

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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Teilhard de Chardin Retreats

Weekend - March 6-8 2020

5-Day - March 8-13 2020

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Who is Pierre Teilhard de Chardin?

He was a Jesuit priest-scientist and a mystic (1881-1955). "He was Ignatian to his core and he remained faithfully committed to the Society of Jesus until his death, despite decades of rejection by his own religious superiors and other influential people in the church."

"In a prophetic spirit, Teilhard was presenting, as early as the 1920s, evolutionary theological ideas in his talks, essays and correspondence -- ideas about integrating Christianity and evolution, revelations about the nature of God flowing from modern scientific discoveries, the central importance of the universal Body of Christ in everyday spirituality, the emerging "noosphere" (the collective mind and heart of humanity) as the tip of an evolutionary arrow, and the innate longing of all creation, not just humanity, to reach the fulfillment the Creator has always desired for it. In those earlier days, most minds in the church were not ready to hear Teilhard's radically fresh insights, let alone grasp them, digest them, and integrate them into their theological and spiritual mind-set. Today, I think we are ready." *

Teilhard died on Easter Sunday in New York City in 1955, well over half a century ago.

Weekend Retreat: March 6-8 2020

Friday evening to Sunday noon—This guided retreat will invite you into Louis Savary's [The New Spiritual Exercises, In the Spirit of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin](#), recast in light of what we now know of evolution, our universe, and the changes in our understanding of God and God's relationship with the universe. We will explore these seismic shifts in understanding between Ignatius's cosmology and our 21st century view of the world. And we will take time to pray with the principles that are at the heart of this new way of looking at the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises.

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

5-Day Retreat: March 8-13 2020

Sunday evening to Friday noon— This guided retreat will continue looking at the implications of the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius "transposed" in the spirit of Teilhard de Chardin. It will also take advantage of the considerable biblical scholarship of the past hundred years to help us recast some of the key theological dimensions of the Exercises. We will explore the notion, among others, of Jesus as the "second Adam," an evolutionary step forward for humanity. We will reclaim the original message of Jesus about a new way of being human together – the "kingdom of God" – as nonviolent resistance to the dominant consumerist/materialist culture. The retreat will offer a Teilhardian perspective on some traditional elements of the Ignatian Exercises.

Cost: \$495

You may register for either retreat or both retreats.

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).

* *Louis M. Savary, [The New Spiritual Exercises, In the Spirit of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin](#), Paulist Press, 2010*