



I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.
~ Mother Teresa

I have appreciated anew over these past long months of confinement and social restrictions, how important we are to each other. The hearts of all of us here at the Centre have been uplifted and encouraged by your desire to preserve this place that fosters community interconnections and encourages spiritual growth. More so than ever, we are understanding our society's inequities – locally, nationally and globally. May we face this reality with compassion, courage and resolve to come together to reconcile injustice.

May the silence of the hills
The joy of the winds
The peace of the fields
The music of the birds
The fire of the sun
The strength of the trees
And spirit that enlivens us all and binds us together in our common humanity be forever in our hearts.

Let us go to creation and nature to help us on our journey of healing.

Blessings,
Roger Yaworski, SJ
Executive Director, Ignatius Jesuit Centre



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Erik Oland SJ, the Provincial for the Jesuits of Canada, expressed deep sorrow, grief, and solidarity with all who are experiencing the traumatic separations and distress caused by the residential school system, and said: *"Having participated in this system ourselves, we renew our commitment to listening, to learning the truth, to seeking reconciliation, and eventually to moving forward together. As Nunavut Premier Joe Savikataaq said, "In order to move forward, all Canadians must face these horrors, learn the truth, demand justice and work toward meaningful reconciliation on our terms." We make these thoughts and commitments our own."*

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.

Loyola House Retreats & Programs

Many of you will recall that way back in March of 2020 we decided to close Loyola House to on-site retreats; it's now June 2021 - we never could've imagined that Loyola House would still be closed.

Since October of 2020 the retreat house has been serving those in the local community without homes, providing both shelter and food. This initiative has been a grace-filled experience for many and will conclude on October 31 2021.

We are very, very pleased to share the news that we will reopen as a retreat house in April 2022!

You are all so missed and we sure do look forward to seeing you here again. Stay tuned for our 2022 retreats and programs calendar which should be up on our website by early fall.



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)
 - **July 10-11** - Ancient Egyptian thought and Zoroastrianism traditions
- **8-Day Directed Retreat** - August 19-27 - *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*
- **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.
- **Ignatius & Teilhard: On How God Loves Weekend Retreat** - September 10-12 - This virtual guided retreat, based on St. Ignatius' "Contemplation to Know the Love of God" as understood by Teilhard de Chardin, will begin by focusing on images and descriptions of God in Scripture and Tradition. This retreat is being offered online.
- **Feminine Mysticism Weekend Retreat** - October 1-3 - Journeying with Hildegard of Bingen, Margerite Bourgeoys, and ETTY HILLESUM. This retreat is being offered online.

At Ignatius Farm



IGNATIUS FARM ORCHARD UPDATE & UPCOMING WORKSHOP

By Orchardist Matt Soltys

Apples have a long history at the Ignatius Jesuit Centre. The old orchard was planted in 1953, but was removed in 2013 due to accumulated disease pressure and declining production. The community orchard, which is adjacent to the new community garden plots near Loyola House, has been around since 1995, and has been organic since 2004. There are additional apple trees around Ignatius (that can be identified by keen observers) which have gone wild in hedgerows. Tending of the orchard has been inconsistent over the years, and as a result significant populations of insect pests and pathogens have taken up residence in the orchard. Protecting against them is one of my main orchard tasks, and it's a challenge!

One of the main insect pests is Plum Curculio, a small insect who lays eggs in crescent-shaped marks on our apples, pears, and cherries. Damage occurs as soon as the fruit is formed, and the only organic control option is to cover the trees with a thin slurry of a particular type of clay immediately after flowering. Covid-related supply chain challenges prevented me from getting this product in time for effective control, so many fruits have this damage. Some will fall off on their own, and some have been removed during the annual process of hand-thinning. Some mature apples will be left with cosmetic damage but are still fine to eat.

Like everywhere else in southern Ontario, LDD Moths (*Lymantria dispar dispar*) are feeding on our orchard. It is by no means an infestation that threatens to defoliate mature trees, but they are present, and I've hand-crushed many of them. Another insect known as the Leafroller is more of a concern, however sometimes perfect apples can still form despite defoliation nearby on the branch.

If you are interested in learning more, join Matt for a **Summer Pruning and Holistic Fruit Tree Care Workshop**.

- **Workshop Details:** Whether you have a single fruit tree or a small home orchard, this workshop will cover the basic elements of season-round fruit tree care from an organic perspective, with an emphasis on summer pruning. While pruning commonly occurs in late winter, pruning in mid-summer supports a number of important goals. This workshop will take place at the 25-year old orchard at Ignatius Farm, where old and young fruit trees provide a perfect environment to study best practices in fruit tree care.
- **Thursday July 22, 3-5 pm or Saturday July 24, 10am-12pm**
- Email farmregistration@ignatiusguelph.ca to register.

Funding provided by <https://foodfuture.ca/post/guelph-wellington-urban-agriculture-challenge-funds-local-circular-food-security-projects>



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! We have finished the first two months of Term 2 with 34 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 for more information.

Upcoming webinars include *Keeping Sheep on a Vegetable Farm* and *Farmer Reset*.

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

Ignatius Farm New Farmer Training Program



Registration for Term 2 is Open!

Runs May 5-July 28

EFAO.ca/events



Opportunities

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

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

There is still time to sign up! Deadline to register is July 17.

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



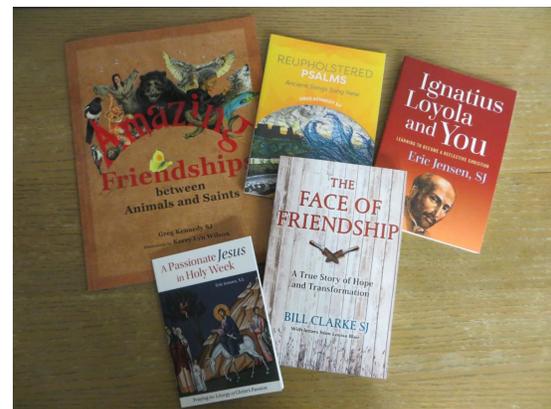
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Summer Reading with IJC Authors

Looking for the perfect summer book? IJC has lots of wonderful options including titles from our own Jesuits on staff. Poetry, memoirs, spirituality resources, and more! Pick a read to suit your mood.

Curbside pickup or mailing options are available. [For a full list of books available click here.](#)

Contact Andrea to get your next great summer read at officecoordinator@ignatiusguelph.ca.



Poetry, stories, and info to reflect on

Listening

By Greg Kennedy, SJ

Marden Creek,
what would it take
to wash my hands clean
of all that humans have stolen?

You slow right down,
then you rage
a few days
after rains
in your thoughtful way.

You have something
to tell me, I'm certain,
but I dropped my cell phone
in your waters under the bridge;
now all I can do is listen
many languages away.
Listen.



Enjoy these pictures of animals around the Centre! Have a blessed day!



There are cows grazing in the fields at Ignatius Farm this year!



Hear the birds sing while walking the trails at Ignatius!



And there are bunnies...

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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