



*We might think we are nurturing our garden,  
but of course it's our garden that is really nurturing us.*

~ Jenny Uplow

## Your Will Can Make A Difference



Today we are partnering with Will Power to launch a national movement to educate Canadians on the power they have to make a difference through their Wills.

### Can I Really Make a Difference with My Will?

By leaving a gift to Ignatius Jesuit Centre in your Will you can make a bigger contribution to spiritual development and ecological engagement than you ever thought possible.

Many donors believe that they can't support both their loved ones *and* their favourite cause with their Will. **The truth is, just a small percentage of your estate left to charity can have a big impact, while still leaving the majority for loved ones. And by choosing to support your charity you can also reduce and, in some cases, even eliminate estate taxes.**

Some donors think they need to be wealthy to make a gift to charity in their Will. Actually, no matter the size of your estate, you can be a part of this powerful movement for change.



**Use the power of your Will to do more!**

Take a look at the free resources and tools on the Will Power website to learn about the [common myths surrounding gifts in Wills](#), [the potential tax benefits](#) and more.

The foresight and generosity of four Ignatius Jesuit Centre legacy donors these past 18 months have made it possible for this Centre to offer our accommodation wing as a pilot location for supported housing and to continue our ecological initiatives – our Old-Growth Forest Project and our community-supported farm, agricultural training and community gardens -- even though we had to cancel our core revenue sources – our retreats and conferencing programs. The impact of these donors' legacy gifts has been tremendous. Yes, you can make a difference!

Blessings,  
**Roger Yaworski, SJ** - Executive Director

*We are a proud partner in the Will Power movement, and [you can visit our Will Power page here](#).*

*Picture - Loyola House Retreat Team*

Make a donation

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 (Vanessa) or Ext 266 (Leanne).

## Loyola House Retreats & Programs

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 in November 2021.

**We will reopen as a retreat house in April 2022!**

Stay tuned for our 2022 retreats and programs calendar on our website this Fall.

***A Place of Peace, Beauty and Sustenance***

*Where nature gives strength to  
mind, body and soul*



### VIRTUAL RETREATS

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

- **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



### Come Visit the Farm Community Gardens & Orchard!

On **September 14 between 4:30-6:30pm** pop by for a self-guided tour and explore the gardens and orchard. Want to learn more...farm staff will be on hand to answer your questions.

Ignatius Jesuit Centre, 5420 Hwy 6 North, Guelph. Follow signs to Loyola House Retreat Centre and park near Community Gardens and start of Community Orchard. Find out more about the City of Guelph Community Garden Festival by visiting: <https://guelph.ca/event/celebrate-community-gardens-with-us/>



While visiting, please wear a mask, stay 2 meters from people you don't live with and use hand sanitizer before entering and exiting.

### Are you interested in starting a farm enterprise or learning more about ecological agriculture?

**Term 3 is open for registration!**

#### Upcoming events:

- Sept 1: Growing herbs for tea
- Sept 15: Virtual field day: Earth Haven Farm
- Sept 20: Preserving the harvest
- Sept 22: Farm Task Focus: Compost tea
- Sept 27: Intro to permaculture
- Sept 29: Virtual Field day: Conscious Kitchen

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.

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. Registration for term 3 is now closed, however if you would still like to sign up you can [email events@efao.ca](mailto:email_events@efao.ca)

See [EFAO.ca/ignatius-new-farmer-training](https://efao.ca/ignatius-new-farmer-training) for more information.

### Ignatius Farm New Farmer Training Program



Registration for Term 3 is Open!

Runs August 11- October 27

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



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

## On the Land at Ignatius

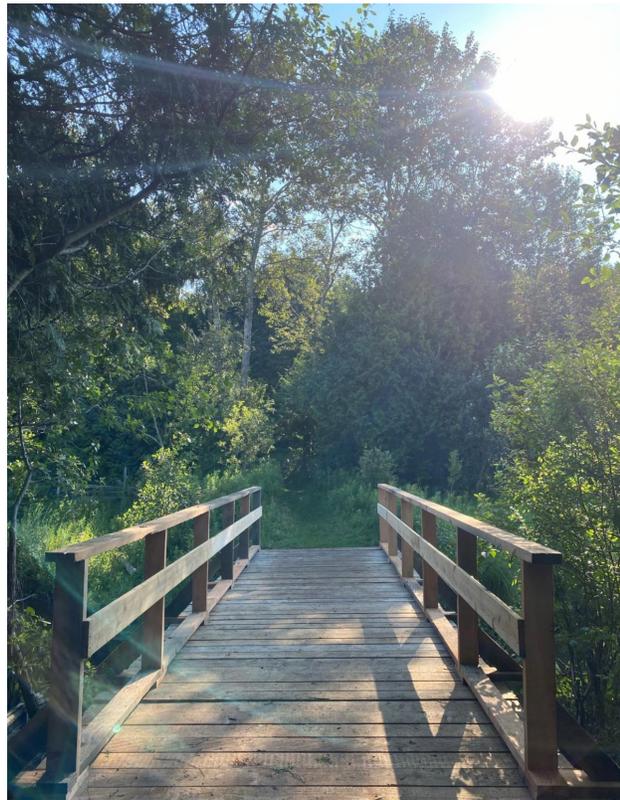
### Marden Creek Restoration

*by Nick Krete, Land Coordinator*

Marden Creek is a small cold water stream that originates North of Guelph Lake, and flows into the Speed River just East of Highway 6 on the Ignatius Jesuit Centre lands. Meandering its way through forest and field, it was determined during the 1980s after widespread adoption of sustainable land-use practices that Marden Creek was an excellent candidate for stream restoration. The IJC lands withhold approximately 20% of Marden Creek's total length. The removal of the IJC dam in 2010 marked the beginning of the ongoing restoration of Marden Creek. As the stream continues to naturalize after the removal of the dam, further restoration is needed to increase water quality and improve habitat for fish and wildlife.



In partnership with Trout Unlimited Canada (TUC) staff, IJC Land and Old-Growth Forest staff spent two days working to help restore a degraded section of Marden Creek just upstream of the timber bridge on the Chardin, SJ trail. This section was plagued by heavy sedimentation, widening and warm water temperatures. Using Christmas trees provided by the Children's Foundation of Guelph and Wellington's ["Trees for Tots" program](#), and Cedar stakes and logs harvested on the IJC land, staff were able to narrow the stream and create a more natural meandering flow pattern. These trees will also act to catch sediment during future flood events, and will eventually become the new stream bank.



### Cattle Bridge Replacement

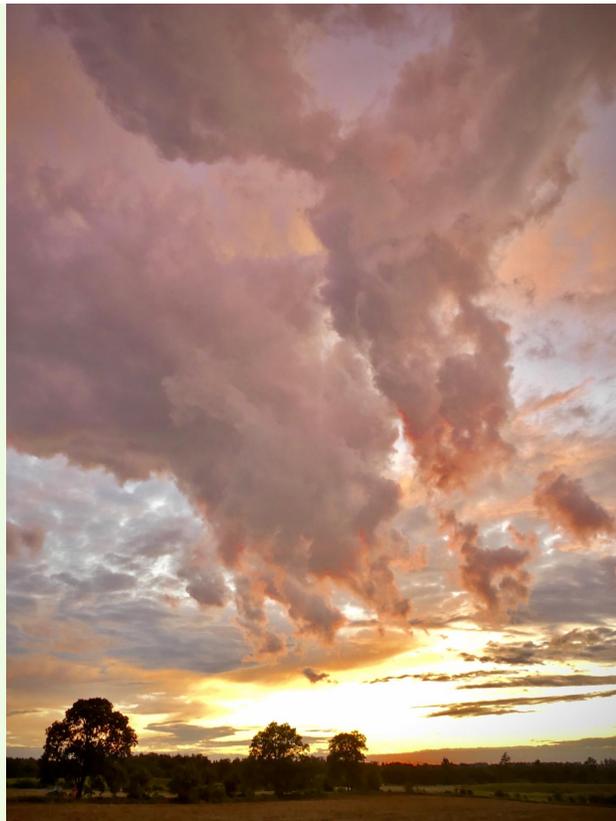
The old 'Cattle Bridge' along the Chardin, SJ trail to the Northeast of Loyola House has been in need of replacement for a few years. With contributions both from IJC and the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Land staff were able to replace this bridge with a new, weather resistant bridge constructed entirely out of heavy Douglas Fir lumber. All of the wood was provided by a local sawmill in West Montrose, Ontario.

**Poetry, stories, and info to reflect on**

## Climate

By Greg Kennedy, SJ

O Climate,  
darling hurting one,  
we're driving to the beach today  
because it's hot  
and we have petrol  
and we're in love  
and it always seems  
under these and similar circumstances  
that it's every man for himself.  
Forgive us  
to the billionth decimal point  
our complicity in your change.  
Please do not smoulder, smoke or smite  
like offended gods of yore.  
We need you to smile on us  
and reconcile our fun today  
with a future in need  
of prenatal healing.  
Climate,  
hurting darling one,  
stir us softly  
and make us medicine  
for the headache we've become.



### We'd love to see you!

Our plan is to fully reopen Loyola House for retreats in the spring of 2022.

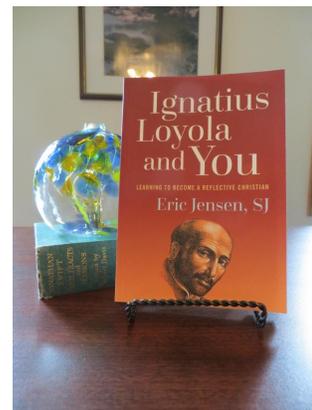
In the meantime we're going to 'unlock' the doors at the Loyola House business entrances starting September 7 from 9am-3pm weekdays.

Maybe there's a book or an IJC pottery mug or a lovely oil lamp that you meant to purchase last year – and now you can!

COVID protocols will be in place – including masks and safe distancing. Come by for a wee visit. We'd love to see you.

### 500th Anniversary Celebration

This year Jesuits worldwide are celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ignatius' conversion after the battle of Pamplona in May of 1521. Read all about it in Eric Jensen's *Ignatius Loyola and You: Learning to Become a Reflective Christian*. Curbside pickup or mailing options are available. Contact Andrea at [officecoordinator@ignatiusguelph.ca](mailto:officecoordinator@ignatiusguelph.ca) to purchase a copy of *Ignatius Loyola and You*. [For a full list of books available click here](#). Also, *Ignatius Loyola and You: Learning to Become a Reflective Christian*, has just been published in Taiwan in a Chinese translation. [Click here](#) to purchase the translated book directly from Taiwan.



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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