



*How lovely the silence of growing things. - unknown*

## **SPRING GRATITUDE**

Our hearts, like spring buds, burst with gratitude for you! Thanks to your ongoing generosity the Centre has the capacity to adapt and continue our work through these times. It was March 2020, when we first had to cancel on-site retreats, our primary source of revenues. Retreatants, although disappointed by cancellations, have given; Taste of Diversity guests, also disappointed by cancellations, have given. New friends, inspired by the supportive housing project, or grateful for our walking trails, have given. Your donations, combined with the County fees for the supportive housing project and foundation grants and government wage subsidies, have sustained our work. We hope that our virtual retreats, community farm, and natural sanctuary trails have deepened your connection to the spirit of compassion and love.

This month, we are delighted to welcome five Farm Interns, eight seasonal Farm staff, a high school coop student, two summer Land staff, and two summer Old Growth Forest project conservation staff. We are blessed by the enthusiasm and energy of this youthful group's contributions to our ecological initiatives. Your support makes these opportunities for new growth possible.



[Make a donation](#)

## **TRIBUTE TO LEGACY DONOR, MAXINE LIPINSKI**

Last month, as I reflected on how this pandemic has got us making our wills, I asked "Have you got a will?" A few weeks later, we were surprised and grateful to learn that Ignatius Jesuit Centre is a recipient of a legacy gift from the estate of Maxine Lipinski, a Loyola House retreatant, who passed away on April 22, 2020.

Her friends and family have shared their thoughts on why Maxine chose to gift Loyola House through her will.

[Click here to read more...](#)



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](mailto:development@ignatiusguelph.ca) or phone 519-824-1250 Ext 257 to speak with Vanessa or Leanne.

## 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:

- **Multi-faith Retreat Series** - (click on the dates)
  - **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 - Be part of this retreat designed for people who need time and support in decision making.
- **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](mailto:registration@ignatiusguelph.ca)*
- **Finding God in All Things: A Retreat on Praying through Photography** - June 25-27 - This virtual thematic weekend retreat will explore that question by offering you a chance to attentively explore the world around you and see where and how God might be reaching out to you in the midst of your surroundings.
- **Ignatian Spirituality Retreat** - July 22-27 - A practical introduction - This retreat is a good opportunity for a beginner or an experienced director to gain a heightened awareness of the fundamentals of an Ignatian Retreat or to prepare for Annotation 19 (the Spiritual Exercises in daily life). This retreat is being offered online.

### 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**



## INTERNS & NEW STAFF

Twelve new members joined our Farm Team in April and May. Christine, Stephen, Jennica, Cathy and Emerson are our five Interns at the Farm. We are happy to welcome back Braeden as Farm Associate and Matt in the community orchard. Seasonal staff include Julian, Dan, Carling, Amanda and CJ. Please help us in welcoming everyone to IJC.

## THANK YOU!

Thanks to your donations and the Urban Agriculture Challenge 'Scaling Up' grant, new waterlines are going to a new field for new community garden plots. More gardeners can grow more food right here at Ignatius!



## 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 was a great success with 38 participants! Term 2 began the first week of May and continues until July 28th. We have a great lineup 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](https://EFAO.ca/ignatius-new-farmer-training) for more information.

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

## Ignatius Farm New Farmer Training Program



Registration for Term 2 is Open!

Runs May 5-July 28

[EFAO.ca/events](https://EFAO.ca/events)



## Opportunities

### Volunteers Wanted

Do you enjoy working outdoors? Do you want to support beautiful, ecologically-sustainable spaces? Volunteer with us! IJC is looking for Garden and Old-Growth Forest volunteers.

Fill out the online form [here](#) to get started. Andrea will contact you with more details.

### Employment Opportunity

We are seeking an enthusiastic and passionate part-time Cook to join the Kitchen team at Loyola House. This role has the potential to lead to a full-time role. Your knowledge and experience should include an understanding of local, organic, vegetarian, and sustainable food. [Read more here and apply!](#)

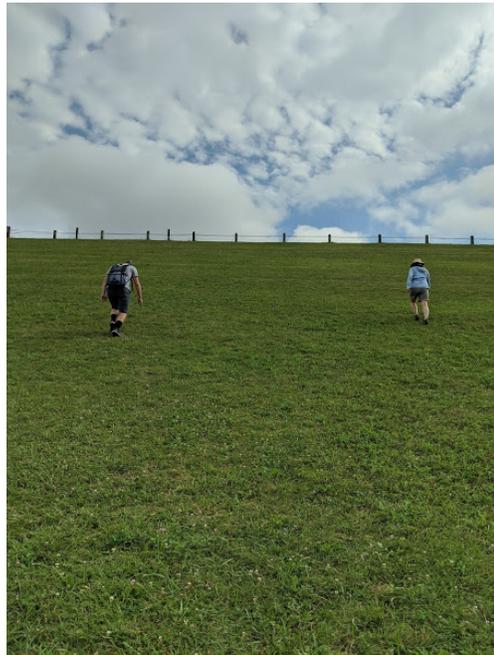


### Guelph VIRTUAL Walking Pilgrimage - July 31- August 7, 2021

A modified pilgrimage has been created for you! [Read about it here](#) and sign up!

Since 2003, in early August, a group of pilgrims journey from the Ignatius Jesuit Centre to the Jesuit Martyrs' Shrine in Midland – a place that honours early Jesuit missionaries who introduced Christianity to the Huron Wendat Nation.

2021 as in 2020, we are not able to walk the pilgrimage as it has been done for the last 18 years. The COVID-19 pandemic has led to a prohibition on large gatherings throughout the summer and the Martyrs' Shrine in Midland remains closed until 2022. We feel that the pilgrimage experience is too important to cancel completely. Our best option is to offer you a virtual pilgrimage.



Go to the [walking pilgrimage website here](#), read all about the [virtual pilgrimage here](#), and [sign-up & register here!](#)

*Photo credit - Bob Berno, VIRTUAL Walking Pilgrimage 2020*

## Poetry, stories, and info to reflect on

### Trinity Tree

*By Greg Kennedy, SJ*

*My Octopus Teacher* just won an Oscar.  
It's a simple film, low-budget,  
starring friendship  
and a forest of enchanted kelp.

When she throws her many arms around him  
it proves again, you know, Horatio,  
there's plenty more in heaven and the surf  
than is dreamt of in your philosophy.

Same thing with my Trinity Tree;  
it's just that we lack cameras and plots  
and the drama of pajama sharks.

But I go to her as often as I can,  
and she teaches me most tenderly  
the curious nature of divinity.



## You Have Been Raised from the Dead

*by Eric Jensen, SJ*  
*April 30, 2021*

You died for us upon the cross  
You rose for us on the third day  
You feel with us our every loss  
You walk with us along the way  
And evermore  
You wait for us on the far shore.



Leave a legacy that will sustain the next generation of your loved ones:  
"Ecology and spirituality are fundamentally connected, because deep ecological  
awareness, ultimately, is spiritual awareness." — Fritjof Capra

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