



Manresa Matters

Manresa Jesuit Retreat House

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To help men and women grow spiritually through prayer, reflection, guidance, and teaching according to the Ignatian tradition



The Jesuits and Staff of Manresa
Wish You and Your Family
A Joyful Christmas
And a New Year
Filled with God's Blessings

Christmas is upon us already. Shoppers are treading through stores, Christmas trees are lined up like hedge rows on every other corner and the music of the season is played on every radio station. There are smiles everywhere too and we would like to add another reason for it by inviting you to 2 wonderful events to get you in the right mood.

The first is our annual Open House on December 4th starting at 2:00 PM. The Retreat House will be dressed in its finest regalia, beautiful trees will adorn the Library, Lounge and especially the Chapel and some tantalizing treats will send tempting wafts of savory aromas from the dining room. The Chairs for the event, Jerry and Carole Sugrue, will have expert guides to take you through the house, explain some of the history and tell you about the special people who have served at Manresa over the many years. Invite some neighbors, relatives and friends to join you for the afternoon and finish the visit by participating in the Evensong at 5:30 PM in the Chapel. It is a unique and spirit filled time to share.

Speaking of Spirit-filled, do not miss the Metro Catholic Gospel Choir the following Sunday, December 11 starting at 3:00 PM (Doors open at 2:00 PM). This 25 member choir has performed throughout the metro area including celebrating the ordination of Bishop Moses B. Anderson, S.S.E. at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, revivals, church and prayer services, vigils, local and national conferences, diocesan programs and citywide events throughout the Metropolitan Detroit area, other states and Canada. You will be swaying in your chairs and standing on your feet by the end of their performance. It will be a joyful celebration of Christmas and after the music we will meet them in an afterglow with some of Manresa's special holiday baked goods, punch and seriously delicious treats. The price for the concert is \$25, the proceeds going to help Manresa maintain our concert grand piano. Come usher in the season with JOY!



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From the Director

As we approach the Christmas holidays, I would like to extend our very best wishes to all members of our extended Manresa family. We are coming to the end of one year and the beginning of another—a good time for us to give thanks for the graces of the past, and ask the Lord's blessing on the days to come. We have

much to give thanks for, not least the community that gathers here on weekday mornings to join us in prayer and the Eucharist. We are also grateful for the growing number of men and women who join us to take part in our mid-week and weekend retreats. The number of first-time retreatants is very gratifying, while the quality of silence on our retreats is evidence that even our traditional retreatants are entering more deeply into the spirit of the Ignatian Exercises. Thanks to your generosity we have been able to make some significant improvements to the grounds over the past year, improvements which we hope will make Manresa a more welcoming and attractive location for those seeking time away to renew and deepen their relationship with the Lord. On another note, we are grateful for the many innovations to our 'way of proceeding' which has enabled us to improve our financial picture. We owe both Hugh Buchanan and Tom Hurley a debt of gratitude for helping the house return to a more solid financial footing.

Looking ahead, we hope that the Lord will bless our efforts as we plan to expand our programs to reach new audiences and groups with special needs. We are also looking for ways to engage the members of our Manresa community in sharing their individual stories of how they integrate spirituality into their professional lives and find ways to incorporate what they learn on retreat into the ordinariness of daily life. We also hope that in the coming year as we grow into the new liturgical texts we will be able to also grow as a Eucharistic community, learning to embody the Spirit of Christ more effectively for our world today. Finally, we pray that the Lord will guide us in the months ahead as we face the challenge of updating our facilities and improving our ability to serve those who come to Manresa on their spiritual journeys.

Christmas is a time of year to contemplate the Child Jesus in whom we discover God's incarnate love for us and for his creation. Let us ask, as Ignatius would have us do in the meditation on the Incarnation, "for an interior knowledge of Our Lord, who became human for me, that I may love him more intensely and follow him more closely." [Spiritual Exercises, 104]

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Greg Hyde, S.J.
Executive Director Manresa Jesuit Retreat House



Volunteer Corner: Spotlight on Mary Jo Henry

The week before my annual retreat and I was contemplating the upcoming weekend with some relish. Just settling in after dinner, the telephone rings. I already know who is on the other end of the line. My wife answers the phone and I hear one end of the conversation. “Why hello Mary Jo, how are you? He is here, but tell me what is going on at Manresa!”

Eventually I’ll get the phone and hear that wonderful kind voice at the other end of the line and I’ll know my place at Manresa is waiting for me. Mary Jo Henry has been making telephone calls to retreatants since 1986 when Fr. Simon answered Mary Jo’s simple query, “Father, if anyone is looking for part-time help, I’m available.” “Can you type?” he asked. “No”, was the reply, but aren’t we all glad that didn’t matter to Fr. Simon?

Mary Jo began coming to Manresa to have Masses said for people she knew. Living just down the street on Big Beaver Road, she was naturally drawn to the Jesuit institution because she grew up going to Gesu Parish in Detroit. After a year at Notre Dame, she transferred to U of D when women were first admitted in the early fifties. There were many late nights studying in the library along with another student named Bob Henry. Believe it or not, that is where they met. “Those were good days,” Mary Jo said through a wide smile as the recollection flooded her memory. “In the library no less!”

Mary Jo became Mrs. Bob Henry in 1954 after graduating from U of D with a teaching degree. Young Bob would go on to get his Masters while Mary Jo began a long career substitute teaching and raising 10 children. The couple moved for a short time to Arizona (enough time to have three children). Moving back from Arizona, the family settled in Troy, much to our good fortune. The children went to Brother Rice and Marian High Schools and Mary Jo became a fixture at Manresa.



“Calling people on the telephone before their retreat is so important. I was making my calls from Manresa and one day I just asked Fr. Simon if I could come on Friday to meet some of these people I talk to every year when they arrived. He thought that was a great idea and I began right away. I met so many good people and quite a few were my classmates at U of D and Gesu Parish.”

She relishes the memories of many good priests too. “Fr. McGrail was just simply a wonderful, bright man. Many times we couldn’t find him until we looked in the small chapel which was in the new wing. He would be in there praying.” During our talk together, Mary Jo named many of the directors and priests who served at Manresa through the last thirty years. All were remembered with a deep sense of love and appreciation and not a small number of humorous episodes.

Manresa and Mary Jo Henry. The two histories are inextricably tied and as a retreatant, I am sincerely blessed God enabled it to happen that way.

MOZART AND MORE!

Featuring

The Woodward Corridor Musicians



Chamber Music at Manresa Great Double Treat!

Sunday

January 29, 2012

3:00 P.M.

In Wernert Lounge

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MOZART AND MORE!

Featuring

Carl Cafagna & The North Star Saxophone Quartet



Upcoming Program Offerings at Manresa

Registration: Credit card payment accepted by phone 248.644.4933 or online www.manresa-sj.org
or by check payable to Manresa, 1390 Quarton Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-3554

I – EXTENDED PROGRAMS

Paul's Letters to the Galatians and the Philippians with Jan Fletcher

The letter to the Galatians has been called one of the most important documents of early Christianity. In it Paul forcefully defends his proclamation of the Gospel, and what the letter lacks in length it surely makes up for in theological argumentation and fury!



His letter to the Philippians, on the other hand, reveals a different Paul, a man who writes affectionately to the Christians at Philippi and who inspires the devotion and love of those he evangelizes. In these two brief letters we experience the faith and commitment, the gentleness and the passion of the man who is Paul of Tarsus. Join us as we get to know Paul better!

Tuesdays: Jan. 24; Feb. 7 & 21; March 6 & 20; Apr. 3 & 17

Time: 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$75 per person [\$40 for additional family member].
Cost includes a \$20 nonrefundable registration fee
(\$10 for an additional family member).

To register: Mail deposit to Janis Fletcher, 28511 Lathrup Blvd,
Lathrup Village MI 48076 by January 13, 2012. Please include your
address, email address, and phone number. For more information
call Jan at 248.569.2802. or Scripturewithjan@yahoo.com

Manresa's God in All Series

Imagination as Revelation;

Truthful Fictions in Sacred and Secular Literature

"All stories are true, and some are based on fact." Walter Brughart, SJ

Believing that God is present and active in all things, Justin Kelly, SJ will lead a seminar exploring a series of texts, scriptural and literary, in order to uncover their spiritual and religious meaning. The Bible makes use of literary forms – metaphor, drama, fiction, poetry, songs – to convey theological truths. A careful study of these texts will show the literary minds of the sacred writers at work, the human religious imagination serving as a vehicle of divine revelation. Focus will be given to the opening chapters of the Book of Genesis and the Gospels of Mark and John. Some more recent works of fiction and poetry also bear witness to the imagination's power to shed light on the truths of the Christian faith.

Literary texts to be explored include:

- C.S. Lewis' *The Great Divorce*
- Jane Austin's *Pride and Prejudice*
- T.S. Eliot's *Four Quartets*
- Poetry of Gerald Manley Hopkins



Facilitator: Justin Kelly, SJ

Professor of Theology and Literature at University of Detroit Mercy

Time: 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM

Dates: January 16, 30; February 13, 27; March 12, 26; April 9, 23

Cost: \$80 for the series; \$10 for each session

Christian Yoga: Supporting an Ignatian Journey

Finding God in all things, moving forward from where you are now to discover a new place of fulfillment, joy and peace; we offer you Christian Yoga, a practice of asana postures, prayer and Christian music to awaken your whole being to a consciousness of God's presence everywhere. Join with us to explore the spirituality of St. Ignatius – it is a journey into the community that God invites each of us into, to be in communion with Him. Christian Yoga will touch upon the prayer traditions and exercises in Ignatian Spirituality and move us closer to finding the peace and love that comes from resting in the God who is everywhere.



Leader: Grace Seroka: Graduate of the Ignatian Spirituality Program. Certified instructor and member of YAGD (Yoga Association of Greater Detroit)

Date: Monday Evenings 5:30 – 6:45 PM: Session I: Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30, Feb. 6, and 13; Session II: February 27; March 5, 12, 19 and 26; April 2

Cost: \$60 for Session I or Session II paid in advance. Drop-in for single classes are \$12. Payments can be made the day of the class.

Equipment: Please bring your exercise mat and blanket or towel (some extra mats are available for your use.)

Therapeutic bands are needed and are available for purchase at a cost of \$8.

I—Extended PROGRAMS [Register Online](#)

Learning How to Pray with the Bible

A Way To Prepare for Lent and Easter, 2011

You are invited to an 8-Week Program that teaches you how to meditate and contemplate the great themes and stories of the Bible by using the methods of prayer drawn from St. Ignatius of Loyola's Spiritual Exercises. Please note, this is not Bible Study but Bible-based Prayer.

Program Leaders: Members of the Second Year of Manresa's Internship in Ignatian Spirituality

When: Tuesdays: March 1--April 19, 2011

Time: 7:00 –9:30 PM

Materials Needed: A contemporary translation of the Bible and a notebook with pen

Cost: \$50.00 per person. A \$20 non-refundable deposit will be required at the time of registration



II—OVERNIGHT PROGRAMS

Palm Sunday Mini-Retreat for Women

What better way to prayerfully and reflectively begin Holy Week than in the company of other women in the sacred space of Manresa? We are pleased to offer a mini-retreat for women which will begin at 3 PM on Palm Sunday, April 1, 2012, and end after lunch on Monday, April 2. There will be Sunday liturgy and time for sharing as well as silent reflection and prayer. On Monday morning we will join the Women to Women prayer group to break open the story of the woman who had a powerful encounter with Jesus just before His Passion. The \$75 cost includes 3 meals and a private room.

Facilitators: Mary McKeon and Diane Neville

Date: April 1-2, 2012

Time: Begins Palm Sunday at 6:00 P.M.

Ends following lunch on Monday

Cost: \$75 (A \$20 non-refundable deposit will be asked when you register.)



III—ONE-DAY PROGRAMS

FOR WOMEN ONLY

Come join other women as we journey with Mary, Mother of Jesus, on the road to Calvary. The Wednesday of Holy Week, April 4th, provides a prayerful opportunity to see through Mary's eyes, and to give personal reflection to the depth and significance of Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

The \$35.00 cost includes dinner.

Facilitator: Mary McKeon

Date: April 4, 2012

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:15 PM

Registration and time for personal prayer-5:30-6:00 PM

A \$10 deposit (nonrefundable) will be required



Manresa Lay Retreatants League—join with us.

It is an opportunity to deepen your relationship with God through exercising Ignatian values and practices. Attend a day of recollection as the guest of Manresa, enjoy discounts on all books and accessories and join others in intercession for other retreatants. It is nothing less than an opportunity to serve the Body of Christ.

For more information, call Hugh Buchanan at 248.644.4933, extension 11

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\$30 Annual Dues

Spirit of Manresa, 2011 300 attend Dinner and Auction

The Eighth annual Spirit of Manresa Dinner and Auction was held with great excitement at the Marriott Hotel in Troy on September 24th with 300 people joining in a celebration of the Manresa community. Almost 200 wonderful items were auctioned in silent bidding and exciting live action spurred on by Charles Wickins, the English Auctioneer. The dinner and awards were introduced by master of ceremonies Vic Faust of WXYZ TV's Action News.

Honoring the Catholic High School leadership in the area, Fr. Gregory Hyde, SJ, connected the work of kindling the fire at Manresa with the all-important effort of providing sparks within the students attending their schools. "Events like Kairos retreats for high school students are a vital



part of the ministry we share, bringing Christ to the center of the lives of young people and kindling a love of God that will affect the rest of their lives." We look forward to the opportunity to continue and broaden our relationship with the educational community.

Highlighting the night were the presentation of awards to Bob and Lee Kendell for their untiring volunteer commitment to Manresa, Mrs. Marge Orlando for Ignatian Spirituality and the Hispanic group, *Rincon Ignaciano* with the Manresa Leadership Award. Our deep appreciation goes out to all the volunteers and the General Chairs, Larry and Crystal Davidson, Steve and Susan Raymond and Keller and Debra McGaffey, who contributed many hours collecting gifts from patrons and merchants, preparing envelopes, selling tickets and donating their evening to insure all enjoyed the night. It certainly could not happen without their unselfish spirit.



The Manresa Cross... is now available to Manresa's Retreatants.



This unique cross has been designed and created by David Wachler and Sons, Jewelers of Birmingham. It is a representation of the cross in the stained glass window behind the altar in the Manresa Chapel and would make a beautiful addition to anyone's jewelry collection. The sterling silver cross is highlighted with the letters "AMDG" meaning "for the greater glory of God." The cross can be worn by either a man or woman and the chain's length is adjustable.

Order now for yourself or your loved one for delivery at Christmas!

Manresa is pleased to offer the cross and 20 inch chain in sterling silver at a price of \$350.00. Please call the Manresa office for more information and to place your order – 248.644.4933 of office@manresa-sj.org.

Returning to the Emerald Isle

Fr. Fennessy is planning to visit his ancestral Ireland for St. Patrick's Day 2013. We leave Detroit Monday March 11 and get back Thursday March 21 in time for Holy Week. The tour goes to Dublin, Glendalough, Waterford, Blarney Castle, Killarney, the Ring of Kerry, the Cliffs of Moher, Galway, Connemara, Knock, Sligo, and Donegal. And the basic price including air from New York is \$1999. Think about it, maybe pencil it into your calendar, and if you are at all interested, let us know and we'll send you a brochure as soon as they become available.



Manresa Concert Series A Spirit-Filled Christmas Concert

December 11 2011
featuring

The Metro Catholic Gospel Choir

The Performance begins at 3:00 PM;
Doors Open at 2:00 PM

[Order tickets online](#) before we sell out; only \$25.
An afterglow will be in the Manresa dining room



ENJOY ITALY NEXT MAY 14-28 2012

Dear Friends of Manresa,

I am leading a two week tour and pilgrimage to some of the most beautiful and spiritually significant places in Italy from May 14-28, 2012. Wouldn't it be great if you could join me and others for this unforgettable time!

We will be going to Rome, Assisi, Greccio, Arezzo, LaVerna, San Giovanni Rotondo and back to Rome over the last two weeks of May. Our first full day will include a general audience with Pope Benedict at the Paul VI auditorium; our last day will be Pentecost Sunday when we will join Pope Benedict for an outdoor mass in front of St. Peter's basilica.

Special highlights will be visits to the four great basilicas of Rome plus the rooms of St. Ignatius and the Jesuit Church, the Gesu in Rome; then Greccio, a tiny village where St. Francis of Assisi began the custom of the Christmas crib scene; next Assisi itself, which has a peace and small town beauty like no other place on earth as well as very beautiful places that Sts. Francis and Clare and their followers frequented to be quiet with God; LaVerna, a special place in the mountains of central Italy where Francis received the stigmata (five wounds of Jesus) and there is now a very impressive Franciscan retreat house. Then a visit to San Giovanni Rotondo in southeastern Italy where St. Padre Pio lived and served as confessor and healer in numerous miraculous ways. His spiritual legacy as well as hospital care there for children in need of surgery are remarkable.



We will have mass each day at a number of these special places, one of them outdoors at a little altar in the woods of Assisi where Francis would love to pray.

And then there is the beauty of Italy in springtime, its flowers, its food, its music, its love for life and relaxation. Our guide will be my special friend, Giorgio Abate, who lives in Rome, speaks great English, and loves to sing with guitar. His humor and care for the pilgrims in his charge will be such an addition to an already great trip! Can it get any better? So...please come for a trip of a lifetime!

\$3180 per person, double occupancy, if 25-30 sign up; \$3410 if 20-24 sign up. Airfare is additional, \$1200: Detroit to JFK then directly to Rome. Email me at bowens@manresa-sj.org or call me at Manresa (248-644-4933, ext. 16) for more information. Fr. Bernie Owens



Eastern European Pilgrimage Reflections

A group of 29 Manresa people led by Fr. Fennessy returned home safely on 22 September after 11 days touring Austria, Germany, Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Hungary. Apart from some afternoon rain one day in Salzburg the weather was fine, everyone stayed healthy, the only lost wallet was recovered intact. Fr. Fennessy got to visit many of the churches he features on his Jesuit Stamps website as well as a pen pal in Linz of five years standing, and decided that Wiener Schnitzel is his new favorite food. There were outings to enjoy classical and folk music and dance, and even for some to a puppet performance of The Magic Flute. More importantly there was a wonderful chemistry in the group, and our Polish tour guide and Austrian driver were the best. One memorable moment was when our driver backed up five or six blocks at fairly fast speed down a one way narrow street avoiding cars on either side by inches. We may suggest the ride to Disneyworld.

Manresa's 2011 Yearbook Now Available

Inspired by the annual publication by the Society, Manresa began publishing an annual yearbook to highlight the many events which occur at Manresa and spotlight some of the people who make them possible. We saw a wonderful opportunity to communicate Manresa's vision, goals and plans for the future. The effort proved very worthwhile and prompted growth in the publication from the original 48 pages to 96 in this year's edition.

We hope you will pick up a copy from the Front Office when you visit or attend a retreat or other event at Manresa. Give a copy to that friend of yours who doesn't seem to quite make it to a retreat or a day of reflection for one reason or another. Couple it with this issue of Manresa Matters and use it to help invite them to come and experience what you already know and love.



Boy Scout Projects Enhance the Grounds

There is a growing relationship between Boy Scout Troop 1037 from St. Hugo's and Manresa that is bringing beauty to the grounds and help to our retreatants. Beginning with the bridge on east end of the Nature Trail several years ago, the troop has found Manresa to be a fruitful place in a pursuit of achieving Eagle Scout status. We are very pleased to have them!



Last summer, Michael Brennan completed his project cleaning the northeast entrance of debris and overgrowth from invasive plants and providing a beautiful entry point to the wooded path. Split rail fencing, native plants and bushes are surrounded by fresh wood chips and log borders. Coupled with a new bench on the hill overlooking the entrance, it invites retreatants to wander the path and absorb some of God's message through nature.

There is still much to do to improve the pathways and thankfully, the scouts are up to the job. Brennan Eagle organized his volunteers and did a very professional job with permits,

inspections, site preparation and organizing his volunteer scouts to vastly improve an area along the west end of the Nature Path plagued by soft ground due to water run-off. He provided some natural drainage paths and built a deck that will not only serve to keep retreatant feet dry, but give a nice prominence to sit and commune with God.

Another project is underway along the entry road which you will see by spring. We are very thankful to Troop 1037, their very capable leadership and the boys who make up their members.



Retreat in an Afternoon—

Many people have said that they wished there were an opportunity for some kind of spiritual tune-up between their annual retreats because twelve months is such a long time to go without some kind of revitalization. Manresa is now offering a special

afternoon for all those who have experienced a retreat to renew their retreat experience while providing



an excellent opportunity to introduce a friend or family member what a retreat may bring to them at Manresa. The day will include a talk or discussion, time for private prayer/devotion, the celebration of Reconciliation, Sunday Liturgy and a dinner to round out the evening.

The program starts at 2:00 PM and lasts until 7 PM. You can arrive as early as 1:30 PM. The cost for the afternoon is \$30, payable upon arrival. There is no charge for members of the Lay Retreatants League.

Come and see what the Lord has in store for you.

January 15, 2012 February 19, 2012

March 18, 2012 April 1, 2012 (Palm Sunday)

May 20, 2012

For more information call 248.644.4933

or email: office@manresa-sj.org

Intern Class of 2011

On Sunday, November 14th, eighteen men and women celebrated the completion of their Internship in Ignatian Spirituality. After two years of intensive prayer, reflection, study and ministry preparation, they are now ready to become kindlers of Fire for others.

Some commissioned interns provide a listening compassionate presence in the form of one-on-one spiritual direction or in other listening settings; several are nurses and minister in hospices, hospitals, neo-natal units and nursing homes. One is a midwife, another is hospital administrator. Five work with students as theology teachers, counselors and college professors. Others are engaged in prison ministry, Stephen Ministry, Youth Bible study, ministry to the elderly and the dying, facilitating groups in parishes and serving on parish and church staffs.

All of them will share their gifts in their work place, family and in daily life where they are called to kindle God's fire.

Introducing ...

The Ignatian Formation Office

Ann Dillon is still has the same desk in the same office space but something significant has changed in her ministry focus: the Internship Office is now the Ignatian Formation Office. For several years, Ann has been responsible for many components of the Internship, especially for the second year of the program. She works alongside Fr. Bernie Owens, SJ, with interns and supervisors as they develop their apostolic skills. She also serves as the Manresa house match-maker for those who call looking for a spiritual director or a guide for the Spiritual Exercises.

Ann is excited and challenged by the possibilities of her new ministry. She sees herself to be an animator of the Ignatian charism as one who is helping others to go forth and be fire-kindlers of God's love. Recently, it became apparent that there were more ways to support the deepening of Ignatian spirituality at Manresa. It was also clear that forming lay leaders was of high priority. Ann's work focuses on three main areas:

- Coordination of Manresa Spiritual Directors: maintaining a list of highly qualified, trained directors who are available for those seeking a director
- Formation and development of Ignatian Spiritual Directors: continue work for the Internship, develop a practicum for training directors to guide the Spiritual Exercises in Daily Life, create and implement enrichment programs for the on-going education of directors and create a communications and support network for commissioned Manresa interns.
- Support elements of Ignatian spirituality for friends of Manresa and partners in mission: train leaders of Lectio Divina for parishes and other groups, develop the Finding God in All Things series of discussions and seminars, network with other Ignatian groups to develop programs and opportunities to grow.





The Manresa Board of Trustees
invites you to
A Fundraiser to Benefit Manresa's
Capital Campaign
Friday, January 20, 2012
5:30 PM
The Detroit Institute of Arts
Featured speakers;
Fr. Peter Fennessy and
Ms. Carol Sugrue
The evening includes a tour of
Rembrandt and the Face of Jesus
With a Strolling Dinner
A minimum donation of
\$150 is requested

Please RSVP: rtinetti@manresa-sj.org or 248-644-4933 ext. *815

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You can help your fellow retreatants.

Give to the Adopt-a-Retreatant Program

Recently, a retreatant shared with us her story. Her 24-year-old son has been a quadriplegic since hit by a drunk driver several years ago. She is his primary caregiver. Her strength to care for him, she explains, comes from the Caregiver retreats at Manresa. She calls Manresa "this sacred place" where she comes because she longs for tranquility, because she desires to uncover her own truth and direction, and to quell her fears.

With the overwhelming expenses inherent with her son's condition, she cannot afford even a small donation for her retreats. Thankfully, Manresa's Adopt-a-Retreatant program allows her to attend.

This program, part of Manresa's Annual Fund, underwrites the costs associated with retreats. Manresa relies on the Annual Fund to sustain its ministry and provide for those who cannot pay. The associated cost for a retreat averages \$200. Retreatants who are able to do so donate additional sums to help those who would otherwise be unable to afford a

retreat. The reality is, however, that voluntary contributions from retreatants increasingly fall short of paying related expenses.

Currently, our Adopt-a-Retreatant program underwrites 34% of our retreats with 246 recipients unable to pay anything, an increase of 48 recipients since last year. An additional 519 people contribute only a partial amount.

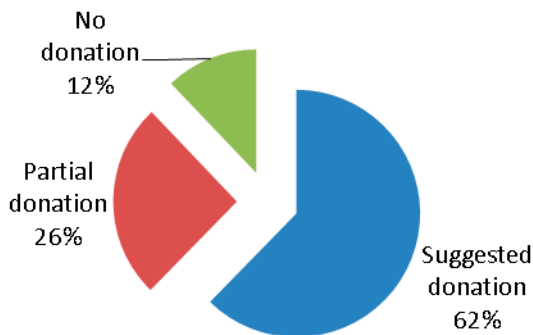
As the economy continues to be a challenge, the number in need of help grows. At the same time, overall retreat donations are down significantly compared to last year. The Annual Fund is increasingly called upon to cover this shortfall.

A gift from you will enable Manresa to meet the growing need and continue to help additional retreatants, all of whom are welcome regardless of religious affiliation or ability to pay. Choose a button to participate in our Annual Appeal.

Unrestricted Gift

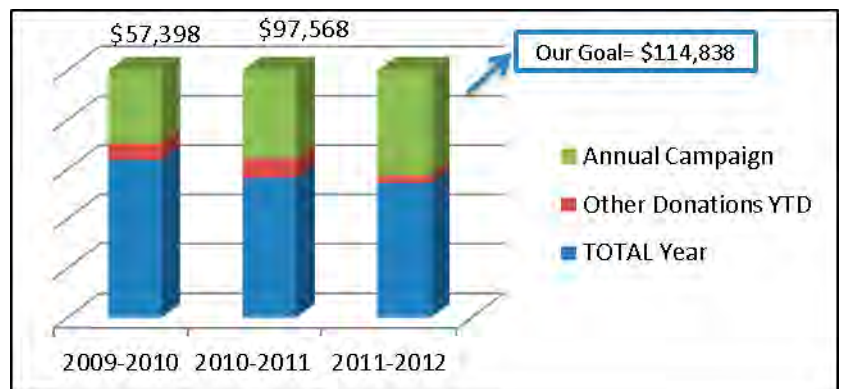
Adopt a Retreatant

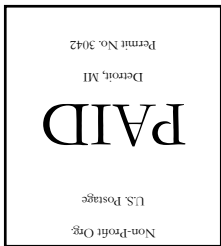
Manresa Jesuit Retreat House has an 85-year-old tradition, based on the Ignatian value of the "Gratuity of Ministries", of asking only a voluntary contribution for its Conference Retreats. Manresa's Annual Fund, specifically the Adopt-a-Retreatant Program, covers the shortfall when the donations do not cover the costs for the weekend. Here is an illustration of the benefits from this program.



Donations by retreatant. Those who are able to do so contribute the suggested donation of \$200. Others can afford nothing; some can afford only a partial amount.

As retreat donations have declined, the need for Manresa's Annual Campaign is greater than ever. To make up for the shortfall due to the lower average donation FYTD and because of the anticipated increase of individuals needing help, our goal for the 2011-2012 Annual Campaign is \$114,838.





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Retreatant Awards — November 15 to March 15

Manresa Crest—presented on the 25th Retreat

Carol LaVassuer

Manresa Blazer or Cross presented on the 50th Retreat:

Dolores Lowe

Manresa Pin—presented on the 15th Retreat

Nancy Blazevic
 Geneva Cunningham
 Andrew Jagielski
 Kathleen Taylor

John Bradley
 Rita Ellis
 Richard McCrate
 Francene Sanak

Deceased Members of the Manresa Family August 15, 2010 - October 15, 2011

<u>Retreatant</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Retreats</u>	<u>Retreatant</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Retreats</u>
Lillian Barbalas	Manresa Ladies II	4	Bernardine Monnig	Manresa Ladies IX	35
Albert Combs	St. Clement Center Line	20	Linda Murray	Manresa Ladies VIII	29
Ernest Cullen	John Reuter	32	Robert Pepper(Pep)	Detroit Police & Fire Fighters	27
Leona Jagels	Manresa Ladies III	12	Norman Pollock	Ford Tractor	50
Donald Knaggs	St. Anthony	36	Gerald Short	Alhambra	14