



# JESUIT RETREAT HOUSE

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*a place of peace*

*You are the one we are waiting for.*

~ Clem Metzger, S.J.



Dear Friend of JRH,

In many ways I envy George Mravetz, supervisor of maintenance here at the JRH. George communes with nature every day as he beautifies our grounds, tending to the fragile growth, warning the heartier to pull back a bit, tugging at the roots of invaders like ragweed and the deceitful Queen Anne lace. Whenever George observes a poignant moment in nature, like the time he observed a newborn fawn curled against a tree waiting for its mother to return, he invites us outdoors to share in that grace.

In the same way, I am inviting you to a time of grace, a time to re-focus your life while reveling in the goodness of God. The Jesuit Retreat House is the place where we are truly waiting for you - only you - to settle down and drink deeply of God's love for you. Perhaps you thirst for God like the deer written of in the psalms "*who yearns for running water.*" Or perhaps you are experiencing a holy restlessness looking for God as captured in *The Pulley*, a lovely poem by George Herbert, which closes by saying that if one's God-given gifts do not bring that person to God, the heart always has, at its base, the gift of restlessness which "*will toss him to my breast.*"

Please study our schedule, which is edited weekly and posted online at our website [www.jrh-cleveland.org](http://www.jrh-cleveland.org). Notice the dates of 2010-2011 programs listed in this newsletter as well as descriptions of upcoming August-November programs: including our Teacher's Days, Pancake Breakfast, Father-Son Retreat, and 24 Hour Retreat on "letting go" in the Ignatian tradition. I hope you will consider attending one of our programs and inviting a friend, family member, or colleague who may need some quiet time for themselves, too.

This summer our place of peace has been very busy with individually directed retreats and the occasional group retreat, and yet we have also gone beyond our holy ground to serve the spiritual needs of others. Fr. Carl Bonk, S.J. has given retreats in Bedford and Cincinnati, Ohio, I have given a weeklong retreat to the Ursuline Sisters in Pepper Pike, Ohio, and Fr. Jack Dister, S.J. will be giving a weeklong retreat in North Dakota to women religious. We continue to work hard for the greater glory of God offsite as well as at this blessed place.

We are here for *you*, and my thoughts and prayers are ever with you.

**Sr. Mary Ann Flannery, S.C.**  
*Executive Director*

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## **Our Mission:**

*Inspired by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, rooted in the spirituality of St. Ignatius, the Jesuit Retreat House provides a sacred setting for retreats and programs of growth and development for people in the contemporary Church and society.*



Martha loves nature, so she is glad to be working in one of northeast Ohio's most beautiful places.

## Introducing: Martha Campbell

### *Bringing a Listening Ear and Open Heart to Lay Leadership*

Upon meeting Martha Campbell, director of lay leadership programming at JRH, one is reminded of the biblical wisdom that God is found not in the powerful storm but in the soft whisper. A self-described "spiritual seeker," Martha has attempted to listen to the whisper of God in her open, attentive heart guiding her along a winding journey to JRH.

Martha's journey began with a firm grounding in faith, having attended St. Mary of the Falls Parish in Olmsted Falls and St. Joseph Academy in Cleveland. After beginning her life of ministry as a teacher and director of religious education, she earned a Masters in religious studies and a doctorate in clinical psychology, working as a psychologist for 15 years. Again, her path took a turn, and she directed an ecumenical spiritual guidance program in the Baltimore-Washington D.C. area. Finally, after discerning a call to spiritual formation, Martha landed the position at JRH and arrived here this past May.

Martha's journey was well worth the trip, for she brings a wealth of talent, knowledge, and experience to her new role as director of lay leadership. She has spent her first two months at JRH conversing with and listening to more than 20 lay leaders in Ignatian ministry. In the process, she has discerned the widespread desire for a deepened prayer life that JRH is poised to nourish. She said, "I see an incredible hunger in people for meaning, and JRH is being called very strongly to give God's people rich and good food."

Martha's immediate efforts include getting to know the persons involved in our collaborative ministries group and the leaders of the parish retreats. She will then design a program for ongoing education and spiritual development for the laity involved in all phases of Catholic institutional ministries. Martha looks to move forward with her colleagues in Ignatian ministry, and we at JRH gladly walk with her.

## Hearts on Fire: May 14, 2010

### *an elegant event on a beautiful spring evening at JRH*

Our Hearts on Fire fundraising event proved to be a success, with more than 300 people turning out to support our spiritual ministry as well as honor the 2010 recipients of the Ignatian Spirituality Award: Daniel B. Cotter and Rev. Jack White, S.J. They were honored for their dedicated efforts promoting the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. At the same time, JRH was honored by the presence and generosity of so many of our friends, and we wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all of you. Please visit <http://www.jrh-cleveland.org/heartsonfire.html> for photos and a link to the program booklet, which includes our list of event sponsors. We pray for and thank God for all of you because you make it possible for us to provide Kairos retreats for high school students, weekend recovery retreats for AA members, and holy ground for all people seeking God with earnest hearts.



*Pictured above right (L-R): event co-chairs Gerry & Laura Ramella, (L-R) event honoree Jack White, S.J., and event co-chairs Rita & Peter Carfagna. Pictured bottom right (L-R): JRH director Mary Ann Flannery, S.C., Liz Cotter, Claire Cotter, Brady Cotter, and event honoree Dan Cotter.*

## We Thank You

*for all the ways you support our ministry*



As the Beatles once said, we “get by with a little help from our friends,” and that is certainly true at Jesuit Retreat House. Below are some friends who have been helping out lately:

- ❖ **Philip Fogarty (Weed Man Company)** - donated weed control products to help protect our plants, trees, and grasses.
- ❖ **Gesu Parish** - donated 2 wooden church benches, one of which sits just inside our front door.
- ❖ **Ron Meszoros & Bob Sykora** donated painting supplies as well as their time and energy to paint our hallways.

Many thanks to these and to all of our friends for helping us provide a holy place for finding God!



Ron Meszoros (top) and Bob Sykora of the St. Ignatius High School Class of 1959 came by in June to volunteer their time painting the hallways where our guestrooms are located, making them look fresh for our retreatants

## We Need You

*to keep on truckin’*



\$5,000

\$27,000

For the past year JRH has been looking to purchase a **new truck with snowplow**, an essential piece of equipment for clearing our driveway and lot during winter as well as hauling materials throughout the year.

This past spring we brought in \$5,000 through your generous donations to the memory of our friend Clem Metzger, S.J, and so we express our heartfelt thanks. Now we need to take it a step further to reach our goal. Help us preserve our holy ground for our guests by contacting us at (440) 884-9300 or jrhcleveland@att.net with leads on larger gifts (individual contributions, grants, matching or inkind gifts, etc) that help us leverage the truck purchase. Thank you!

## House Happenings

### Pancake Breakfast: September 12, 8a.m. - 12p.m.

Start off your Sunday with a hearty breakfast and a refreshing walk on our grounds. We will be serving tasty hotcakes with syrup, sausage, and juice, so come and bring some hungry friends and family members! Cost is \$6/adult, \$4/child aged 3-8 years..

### Summer Retreatants: Finding God In Silence and Prayer

The heart and soul of Ignatian spirituality may be found in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. It is a vital part of our mission to give the Exercises to spiritual seekers making individually directed retreats. This past summer JRH welcomed 46 retreatants from such locales as Wisconsin, California, and even Bangladesh. May they return refreshed!

### Wish List

- ❖ Truck & Plow
- ❖ Garden tools or chapel items from closing churches
- ❖ Industrial strength floor buffer
- ❖ Coffee hotplate for Metzger Room
- ❖ Updated computer equipment
- ❖ Updated microphone and speaker system



### See God’s Work in Nature at Jesuit Retreat House

The baby raccoon pictured above, found by JRH maintenance supervisor George Mravetz, is one of many residents living on the JRH grounds. JRH preserves 57 acres of natural habitat for a wondrous array of plants and animals. Making a retreat at our place of peace is a terrific way to “see God in all things.” Come and enjoy the beauty of God’s creation!

*Remember JRH in your will! Call (440) 884-9300 to arrange.*

# Upcoming Programs: August - November

## A Summer Evening of Poetry - August 31

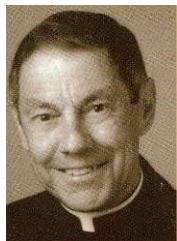
led by Rev. Carl Bonk, S.J.



Many people turn to poetry as a source of prayer and a way to reach down into their innermost selves. This evening program will feature the spiritual poetry of Gerard Manley Hopkins, S.J., Jessica Powers, Mary Oliver, and others. If you are a poet yourself, we invite you to bring some of your own writings to share with us. This evening of poetry takes place outdoors on the beautiful JRH grounds (be sure to bring a blanket or lawnchair to sit upon) from 7-9 p.m. and costs \$15/person. Register by **August 27**.

## Gone to the Dogs: An Incredible Journey - September 15

presented by Rev. Joseph Kraker, pastor of St. Vincent Parish and author of *Vinnie Here*



We can learn about where we are going by reflecting on where others have been, and Fr. Joseph Kraker has quite a story to tell. During this day retreat he will share life lessons learned on his journey from television, to pastor, to author of two books with his church dog, Vinnie. It will warm your heart and increase your awareness of what animals can teach us. The retreat takes place from 9am-2:30pm and costs \$25, including lunch. Come for an intriguing day of reflection with a dynamic speaker who has keen insights to share. Register by **September 10**.

## Women's Morning Prayer Group - Sept 27, Oct 25, & Nov 22

led by JRH director Sr. Mary Ann Flannery, S.C.

Are you looking for a new spiritual experience? Do you need to put your busy life on hold for a few minutes? We will learn different prayer forms and share Scripture together. Bring a notebook and your Bible, and come as you are: we would be grateful for your presence. The morning prayer takes place from 9:30-10:45a.m., costs \$5/session, and includes coffee and pastry.



## Mary, the Magnificat, & the Rosary - October 12

presented by Sr. Marian Durkin, C.S.A.



October is a month of devotion to our Blessed Mother, so all are invited to come for a Marian day of prayer. Experienced retreat director and Rosary devotee Sr. Marian Durkin will reflect on the Magnificat and review the history of the Rosary. There will also be time for quiet reflection and closing Mass. The retreat takes place 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., and costs \$25, including lunch. Register by **October 8**.

## Father-Son Day Retreat - October 31

presented by Rev. Carl Bonk, S.J., along with Jim and Brett McCarty

A Sunday afternoon of sharing quality time for fathers and sons, featuring presentations on Jesus as the model for Christian manhood and his relationship with the Father he called "Abba," an inspirational look at "Team Hoyt" - the story of a father and his physically-challenged son - and a presentation by Plain Dealer columnist Jim McCarty and his son, Brett, on their shared love for bird watching. The retreat takes place from 1-5p.m and costs \$15 for one person, \$25 for two. **Register by Oct. 27.**



# Upcoming Programs: August - November

## Ignatian Discernment & Letting Go: September 17-18

presented by Rev. Jack Dister, S.J.



We have all been touched by loss at some point in our lives, and we have to find a way to deal with it. This 24-hour retreat will help. It is designed for those responding to personal loss of a loved one by death or divorce, or who have otherwise experienced painful separation or disappointment. Jack Dister, S.J., an experienced retreat director and chaplain for the Cleveland Clinic, will help you cultivate a liberating sense of detachment and spiritual freedom as expressed in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Retreat activities include presentations, guided scriptural prayer, and small group sharing. It begins with Friday supper at 6 p.m. and costs \$80. Register by **Sept. 14**.

## Save the Dates: November 2010 - April 2011

### November

- 5-7 Sr. Ignatia AA Women's Retreat
- 8 Financial Loss & Simple Living (day & evening retreats)
- 11 & 18 Vatican II, Catholic Identity, & Lay Empowerment  
~ 2 evening programs on *Lumen Gentium* and *Gaudium et Spes*
- 19-20 Retreat for Alumni of St. Ignatius High School
- 21 Pre-Cana Program
- 22 Morning Prayer Group for Women
- 29 Advent Reflection: Dr. Joseph Kelly (evening presentation)

### December

- 3-5 Advent Weekend Retreat
- 8 Pre-Baptism Class
- 13 Advent Luncheon: Bishop Emeritus Anthony Pilla
- 15 Advent Day & Evening Retreats
- 17-19 Calix AA Men's Retreat: presented by Fr. Jim Schmitz
- 24 Christmas Eve Mass (4p.m.)
- Dec 31 - Jan 1 New Year's Eve Retreat

### January

- 9-16 8-day Individually-Directed Retreat
- 23 Pre-Cana Program

### February

- 7 Pre-Baptism Class
- 18-20 Rosary Hall AA Men's Retreat
- 20 Pre-Cana Program

### March

- 13 Lenten Music Concert
- 14 & 28 Lenten Luncheons
- 20 Pre-Cana Program
- 25-27 Men's Lenten Retreat

### April

- 4 Lenten Luncheon
- 14 Reading Literature with a Spiritual Eye (evening talk)
- 15-17 Women's Lenten Retreat
- 17 Pre-Cana Program
- 18-22 Holy Week Individually-Directed Retreat
- 21/22 Holy Thursday/Good Friday Days of Prayer

We welcome you to register for any of the programs listed in this newsletter by sending in the form below, calling (440) 884-9300 or visiting [www.jrh-cleveland.org](http://www.jrh-cleveland.org).

### Retreat Registration Form

Please send full payment along with this registration form to  
**Jesuit Retreat House, 5629 State Rd / Parma, OH 44134** or register online at [www.jrh-cleveland.org](http://www.jrh-cleveland.org).

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