

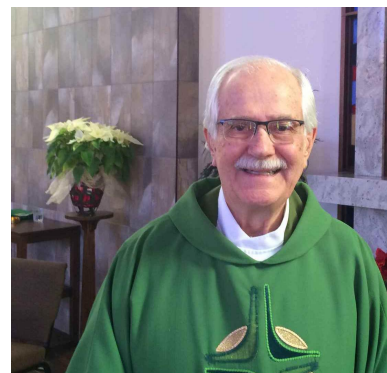


Thankfulness is life to our spirits and quiet to our busy hearts. - Nicole T. Walters

Our gratitude overflows to each and every one of you – for your prayers, for your friendship and for your donations. This year’s **Lent mailing** follows only a few weeks after our Advent appeal; yet, even during a challenging economy, so many of you have given generously.

The staff who are providing 24/7 support to the residents in the Loyola House temporary housing tell us they are witnessing “small miracles.” Residents, previously housed in local hotels, now receive consistent and integrated care that is promoting better health and mental well-being outcomes.

The **Universal Apostolic Preferences**, which unite Jesuits worldwide in our mission, calls on us to “accompany young people in the creation of a hope-filled future” and “to collaborate in the care of our Common Home.” This year Ignatius Farm celebrates 20 years of ecological, regenerative agriculture. The Farm is building on the successful 2020 pilot of a “New Farmer Training Program” with plans to dig a well that make more irrigable land available for start-up small plot enterprises and community gardeners. Can you help Ignatius Farm to “**Get the Water Flowing?**”



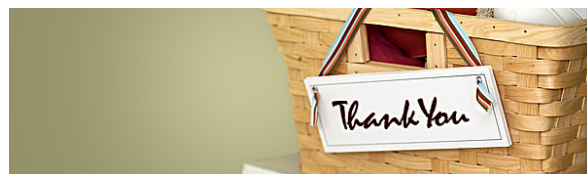
**Why not send a beautiful
Easter greeting to friends
or family members?**

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@ignatiushelph.ca or phone 519-824-1250 Ext 257 to speak with Vanessa or Leanne.

In recognition of the critical contributions of nonprofits and charities to our community life, Loyola House staff participated in this year’s **Coldest Night of the Year Walkathon**. Since 2011 CNOY has helped 149 communities across Canada raise funds for local charities serving people experiencing homelessness, hurt, and hunger. The funds raised in Guelph support **Hope House**.

**IJC VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE ONTARIO
VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS**

Six wonderful, dedicated IJC volunteers received 2020 Ontario Volunteer Service Awards. The ceremony took place virtually on February 24.



Thanks and congratulations to our volunteers!

Loyola House Retreats & Programs

VIRTUAL RETREAT OFFERINGS IN 2021

[The 2021 retreats up on our website!](#) Here are some that are coming up in the next month or two:

- [Teilhard de Chardin Weekend Retreat](#) - March 12-14
- [Teilhard de Chardin 5-Day Retreat](#) - March 14-19
- [Holy Week Retreat](#) - March 27-April 3
- [Easter Triduum Retreat](#) - April 1-3
- [The Psalms Weekend Retreat](#) - April 16-18
- [8-Day Directed Retreat](#) - April 22-30



LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

on the Anniversary of the COVID Pandemic

A virtual Agape Meal adapting Teilhard's Mass on the World

Led by Yvonne Prowse, Spiritual Director at Loyola House

Virtual Gathering - **March 11 @ 7:15-8:45 pm** - via ZOOM

We shall:

- Break bread together (virtually)
- Honour our sorrows and grief
- Gather what graces we are experiencing (and there is always Grace)
- Bring our hopes and longings
- Placing it all on God's altar, in community

Participants need ability to log into Zoom link. Bring bread and wine or juice. Details will be provided upon registration. Register by emailing registration@ignatiusguelph.ca. A donation to support the ministry of Loyola House is appreciated. [Read more about this gathering here.](#)

HOLY WEEK RETREAT & THE EASTER TRIDUUM

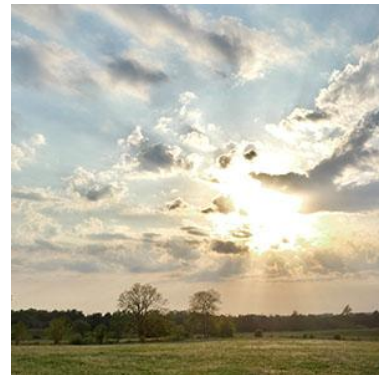
How does Jesus' last week speak to your life today?...and to our contemporary world? Walk with Jesus along his journey to the cross and his rising from death, and allow Christ to join his journey to yours. Sign up of one or both of these virtual Easter retreats.

- [Holy Week Retreat](#) - March 27-April 3
- [Easter Triduum Retreat](#) - April 1-3

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



CSA and COMMUNITY GARDEN 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.](#)

Our Garden plots purchasing are already sold out at our traditional full capacity! Pre-COVID that happened around the first of May...

We are currently waiting on grant details so that we know how much we can increase the number of annual plots we will have available, so online inventory is limited. If you are counting on gardening this summer at Ignatius, now is the time to register.

If you can't register online, the inventory is used up, email farmregistration@ignatiusguelph.ca and ask to be put on a waiting list. Let us know the size of plot your are interested in, your name, and phone number.

Have questions? Just email farmregistration@ignatiusguelph.ca



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.

Ignatius Farm New Farmer Training Program



Registration for Term 1 is Open!

Runs April 19-28

EFAO.ca/events



We have a great line up of webinars and virtual field days planned for 2021. Term 1 registration opened March 1. After April 12 registration for Term 1 will only be by individual event. 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

POLLINATOR HIBERNATION

Spring is just around the corner. The sunshine, the melting snow, increased bird activity and the first site of new growth in the gardens is arriving. We're already dreaming up our garden plans for the year and some of us are already planning on heading out in the next couple of weeks to begin our annual spring garden clean up.

But are our native pollinators ready to emerge from their cozy dwellings to brave the chilly March air?

They've either spent the winter in the hollow stems of perennials, under a blanket of leaves or in the crevices of tall grass. These sheltering techniques help insects survive our frigid winters. When the temperatures in the winter start to drop, insects go into dormancy and only begin to 'wake up' when temperatures consistently remain above 10°C.

So before you eagerly head out the door with rake in hand, consider the bees, butterflies, flies, and beetles that will be doing the work to pollinate your flowering plants.





The County of Wellington purchased a beautiful cedar gazebo for the residents of the Loyola House Supportive Temporary Housing Pilot. It instantly became a very popular destination landmark.

CEDAR GAZEBO

Greg Kennedy SJ

This cedar gazebo
is a smoke stack
Shinto shrine
boardroom devoid
of table and ties

at once it's become
the navel of the world
or its heart
or that hidden cerebral corner
where mind and matter cross

who would have ever dreamed
that a little forest
reframed into the slightest shelter
could hold with such tenderness
so many souls sparkling shyly?

it's a holy mountain
to which all the nations stream
a floor, a roof, four thick beams
straight up in between
a Zion,
the refuge of all peoples.

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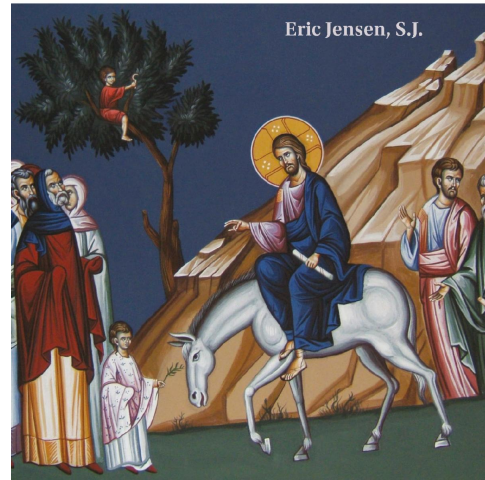
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A Passionate Jesus in Holy Week



Praying the Liturgy of Christ's Passion

Q&A WITH ERIC JENSEN, SJ, AUTHOR OF A PASSIONATE JESUS IN HOLY WEEK

What prompted you to write this booklet?

I have always disliked the image of a passive Jesus, and in the Passion Narrative, of course, Jesus suffers and is passive. But how did this come about? Wha...

[Read the rest of the article here...](#)

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