

Program

There are three components to the program:

- two days of workshops with input related to the participants' experience and knowledge of the Spiritual Exercises
- two 3-day retreats during which each participant directs under supervision
- three days of workshops with input related to the ministry of spiritual direction.

People all over the world have attended the SDW. The following are excerpts of remarks about the SDW:

"I'm a Jesuit. I'm ordained. I thought I knew the Exercises, but I didn't really know them until I came here and did this program."

"The environment of the centre and the grounds are very conducive to learning and reflection."

"I had very high expectations ... this was even better than I could have hoped for."

"Wonderful balance of theoretical and experiential."



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.



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Spiritual Directors' Workshop

July 2-14 2020

Discerning & Deciding in
The Ignatian Tradition

An Intensive 12-day
Training Program in
Spiritual Direction

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Loyola House offers a series of training programs for those moving into, or already involved with, the ministry of spiritual direction.

The Spiritual Directors' Workshop (SDW) is an intensive 12-day training program in spiritual direction. It includes material and experience which we consider foundational to everyone engaged in spiritual direction.

The SDW offers participants the chance to gain confidence in their own skills and to appropriate new skills.

This is achieved through high quality presentations, case studies, small group work, study, prayer, and team work. We use the principles of adult learning during the SDW. All of the training programs at Loyola House are rooted in the experience of participants. Likewise, all of the presentations are grounded in the experience of the Loyola House team.

The SDW includes a practicum for participants to do spiritual direction under supervision, as they pray through the 2nd Week of the Spiritual Exercises together.



Who Should Apply

The SDW is suitable for those

- with experience in spiritual direction who want to hone their skills
- who have started to move into this ministry and want to gain confidence
- who already have some knowledge of the Spiritual Exercises and are interested in acquiring a greater practical understanding of them and their application in the world

Each time we offer the SDW we welcome women, men, laity, religious, clergy, and people from various faith traditions.



Requirements

The SDW is open to persons who have completed the full Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius under personal direction, either in the 30-day format or in daily life. We presume that the applicants have already had some experience of discernment and decision-making according to the dynamics of the Exercises.

Registration: July 2 from 4:30 to 5:30 pm.
Supper at 6pm, program begins at 7pm.

Cost: \$1,740 Cdn

How to apply

- Obtain an application package from the Registrar (see contact information below).
- Complete and return the entire application and non-refundable application fee of \$100 CDN by **May 20**.
- Applicants will be notified of their acceptance as soon as possible after their package has been received and processed. Applications received after the deadline will be considered based on available space.
- Payment can be made by cash, cheque in Canadian dollars to *Ignatius Jesuit Centre*, VISA/Mastercard or online.
- Complete applications will be assessed by the Acceptance Committee. Applicants may be asked for a telephone interview.

To apply please contact:

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