. We share God's grief over humanity and our wounded earth. We locate our own suffering in a larger context... We want to be more and more a part of [Earth's] march, with its suffering, its hope, and its joy. For unless we share the suffering of the world, its beauty cannot heal us and solidarity cannot fill our void.

—Dean Brackley, SJ



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.

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

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

Fees

The costs of all programs are in Canadian funds. Payment may be made by cash, cheque, money order, VISA, MasterCard, online or bank draft in Canadian funds payable to the Ignatius Jesuit Centre. We are unable to accept e-transfers.

The fees for all retreats include accommodations and meals, sessions with a spiritual director, daily liturgy, all required materials, and access to the land. Please note that commuter fees do not include breakfast or access to a bedroom.

Checking In

Unless otherwise noted in the schedule, retreats and programs begin at 7:30pm on the first day and end at 1pm on the last day. You may arrive between 4-7pm (supper is not provided on opening night).