



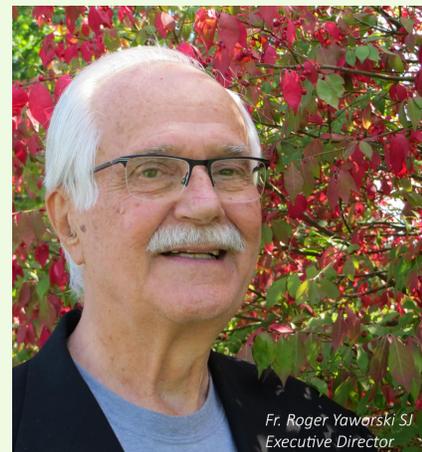
Silence gives us a new outlook on everything.

~ Mother Teresa

Dear Marketing,

We are so pleased to share with you that the Ignatius Jesuit Centre's Loyola House will be reopening to on-site retreats, programs and conferences in April 2022. It's been much too long without your presence! Plans are well underway on how best to reopen so that your return will be safe, nourishing and restorative.

The contract with Wellington County for the Loyola House Supportive Temporary Housing Pilot (LHSTAP) will conclude at the end of November 2021. The 13 months with these kind folks has been grace-filled and they will be missed. This contract has given us the breathing space to adjust to each new uncertainty and to now plan for our reopening.



Fr. Roger Yaworski SJ
Executive Director

In preparation for your return we will enter into a few months of upgrades – new beds, flooring and ensuite washrooms, all in preparation for the return of retreatants and community groups. This work will take place Dec 1 - March 25 -- in time to reopen at the end of March 2022.

Although the loss of revenue from retreats and conferences has been our greatest challenge, your generosity has kept us operational. We're appealing for your generosity once again so we can add 20 ensuite washrooms. We need to raise \$500,000 for this construction.

Several major donors have contributed and we've already reached a total of \$200,000 so far.

We hear your enthusiasm to resume retreats here at Loyola House...

- "My one experience at Loyola House was unforgettable - I look forward to the next one."
- "Everything is so in tune with Ignatian spirituality and finding God in all things, ecumenical faith retreats, shortened 3-5 days for those who can't do 8 days, music and poetry and images."
- "Each experience and event is blessed with faith, hope and love for all."

Your enthusiasm to return here gives us confidence that our investment in these renovations will allow us to offer you the same quality of retreat experience you've come to expect at Loyola House, with enhanced safety.

We ask for your prayers and, if you are able, your donations (no matter how small) to assist us with maintaining this place where Creation gives strength to mind, body and soul.

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@ignatiushouse.ca or phone 519-824-1250 Ext 257 (Vanessa) or Ext 266 (Leanne).

Loyola House Retreats & Programs

VIRTUAL RETREATS [can be found here!](#)

- **Advent Weekend Retreat** - December 3-5
- **Ignatian Spirituality 5-Day Retreat** - January 17-22
- **Let us Dream Weekend Retreat** - NEW! - January 28-30
- **8-Day Directed Retreat** - Feb. 6-14 - *Take a shorter retreat within these dates - contact registration@ignatiushouse.ca*
- **Ignatius & Teilhard 5-Day Retreat** - February 17-22
- **Finding Your Way: Weekend of Discernment** - February 25-27

Stay tuned for the return of our in-house retreats and programs beginning in April 2022!



Old-Growth Forest Upcoming Events

Wholistic Restoration:

A braided journey toward a more sustainable and reciprocal relationship with Mother Earth and each other

The Old-Growth Forest Project will be hosting a four-part webinar series on wholistic restoration on:

- November 23 & 25
- December 7 & 9

The sessions will be presented by both Indigenous and non-Indigenous practitioners in ecology, land-based education, and research. Together, we will strive to unpack our diverse worldviews, the process of learning, and understanding the connections between humanity and nature. The discussions will guide us through the journey of re-evaluating personal attitudes and assumptions, and the process of decolonizing *how* we come to know and what we perceive as valuable. The journey includes the process of decolonizing our knowledge and view of nature, reconciliation with all our relations, how to care for the 'Land', and opportunities and pathways to work together and give back.

A braided journey toward

Wholistic Restoration

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6:30-8PM

Decolonizing worldviews • Reconciliation with all our relations
• Caring for the Land • Working together and giving back

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TO REGISTER, VISIT THE EVENTS PAGE AT IGNATIUSHOUSE.CA

This webinar series will be presented via Zoom from 6:30-8pm, with time for questions at the end of each session. For more information on the topics, speakers and how to register, [visit the events page here.](#)

At Ignatius Farm



Intern Cathy read the memo to dress up for Hallowe'en!



Farmers Don and Christine repairing the tractor on a beautiful late October afternoon.

CSA & Community Garden registration for 2022 will open in December. Stay up to date with what's happening at the Farm by subscribing to the [Farm E-News here](#).

Term 4 started Nov 1 & will wrap up Nov 17!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our program this year! We will graduate 14 participants from the full program.

We ran 54 web events between April and mid-November with over 193 unique participants. Here is what participants have said:

"I really wanted to extend my deepest appreciation to the staff behind the Ignatius new farmer training program. This program through its well-developed learning materials and resources, provided by knowledgeable experienced coordinators, guest speakers and farmers, provided me with exceptional knowledge and made me more confident toward my farming journey."

November 19 we say good-bye to our wonderful interns; Chris, Steve, Jennica, and Cathy. We wish you all the best in your next farming adventures!

Ignatius Farm New Farmer Training Program



Registration for Term 4 is Open!

Runs November 1-17

EFAO.ca/events



Poetry, stories, and info to reflect on

The Tree Unseen

By Greg Kennedy, SJ

The tree unseen
Feels, grips and speaks truly
In languages below sound
With tongues not its own.

And slowly she who walks slowly above
And slowly he who weeps gently into its grip
And slowly they who truly touch the trunk
Coming out of tongues below sound
See the tree unseen
With eyes not their own
With eyes multiplied into forests
Speaking languages no body has ever learned
Not she
Not he
Not they
Except by full immersion.



HOLIDAY GIFTS at IJC

Come in for a visit and to do some shopping. Our mugs, lamps, books, IJC t-shirts and bags are all available. You will find the perfect gift for a loved one...or yourself. Come by between 9am-3pm to see what is available. See you soon!

Questions? Email Andrea at officecoordinator@ignatiusguelph.ca





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PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

FOR RESEARCH IN FARMING, THE
ENVIRONMENT & CATHOLIC ORGANIZATIONS

We're looking for volunteers to take part in a study about how the training programs of Catholic organizations influence Canadian farming communities. We're asking for participants at Ignatius Jesuit Centre and Ignatius Farm to complete a short online survey about how your membership, religious beliefs, and environmental views relate to your practices around food and farming. The survey will take 10-15 minutes, and responses will be anonymous.

Click on the survey link, or copy and paste it to your browser:

https://uwaterloo.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_djqM7uHHMMULrL

For more information about this study, or to volunteer, please contact Ben Szoller, Department of Religious Studies, at 416-458-1404 or ben.szoller@uwaterloo.ca

[Survey Link](#)

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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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