

Facilitators -

Bernie Carroll, SJ has been a long-time spiritual director at Loyola House. He visited Taizé many years ago. He was pastor of Holy Rosary parish, Guelph for 10 years and Director of Martyrs Shrine, Midland for 5 years. He loves singing the Taizé chants.

Dan Leckman, SJ found God during his years studying History & Russian Studies at McGill University. In 2006, he discovered his vocation to become a Brother in the Society of Jesus. He joined Loyola House as a spiritual director in 2015.

Yvonne Prowse, MA has a special passion for nature and brings the Spiritual Exercises into conversation with ecology. She loves feminine spirituality and indigenous traditions. Spare time often finds her in hiking boots or on skis enjoying the great outdoors.



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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Taizé

Advent & Lenten

Weekend Retreats with the Chants of Taizé

Facilitated by *Bernie Carroll, SJ,*
Dan Leckman, SJ & Yvonne Prowse

2019-2020



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Advent & Lenten Taizé Retreat

Taizé is a town in France where an ecumenical monastic community has existed since 1940.



Today, the Taizé Community is made up of over a hundred brothers, Catholics and from various Protestant backgrounds, coming from around thirty nations. By its very existence, the community is a “parable of community” that wants its life to be a sign of reconciliation between divided Christians and between separated peoples. Tens of thousands have spent time there each year since the early 60s. Their chants are now sung in churches around the world.

Singing is one of the most essential elements of worship. Short songs, repeated again and again, give it a meditative character. Using just a few words they express a basic reality of faith, quickly grasped by the mind. As the words are sung over many times, this reality gradually penetrates the whole being. It allows everyone to take part in a time of prayer together and to remain together in attentive waiting on God, without having to fix the length of time too exactly.

*We chant our joys and praises;
we sing our aspirations and
petitions; we give thanks.*

Format of the Weekend

The manner of prayer is based on the manner of worship of the Taizé ecumenical monastic community.

We begin Friday evening at 7:30pm with Prayer and Chants around the Cross and continue with morning, noon and evening prayer on Saturday and Sunday. The retreat finishes with Eucharist on Sunday at 11:30 am, followed by lunch.

Who is it for?

In Taizé the emphasis is on youth but all age groups appreciate this contemplative style of prayer. People who love to sing can easily learn the chants and even ad simple four-part harmony. Meditative singing thus becomes a way of listening to God.

N.B. This is not a totally silent retreat.

December 6-8 2019

March 20-22 2020

December 4-6 2020

**Cost: \$260 - live-in
\$160 - commuter**

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).