



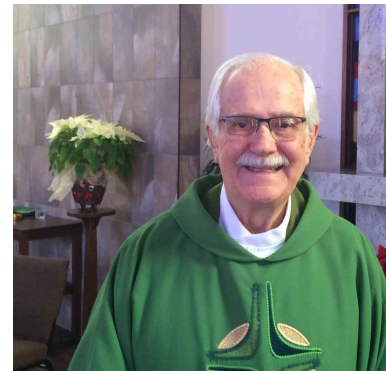
Gardening is an active participation in the deepest mysteries of the universe. - Thomas Berry

WILL POWER

The pandemic has got us making our wills. Have you got a will?

Will Power is a national public education campaign designed to inspire Canadians to create positive change through their wills. The campaign website, willpower.ca, offers advice and other resources for leaving a bequest in your will.

Planning your gift now can be a comfort, knowing your loved ones will have a meaningful way to remain connected with you – seeing and experiencing your contribution after you are gone. Make charitable giving in your will about celebrating who you are, the values you hold, and the life you lead. Learn how easy it can be to plan a legacy gift.



[Make a donation](#)

THANK YOU!

Our deepest appreciation to all our friends, family, CSA members & community gardeners (past and present), and local food production enthusiasts for your tremendous support to 'Get the Water Flowing' to new fields.

With your generosity the Farm has achieved the goal of raising \$20,000!

We can indeed open more community garden plots this season and the Farm will be able to purchase the necessary water infrastructure so more people can grow more food, right here at your neighbourhood farm.



Thank-you for your solidarity over these 20 years in making a beautiful farm together.

Ignatius Jesuit Centre is a registered charity and can accept donations of stocks, bonds or mutual fund units through [CanadaHelps](#).

Considering a legacy gift and have some questions? Email development@ignatiusguelph.ca or phone 519-824-1250 Ext 257 to speak with Vanessa or Leanne.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

April 18-24 is National Volunteer Week.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to all of our IJC volunteers. You work in many different departments and help out in lots of meaningful ways. IJC cannot exist without your dedication!

Many many many thanks for all that you do.



Loyola House Retreats & Programs

VIRTUAL RETREAT OFFERINGS IN 2021

All upcoming retreats can be found here! Here are some that are coming up in the next month or two:

- [The Psalms Weekend Retreat](#) - April 16-18
- [8-Day Directed Retreat](#) - April 22-30 - *please note, you can have a shorter retreat within these days, i.e. 3 or 5 days...just connect with Leanne, the registrar at registration@ignatiusguelph.ca*
- [The Little Prince Retreat](#) - May 7-9
- [Multi-faith Retreat Series Intro](#) - May 8
 - [May 15-16](#) - Jesuit Ignatian & Buddhist traditions
 - [May 22-23](#) - Hinduism, Meditative inquiry, and Muslim Sufi traditions
 - [June 12-13](#) - Indigenous, Jewish Kabbalah, and Lutheran traditions
 - [July 10-11](#) - Ancient Egyptian thought and Zoroastrianism traditions
- ["See, I Am making All Things New" Join Me! Weekend Retreat](#) - May 21-23 - this Earth retreat looks at cultivating hope, faith & love during COVID & Climate Change
- [9 Journeys of the Soul: An Enneagram Retreat](#) - June 3-6 - led by Tamara Shantz, spiritual director & Enneagram teacher
- [Finding Your Way: Weekend of Discernment](#) - June 11-13
- [8-Day Directed Retreat](#) - June 17-25 - *please note, you can have a shorter retreat within these days, i.e. 3 or 5 days...just connect with Leanne, the registrar at registration@ignatiusguelph.ca*

IN-PERSON - SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS' WORKSHOP July 5-17 2021

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.

This year, the Loyola House Team is taking the SDW "on the road" as this in-person workshop will be held at the beautiful Villa Saint Martin, outside of Montreal. [Read more about this workshop here.](#)



At Ignatius Farm



Watering garlic in the hoop house



Christine & Vanessa planting seeds



The seedlings are growing!

CSA REGISTRATION

Last year our CSA shares sold out early and long-standing members missed out. Your solidarity today means the farm will confidently plan and grow for YOU!

Sign up for your CSA share [online](#).

Your paper registrations are welcome! Submit cheque payment with your registration during office hours only at the Farm.

[CSA Registration form found here.](#)

Ignatius Farm New Farmer Training Program



Registration for Term 1 is Open!

Runs April 19-28

EFAO.ca/events



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Are you interested in starting a farm enterprise or learning more about ecological agriculture? Join us for the 2021 season of the Ignatius Farm New Farmer Training Program. Registration is by term or individual event.

Term 1 registration opened March 1, full term discount ends April 12. Term 2 registration will open this week, full-term discount will end April 26. We have a great line up of webinars and virtual field days planned for 2021. Individual events will open for registration 4 weeks prior to the event date. See EFAO.ca/ignatius-new-farmer-training for more information.

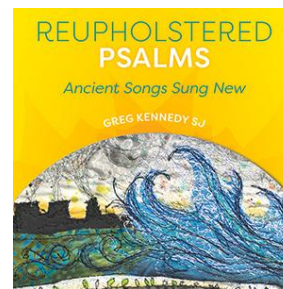
This program is made possible through collaboration between Ignatius Farm, [Everdale](#), and the [Ecological Farmers Association of Ontario](#).

Poetry, stories, and info to reflect on

Jesuit of Canada *Spring Series 2021*

In this Spring series **Greg Kennedy SJ** will present on the meaning of Earth Day and draw from his book ***Reupholstered Psalms: Ancient Songs Sung New***. Wednesday nights, 7pm, EST (1 hr. + Q&A):

- April 21 - Restor(y)ing Creation: A Good-night Story for Earth Day Eve
- May 5 - "Reupholstered Psalms: Ancient Songs Sung New"



For more information go to bit.ly/Earthday_Psalms and register! There is no cost for this series; it will be recorded and posted on the Jesuit of Canada website.



Orchard

By Greg Kennedy SJ

Late March sculpting
of future fruit unseen.
Faith in the power
of restorative destruction.
Spring massacre
for autumn bounty.

The timid pruner hits
September hungry
in densities of shade.

My pockets heavy-full of grain
I'm too afraid to let fall
dead to the ground.
Leafy trees rich in green
but poor in apples
deceive.
Give me courage limbs to cut
and seeds to sow
out of pocket.

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