



Ignatius Jesuit Centre
A Place of Peace

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*May we all grow in grace and peace,
and not neglect the silence that is printed in the center of our
being. It will not fail us.*

(Thomas Merton)

FUNDRAISING

We appreciate the generous donations from our friends who wanted to honour the life of **Fr. Doug McCarthy SJ** for his commitment to living with compassion in a mission of reconciliation and justice. His work included serving as a chaplain at the Guelph Reformatory, founding a Guelph half-way house, and the Farm Community here at Ignatius.

This summer we had to remove (for safety concerns) our pedestrian bridge across Marden Creek that provides an important trail link for our retreatants and community friends. Thanks to funding support from the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Ex Corde Foundation of the Diocese of Hamilton, plans to replace the bridge are well underway. The donations we receive from community members through our trail boxes will also be allocated to the bridge. We continue to fund raise and your generosity will ensure this popular trail connection is replaced before winter.

This year we will once again be participating in Canada's Giving Tuesday (Dec. 3), a social media movement to encourage giving back to our communities; we will be asking for donations to Ignatius Farm shares for local food pantries. Please share our [tweets](#), [Instagram](#) and [IJC Facebook](#) & [Ignatius Farm's Facebook](#) posts.

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

ONTARIO TRILLIUM FOUNDATION RECOGNITION EVENT

On August 15 invited volunteers, donors, and supporters came to the new outdoor education pavilion for the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) Recognition Event. Together we celebrated and reflected on all that has been accomplished in the Old-Growth Forest Project with the help of the Grow Grant from the OTF as well as the support of our other donors. With this support we were able to construct this beautiful pavilion, creating a space for learning and gathering while providing shelter from the sun or rain for anyone enjoying our trails.

The photo on the top right shows Martin Tamlyn of the Old-Growth Forest Project together with Roger Yaworski SJ, Executive Director of Ignatius Jesuit Centre, receiving the Grow Grant from representatives of the OTF, Wayne White and Mike Walker. [Read the press release here](#) and [the](#)



[Wellington Advertiser's article on this event here.](#)

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LOYOLA HOUSE RETREATS & PROGRAMS

For all of our retreats, [please register online.](#)

For more program options, [see the 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*

- **Incarnating Advent Prayer Weekend - [Nov 29-Dec 1](#)** - with Greg Kennedy, SJ
- **Directed Prayer Weekend - [Nov 29-Dec 1](#)**
- **Advent Taizé Weekend - [Dec 6-8](#)**
- **Spiritual Exercises - [Jan 10-Feb 16, 2020](#)** - applications due November 20
- **Ignatian Spirituality Retreat - [Jan 11-15](#)**
- **8-Day Directed Retreat - [Jan 22-30](#)**

[All of our upcoming retreats are listed here](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

AT IGNATIUS FARM



Stone Soup: An Ignatius Farm Fall Celebration

Saturday October 5, 1-8 pm

Join the Ignatius Farm team for stone soup to celebrate the 2019 growing season and abundant fall harvest. Bring a chopped vegetable (1" pieces) to be added to a pot of soup. We'll make a few pots together and share a community meal. This year, we will also be making an apple cider from the Community Orchard at Ignatius.



Timeline of the day:

- * 1-3pm harvesting apples in the Orchard
- * 3-5pm cider pressing and soup making at St. Brigid's Villa
- * 5-7pm eat, drink & be merry
- * 7-8pm campfire

St. Brigid's Villa is a 10 min walk from Farm Workshop located at 5420 Hwy 6 N, and accessible by road, follow signs.

Winter CSA Shares Still Available!

Winter Shares start November 6 until January 22! Pick-up is every other week, on Wednesdays at the farm or Thursday for deliveries. [Shop online](#) or come by the Farm Workshop or Loyola House Monday to Friday 9am-4:30pm to register.



MAY MOON FLOWERS

Focuses on the importance of being locally sourced and organic

Read how one of Ignatius Farm's community garden tenants uses her plot to grow flowers! [Follow this link here.](#)

FARMING, JUSTICE AND INDIGENOUS EARTH-CARE:

A a personal story from Guatemala

November 7, 7pm at St. Brigid's Villa, Ignatius Jesuit Centre

[Rony Lec](#) is one of the world's leading experts in permaculture and Indigenous knowledge. He has spent the last 20 years teaching and implementing permaculture throughout the Americas focusing on promoting food sovereignty and preserving biodiversity for the survival of Indigenous communities. Rony recently moved to Guelph to secure the safety of his family. Come hear Rony's personal experience of living and working with local communities of Guatemala in the areas of justice, organic agriculture, ecology, and Mayan



ancestral knowledge. Free will offering. For more information [see here](#) or contact Greg Kennedy, SJ at gkennedy@ignatiushguelph.ca.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES at Loyola House:

Do you have time to share your talents and energy with a team dedicated to creating a place of peace and spiritual healing? Ignatius Jesuit Centre is seeking a **Front Desk Volunteer** for Tuesdays, and for a **Housekeeping Volunteer**. If you are interested or have any questions, contact officecoordinator@ignatiushguelph.ca or [fill out the online form here](#). We look forward to welcoming you to the IJC Volunteer Team!

STORIES plus more!

OLD-GROWTH FOREST PROJECT

Greg Kennedy SJ

Mennonites milled the cedar
that lifts our feet from the bog.

And when children come,
all hushed up and hemmed in
by the corporal punishments
of urban discipline,
they quietly go feral
under the influence of unfolding meadows.
Inebriation...gradual and joyful:
a snake-like shedding of the inhibition
that dulls the sheen and feel
of fresher skin.

Kids again, often for the first time,
they reclaim the wiles and tenacity
of wild, ancestral goats
whose hooves tamed mountains
only gods had dared to climb.

And the older trees
resting by the river Speed
seem to nod and whisper in the breeze.
But look again.
No wind busies the air.
The laughter in their upper branches
wells up unsummoned
from their very roots.



Be sure to check out our social media links!



Ignatius Jesuit Centre's Facebook page



Ignatius Farm's Facebook page



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