

# MANRESA MATTERS

An abstract painting depicting a large crowd of people walking away from the viewer down a brightly lit, orange-gold path. The path is flanked by dark, silhouetted figures on the sides. In the background, a large, white, stylized cross is visible against a backdrop of blue and purple vertical strokes. The overall style is expressive and modern.

Fall/Winter 2023

Passing the Baton of Faith



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## EDITOR'S COLUMN



**MY HUSBAND'S GREATEST DESIRES FOR HIS CHILDREN WERE THAT THEY WOULD FIND JOY IN READING AND THAT THEY WOULD COME TO FAITH IN CHRIST.**

As early as their infancy, we read to them. We'd borrow a big bag of books from the library and read each one together, often more than once. Our bedtime ritual included reading a book or two. More often than not, books were a part of their birthday and Christmas gifts.

Today they are avid readers with large personal libraries.

As for their souls, we did the best we could to share our faith and model a Christian lifestyle, baptizing them as infants, taking them to church and Sunday school and encouraging their participation in youth group activities. We included them in discussions about the Scriptures and made sure they felt comfortable asking questions or expressing their concerns. Our "open door" policy to friends and family and a number of small groups for Bible study over the years allowed them to experience the fellowship of the saints and see what it means to serve God and others through hospitality. As youngsters, they were happy to acknowledge their love for Jesus.

Now they're in their 20s, and I can see the morals and values we taught them evident in their lives. Though they don't attend church on a regular basis, my hope is that they choose to build upon the faith their dad and I laid down for them. I trust that God is at work in their lives wooing them by His love and stirring their hearts to want to know Him in a more personal way. I continue to pray that their experience of Jesus might ignite in them a similar passion as their parents' to follow in Christ's footsteps.

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**ON ANOTHER NOTE**, I want to offer my belated thanks to **Grace Seroka**, who served on the Publications Team until January 2023. Her contributions to the team were invaluable. She offered a passion for publishing meaningful content and was a great encouragement to me as I stepped into the role of editor. I am forever grateful for her service and friendship. May God bless her for the time and talent she shared with us.

I also want to officially welcome **Lori Kneisler** to the team. Her love for Manresa and her years of both career and spiritual experience make her a great addition to the team.

On the journey with you,

*JoAnn Amicangelo*

JoAnn Amicangelo

Publications Coordinator

## Team Effort

*Every issue of Manresa Matters comes to life with the help of our Publications Team, which develops themes and article ideas. Pictured from left to right: Fr. Bob Ytsen, SJ, Sr. Linda Sevcik, SM, Steve Raymond, JoAnn Amicangelo, Lori Kneisler and Paul Seibold.*





FROM THE *Executive Director*

## Passing on the faith from generation to generation



**I AM PRIVILEGED TO MEET WITH MOST GROUP RETREATANTS WHO COME TO MANRESA FOR THEIR FIRST TIME. I MEET THEM BRIEFLY IN A GROUP AND** begin by asking them why they came. Hearing their responses reminds me time and time again why I think the ministry of Manresa is so valuable.

Two of my favorite responses recently came from first-timers at a men's retreat: their teens had come home from a high school retreat at Manresa and told their fathers they needed to experience a retreat here. Hearing their sons, these two men accepted the advice.

On my part, I was delighted and fascinated, because more often it is the parents inviting their sons or daughters, but these examples turned my expectations upside down. I thought of the words of Scripture: "And a little child shall lead them." (Is. 11:6)

I've always been struck by the intergenerational family groups attending retreats at Manresa, sometimes from as many as three generations, some traveling long distances. It inspires me to see families passing on their faith to one another as the most precious gift they have to offer.

Another thing Manresa retreatants have taught me is how men and women in recovery from addictions take care of one another and invite their recovery groups to the four retreats offered here (plus a retreat for Al-Anon members). That, too, is a witness to me and all of us at Manresa.

May you also be inspired by the intergenerational stories you read here!

*Sr. Linda Sevcik, SM*

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Executive Director

*Great is the LORD and  
worthy of much praise,  
whose grandeur is beyond  
understanding.  
One generation praises your  
deeds to the next  
and proclaims  
your mighty  
works.*

Psalm  
145:3-4



## MANRESA NEWS

### Mary McKeon plaque dedication

**AFTER 8:00 AM MASS ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, MANRESA HELD A CEREMONY IN THE JESUIT GARDEN TO DEDICATE A** plaque to the memory of Mary McKeon (1947-2021), a longtime and much-beloved participant in the house's Mission.

Mary was a member of Manresa's Ministry Staff and Director of Women's Ministry from 2006-2013, building out the women's retreats, prayer groups and other activities to establish a firmly grounded welcome for women at Manresa. She also served on Manresa's Board from 2004-2007, was commissioned in the Ignatian Spirituality Program and became a trained spiritual director. She received a Lifetime Achievement Award at Manresa's Leadership Banquet on April 12, 2014.

Having taught in Milwaukee and worked for the United States Senate in Washington, DC, Mary spent more than 20 years as a family caregiver as well as a school, parish and community volunteer, also on the staff of Holy Name Church in Birmingham. ✝



**SAVE THE DATE**

**SPIRIT OF MANRESA**

*Annual Banquet*

**Thursday, May 2, 2024**

Our annual Banquet is returning to its May date in 2024. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us.

We're already working to make next year's Banquet an enjoyable and memorable occasion.

# Journeying with Youth

With Pope Francis and Superior General Father Arturo Sosa, the Jesuits worldwide identified four Universal Apostolic Preferences that will influence our ministry and work through 2029. In our last issue we focused on Preference A, Showing the Way to God. Here Fr. Scullin addresses the third Preference.

**Preference C:  
JOURNEYING WITH YOUTH**  
Accompany young people in the creation of a hope-filled future

By Fr. Robert Scullin, SJ



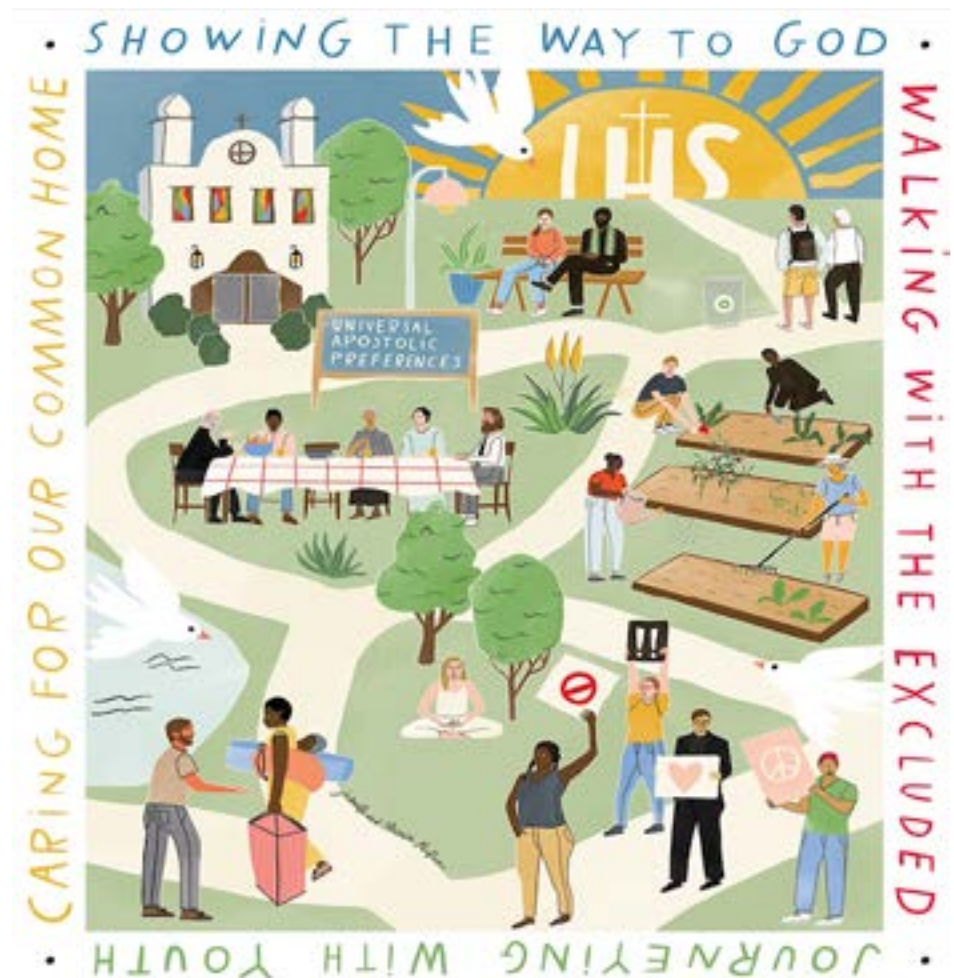
**THE JESUITS  
RECOGNIZE THE  
IMPORTANCE OF**

sharing the faith with our young people today. We know that when young people encounter the

passionate vision of St. Ignatius through the many forms of Ignatian spirituality, they become driven to develop awareness and abilities that empower them to create promising futures. They do this with the help of others—their peers, their mentors and their valued historical heroes. They are also drawn to friendship, companionship, achievement and success, all the while caring for our Common Home.

As stated on the Jesuits' Global website, "Young people have so many possibilities in this digital age which unite them as never before. We want to walk with them, discerning these possibilities and finding God in the depths of reality. Accompanying young people puts us on the path of conversion; it requires a new way of living in Jesuit community, a way that is more coherent, more personal, more open, more evangelical."

One example of walking with young people is MAG+S 2023, an international event held July 22-July 31. It brought together some 2,000 men and women inspired by Ignatian spirituality for prayer and fellowship in preparation



for World Youth Day, a gathering of young people aged 18-30 from all over the world with the Pope in Portugal, August 1-6.

Every Jesuit Province attempts to support and mobilize young people across a wide array of issues. For example:

- In the US. and Canada, a Magis Teacher Corps developed at Creighton University, a Jesuit Global Network of Schools, includes all levels of education. The two-year program involves living in community and experiencing Ignatian spirituality.
- A Eucharistic Youth Movement involves growth in contemplation and friendship with Jesus and greater awareness and ability to

join with others in constructing a more humane and fraternal world.

- Jesuit Relief Services nurtures the potential of young talent among refugees.
- In Chicago, the Center for the Human Rights of Children helps law students accompany migrant children and families in legal concerns.
- At Red Cloud Indian School in South Dakota, leaders in a Food Sovereignty Program connect young people to the land, to the food and to social justice. †

**Fr. Scullin came to Manresa in 2021, after his term as superior of the Colombiere Jesuit Community in Clarkston for three years. He has served in a number of Hispanic and African American parishes.**



## ABOUT THE THEME

# Passing the Baton of Faith

The theme for this issue of *Manresa Matters* was inspired by an article in *Jesuits*, a publication of the Midwest Jesuits, about the Ignatian ideal of intergenerational relationships. In fact, strong bonds of friendship among the brothers are at the core of Jesuit formation – one generation handing down to the next the faith, wisdom and practices of the Society's founder, Ignatius of Loyola.

The handing down of faith is God's ideal as well. The Scriptures instruct us to teach our children about the greatness and goodness of God (Deut. 6:7-9, Ps 78, Prov. 22:6). They call us to encourage and build one another up in the faith (1 Thess. 5:11), something accomplished as we walk alongside one another as friends and companions who share our experiences and practices with one another.

It is our hope that the stories in this issue will inspire you to become more intentional in sharing your faith and spiritual formation experiences with those in your circle of influence—family members, friends, neighbors, co-workers and others with whom you are in relationship. Pass the baton of faith to your children as the Berry family—and so many other families at Manresa—have done (pp. 5-7). Introduce your children to the Ignatian prayer practices outlined by Lori Kneisler (p. 9). Write your own parable to share as did Fr. Ytsen (p. 12). Learn from Madeline Bialecki how to be a better godparent (p. 15). Or follow Tom Youngblood's lead and invite a friend to join you on retreat (p. 13). Like the experiences of our Spanish-speaking friends (p. 14), you may be surprised by who responds and is changed for the better by their time with God at Manresa. †

## THE BERRY FAMILY

# Great-grandfather's legacy of faith lives on through four generations ... and counting



*Every Christmas Edwin Krausmann made a habit of volunteering for the Goodfellows and then making a weekend retreat at Manresa. "Now I'm ready for Christmas," he would say.*

By JoAnn Amicangelo

**PATRICK BERRY REMEMBERS HIS GRANDFATHER, THE LATE JACK BERRY, SIGNING EVERY CARD AND ENDING every conversation with "Love ya, keep the faith."**

And so he does, attending St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton with his wife of three years, Mary Kathryn, and coming to retreats at Manresa since he was in his late teens.

"Manresa has been a safe space for me. You can have all the hard conversations here with the priests or cousins or whoever," said Patrick, an account executive at Nu-Tech Graphics in Novi.

He's the fourth generation in his family to follow in the footsteps of his great-grandfather, Edwin Krausmann.

Born and raised in Detroit, Edwin was an accountant and a devout Catholic who with his wife, Loyola, raised nine children, including Marilyn Berry, Patrick's grandmother. The Krausmanns attended Mass regularly, said the rosary as a family every time they went out for a ride together and sent all their children to Catholic schools. Dinners were often shared with priests who became friends over long conversations about faith

and other topics, and Edwin made a habit of attending retreats at Manresa every year.

"He always chose that weekend before Christmas," said

Marilyn, 93. "He would always say that after coming to Manresa he was 'ready for Christmas.'"

Marilyn remembers seeing her father, who suffered limited mobility due to rheumatoid arthritis, sitting on his bed each night to pray, and being aware of how much he enjoyed coming to Manresa with his five sons and close friends Tony Japes and Bill Muir.

### Passing the baton

It was Edwin who introduced Marilyn's husband, Jack Berry, to Manresa. An attorney who worked for General Motors' real estate division and a devout Catholic himself, Jack



*Marilyn Berry is grateful for the 14 retreats she made with her family.*

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*Jack & Marilyn Berry surrounded by their family at the dedication of the Open Tomb in 2016.*

Photo: Paul Seibold

began making retreats with his father-in-law in 1959, completing 48 before his death in 2017.

"Jack loved coming up for the weekend retreats. He would say it was just so peaceful," said Marilyn. "He and my dad were very close because they had a lot of meaningful conversations together. It was just a really good time for them to spend together with God."

The Catholic faith was an important part of family life for Jack and Marilyn, who began their marriage by attending Mass each morning on their honeymoon in Arizona. Their oldest three children (Patricia, John and Margaret) attended parochial schools while the family lived in New Jersey for eight years. And though the younger ones (James, Robert and Rick) attended public grade schools in Michigan, all six attended Bishop Foley High School in Madison Heights.

"Jack was on the school board of Bishop Foley and taught eighth grade confirmation classes at St. Irenaeus, Rochester Hills," said Marilyn. "When

asked to teach he said he would only teach boys, and not on Mondays because he wouldn't miss Monday night football broadcasts!"

### **The third generation**

And like his father-in-law, Jack introduced his sons to Manresa as they came of age.

As a high school senior in 1977, his oldest son, John Berry, 63, president of Nu-Tech Graphics, remembers his father telling him he wanted John to make a silent retreat at Manresa before going off to college. Jack explained it was a way of "recharging the battery"—getting away with no phones, TV or other distractions—just silence.

"I was like, 'What do you mean; am I going to have to be silent the whole weekend?'" John said. "But you know, it's really difficult to explain to newcomers that you can really hear God if you're quiet. Jesus will talk to you if you're silent—not talking, just listening."

His concerns were quickly dispelled.

John described his first retreat as "awesome" and remembers Fr. Schuett, the retreat director, with fondness. John liked that he "told a lot of stories and was a really down-to-earth kind of guy."

On subsequent retreats, John would bring his non-religious college friends with him, introducing them to Fr. Schuett who would sit and talk with them for a long time.

"I brought a bunch of guys on retreat with me over the years, and it's always been a great experience – for them and for me," said John.

What began as a kind of rite of passage for John and his three



*John Berry has made 42 retreats at Manresa.*



brothers before going off to college became a family tradition of yearly retreats. While his sons were in college, Jack would schedule retreats around their spring break. Now some 40 years later, the Berry group retreat has more than 30 people, including John and his brothers, some of whom live out of town, and more than a dozen of their sons, as well as a number of friends and their sons.

John recalls the times when they would take a few folding chairs down to the river and, sitting with their feet in the water, spend time talking with one another “about faith, going to church and anything that was on their minds.”

“Some of the best moments of my life have been those conversations with my dad, Patrick and my other sons,” he said.

### **Berry women make retreats**

The men weren't the only ones to make retreats at Manresa over the years. Marilyn came with friends and family members to the Mother's Day weekend retreat for 14 years.

“Mother's Day was a great weekend because we'd have breakfast here on Sunday and then go out for lunch and be with our families,” said Marilyn. “Our daughters and daughters-in-law and their daughters all came and some of my girlfriends would come, too.”

Kelly Berry, John's wife of 33 years, was among the women who attended, which John said made it easier for him to share his own experiences on retreat.

“When you come home from retreat, you're so excited about what happened and you want to share the experience with your significant other or family and sometimes I'd think, ‘They just don't get it.’ But once Kelly started making retreats, we could both share and understand what we experienced,” said John.

### **Leading by example**

The couple's five children—Patrick (31), Kevin (30), Meghan (28), John (Jack) C. (27), and Margaret (23)—have been influenced by their parents' strong faith in Christ and their commitment to the Catholic Church. Regardless of their busy schedules, they made going to church a priority.

“Growing up we were all playing multiple sports. And no matter where we were—for a hockey tournament,

volleyball, whatever—we always found a Mass to attend at some point on Sunday,” said Patrick.



**Patrick Berry has joined his father on 14 retreats at Manresa.**

“I think all of our kids are really strong in their faith. A lot of them do devotions and keep journals and reflect on their highs and lows of the day,” said John.

John believes their mission trips to an orphanage they support in Guatemala were also instrumental in his children becoming the people of faith they are today. His daughter, Meghan, was the first to go, then each sibling took their turn and eventually they went as a family for several years.

“You see the poorest of the poor, but they're happy and giving you a hug and praying over you! Then you come back to the United States and you have all this materialistic stuff. It takes a month for the kids to get reacclimated,” John said.

When the Berrys had the opportunity to “adopt” Nallely, a young woman who had graduated from the orphanage and was in need of a host family while attending college in the US, the whole family was happy to do so.

“We couldn't officially adopt her due to laws in Guatemala, but she became a part of our family. She's 24 now and just graduated with a master's from Biola University,” said John proudly.

### **Whetting their appetites**

Before bringing his sons on retreat, John would “whet their appetites” by occasionally bringing them to Manresa to walk the grounds and share his experiences of being alone with God. Patrick was the first of the Berry cousins to make a retreat. He said he appreciated that his dad turned off the radio as they drove to Manresa and talked with him about what to expect, encouraging him to ask questions.

“I was the youngest retreatant by close to 30 years. I was thinking, ‘What in the world am I doing here?’” recalled Patrick. “But by the end of the retreat, I couldn't wait for my brothers and cousins to experience what I just had. It was so welcoming, and there's definitely something to be said about the silence, being completely alone with God in your head. I look forward to coming every year.”

And now with his cousins on retreats as well, he said they have a routine. The first one to arrive signs up the younger ones for the early morning slots for all-night adoration.

“We know the older guys aren't going to take those slots, so we make it easy for them. And we take the name tags and place them on the chapel or dining room chairs so that we're all sitting together. And it's good to just see everyone in the family or friends that you may only see once a year,” said Patrick.

### **The tradition continues**

Patrick, who welcomed his first child, Adaline Rose, in August, said he hopes to pass the baton of faith to his children just as his parents did for him and his siblings by modeling a lifestyle founded on faith—“going to Mass as a family, saying prayers before meals, talking about the gospel, giving thanks for what you have in life no matter how hard it gets, loving one another.”

He added, “On my first retreat I would sit in the chapel with my papa and my dad on my right and my godfather to my left. My dad would say, ‘Someday it will be me sitting in Papa's seat with you, Kevin, and Jack next to me.’ That's true today, and I pray I can have my kids next to me one day.”

John believes there's no better gift to give to your child than to have him experience a Manresa retreat. “Hand off the baton,” he said. “At some point you're not going to be around and you want the legacy to live on for the sake of their souls. Pops [Jack Berry] used to say, ‘You only have one thing to do in life and that's to save your soul.’ It's the only job we have.”✚

**JoAnn Amicangelo serves as Manresa's Publication Coordinator. She is grateful to be one of 16 new interns in Manresa's Internship in Spiritual Companionship. You can read more of her work at [joannamicangelo.com](http://joannamicangelo.com).**

## German carving captures four generations of faith

By Fr. Peter Fennessy, SJ



**BETWEEN 1480  
AND 1520,  
IMAGES OF**

the Virgin and Child with St. Anne became enormously popular in Germany and the Netherlands,

where Anne was being preached as the source of the flesh of Jesus and Mary and therefore a powerful patron saint. These images occasionally included other individuals. One example is this lovely limewood carving (pictured), *The Virgin and Child, Saint Anne, and Saint Emerentia*, probably created in Hildesheim between 1515 and 1530.

Emerentia is a name of Anne's mother that first appeared in the 15th century. It's a Latin word meaning "meritorious," so it's unlikely to be a Jewish woman's name. Two Florentine manuscripts from the 14th and 15th centuries call her Ismeria. And the 9th-century *Life of the Virgin* by Epiphanius the Monk knew her as Maria, the name used in some recent Orthodox icons.

Whatever her name, she became briefly popular with artists and the faithful in the 1500s. After Pope Sixtus IV established the feast of Mary's Conception in 1477, people disputed whether Mary was conceived virginally as well as immaculately. Some even suggested that Anne, Emerentia and Mary's whole matrilineal ancestry may have been so conceived, so that the entire physical descent of Jesus would have been unsullied by sex. However, Christians never accepted the notion that virginal and immaculate conception was handed down through all previous generations to Christ. But something was handed on.

Emerentia is reading a book, and Anne holds a book, suggesting Emerentia taught Anne to read. Many images show Anne teaching Mary to read, and even Mary teaching the Infant Jesus to read. But these

women were almost certainly illiterate. Such education was, as Dante Gabriel Rossetti wrote, "An occupation obviously incompatible with these times, and which could only pass muster if treated in a purely symbolical manner."

Rossetti's own painting of *The Girlhood of Mary Virgin* (1848) pictures Anne teaching Mary embroidery, while near them stands a purely symbolic stack of books, whose titles are the names of the cardinal and theological virtues. What was passed down was neither virginal conception nor literacy, but the knowledge and skills needed for daily life and the virtues needed for a holy life.

Homer poetically likened human generations to the leaves of trees, each generation passing away to make room for the next (Iliad VI.146-149). But the leaves fall and the trees stand bare until new leaves grow in the spring. Human generations necessarily overlap with the following generations. During that shared time the elder generations protect and nurture the younger, educate them, share with them their experience, knowledge and wisdom, pass on language, culture, ethos, ethics and faith. They educate with words and formal teaching, and more importantly by example.

Emerentia's size, stance and staff mark her as a powerful figure spiritually inspiring her descendants. Mary holds the Messiah in her lap and her crown marks her as his Queen Mother. She and Joseph are responsible for His formation. Beneath the legends of the Gospel of James—of Mary raised



*The Virgin and Child, Saint Anne, and Saint Emerentia*  
Courtesy of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

in the temple and fed by angels, of Joseph's staff blossoming—lie the truths of Mary's special preparation and Joseph's special selection for their task. The angel's words to Joseph (Mt 1:20) indicate that Joseph wasn't angry about an infidelity, but felt fearful and unworthy of and accidentally drawn into his role, but the angel assured him he was chosen from among all men for what he was to do.

Like these holy people, we have received a precious inheritance from previous generations, and we need to pass on the best of what we have received to those who come after us. †

**Fr. Peter Fennessy is serving his second term as superior of the Jesuit Community at Manresa. Since studying Theology and Art and Buddhist Aesthetics during a sabbatical year at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA, he uses fine arts to illustrate his preached retreats.**





## Three practices for developing the faith lives of children

By Lori Kneisler



**WHEN I WAS PARENTING MY YOUNG CHILDREN, I WAS EAGER FOR RESOURCES THAT WOULD HELP ME** develop their faith life. While they are now gone from the nest, I remembered my years-ago eagerness as we were gathering ideas for this issue of *Manresa Matters*.

I wish I had known that Ignatian spirituality is exceptionally well-suited for children. What better way to pass the baton of faith than by tailoring Ignatian methods to the younger set? Whether you are shepherding children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighbors, or little ones at your church, we've gathered some ideas for you to spark Ignatian-inspired conversations and prayer practices.

### Imagine a gospel story

Most children have exceptional imaginations, so imaginative prayer offers a bridge between fantasy and prayer. Gospel contemplation helps children enter a gospel story through their senses.

Choose a gospel story from a children's picture Bible – perhaps the storm at sea (Matthew 8:23-27). Guide them to imagine they are in the boat; invite them to make the sound of the wind and the sea as the storm approaches; teach them to look at Jesus and notice what He is doing; what are they feeling at this point in the story? Encourage them to ask Jesus for help, then have them enact the calming of the sea and the silence. Finally, have them reflect on their feelings as if they were sitting in the boat, how it felt to ask Jesus for help, and how they felt after Jesus calmed the storm. This type of prayer helps us know Jesus more intimately.

### Look for God in creation

Finding God in all things is another practice firmly rooted in the Ignatian tradition. Children are great observers and collectors, so consider a scavenger hunt, asking them to find items that God made outside. Whatever is gathered or noticed – sticks, rocks, toads, ants, trees, streams – can all be acknowledged and praised as God's creation. Clouds, rain, snow, gardens, zoo animals and pets are all natural creations revealing the creative wonder of God. This prayer initiates a life-long practice of noticing and relating what is noticed back to God.

### Reflect on the day

Lastly, we suggest guiding a child through a simplified version of the Examen. Ask the child to tell you about their day. Have them describe it, including how they feel about it – happy, sad, glad, afraid. What might they want to say to God about it? If they are happy, perhaps thanks are in order; if they are sad or afraid, perhaps asking God for help is the next step. This prayer cultivates knowing that God is personally interested in us and the details of our lives. The feelings that emerge from the events of our lives can be trusted with God because God loves us and is with us.

We trust these prayer-starters will help you on your way to cultivating a life-long Ignatian prayer practice among your little ones. It's an investment in their future, a skill they can grow with and a lasting bond between you. Let us know how your children respond to these ideas, as well as other conversational prayer practices you use to engage with young ones by emailing us at [editor@manresa-sj.org](mailto:editor@manresa-sj.org).†

**Lori Kneisler has more than 20 years' experience leading Bible studies and spiritual formation groups. She completed Manresa's internship in Spiritual Companionship and serves as spiritual director in a variety of capacities including guiding people through the Spiritual Exercises.**

# ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year  
2022-23



FROM THE *Finance Director*

## GREETINGS AND GOD'S PEACE TO YOU.



Thank you to all who supported Manresa during Fiscal Year 2022–2023 as we emerged from the COVID isolation and returned to our more active lives.

We were pleased many retreatants came back to our retreats this past year, increasing participation by 30 percent. Our Spirit of Manresa Banquet last fall was a resounding success and raised \$214,000 for our Mission. Many of you recognized our financial needs resulting from reduced attendance and supported our Annual Fund/ Adopt-A-Retreatant Program, delivering \$413,000.

We renovated our dining room with a generous donation from a long-time benefactor. Further, we are halfway through our effort to replace the windows in the oldest part of the building.

Finally, we are thankful for the dedication of our Investment Committee and investment advisors whose actions increased our McGrail Fund balance by approximately \$516,000. This endowment continues to provide for Manresa's future.

We have increased our capacity and access to Manresa, so please continue to come for our daily Masses, retreats and other Ignatian programs.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

*Tim Neis*

Tim Neis  
Finance Director



## *McGrail Fund Performance\**

FISCAL YEAR	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Opening Balance	6,271,766	8,250,959	7,723,408
Contributions/ Other Income	44,205	71,144	59,451
Transfers/Expenses	(389,454)	(262,810)	(413,933)
Interest/Dividends	175,065	204,403	232,949
Receivables	2,100	6,290	41,143
Appreciation/ (Depreciation)	2,147,277	(546,578)	596,528
Closing Balance	8,250,959	7,723,408	8,239,546

\* The McGrail Fund serves as Manresa's endowment.



# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

## OPERATING REVENUE

Adult Conference Retreats	\$380,698
Ignatian Formation, Youth Retreats, IDRs	\$154,354
Use of Building	\$55,460
Other Revenue from Operations	\$115,810
Cell Tower	\$89,009
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$795,331</b>

## DONATIONS & OTHER REVENUE

Annual Fund/Adopt-A-Retreatant	\$413,195
Capital and Other Restricted Funds	\$75,164
Special Events	\$214,403
McGrail Fund	\$59,451
Jesuit Community Gift	\$19,542
<b>Total Donations &amp; Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$781,755</b>

**TOTAL REVENUE** **\$1,577,086**

## EXPENSES

Salaries, Wages & Benefits	\$928,030
Building and Administrative	\$312,690
Food Service	\$284,941
Special Events	\$37,576
Other, including McGrail Investment	\$68,312

**TOTAL EXPENSES** **\$1,631,549**

## McGrail Fund

The **McGrail Fund** is generally used as an endowment to maintain the financial stability of Manresa, but with explicit Board approval, the funds can also be used for capital improvements and operational support.

## Adopt-A-Retreatant

As part of our Annual Fund, the **Adopt-A-Retreatant** program allows Manresa to continue its policy of relying on voluntary donations (beyond a \$50 deposit) for group retreats, a tradition that dates back to Manresa's founding in 1926.

Please click [here](#) to contribute to these funds.





# What's your parable?

By Fr. Bob Ytsen, SJ



## PARABLES WERE AN ESSENTIAL METHOD USED

by Jesus to communicate and inform His hearers about two things: knowing themselves and

beginning to know God. This way of encouraging His listeners to open their hearts to a God who loves them allowed them to observe different realities of human experience without directly owning those experiences. The audience could readily relate to shared feelings and activities in others, quick to identify with the laudable, but reluctant to embrace the sinful.

Here lies the potential of the parables to entice the listener to embrace the freedom that leads to acceptance of oneself as he or she is. This acceptance is integral to growing in God's love for us. It allows us to

identify that particular grace that we humbly seek.

## Sharing our faith stories

Telling stories – about our life, our movements toward greater understanding of who God is – can be an effective way of passing on our life experiences in a way that helps others to see themselves in our story and maybe come to know God in a new or deeper way.

The late C.H. Dodd, Welsh New Testament scholar and influential Protestant theologian, identified the activity of parables in the minds and hearts of listeners. Seeing a parable as a simile or metaphor, he outlined a four-part process as follows: **drawing** from nature or common life, **arresting** the hearers by their vividness, **leaving** the mind in sufficient doubt about their precise applications and **teasing** into active thought. Grammatically, each of these verbs is in the present progressive tense, which means that the activity begins in the present and continues until the listener chooses to stop listening.

"The Prodigal Son" (Luke 15:11-32) is one of the most familiar parables. It is not difficult to understand the "moral" of the parable and conclude what lesson can be learned. However, the time, place and circumstance of the parable keep us at a distance, which is how I encountered the parable for the first 40 years of my life. Here's how I relate to it now.

## My Parable

My dad was a Chicago policeman who, with my mom, had six kids, so my "inheritance" was nonexistent as I saw it, as was the whole point of squandering wealth. I attended private high school and college, not acknowledging or appreciating that Dad worked two jobs his whole life to cover the needs of all of us. I took for granted "what was due me" and didn't appreciate his wisdom gleaned from his experience and relationships.

When I entered the Jesuits, though he initially didn't completely understand the "why" of my decision, he was supportive. After having completed my studies and



accumulated three master's degrees, I further distanced Dad based on my "knowledge" and "wisdom" and particular experience.

Unlike the prodigal, I didn't initiate the "coming back." My father did. While directing students on a Kairos retreat, I received letters from my mom and my siblings and one from someone whose handwriting I didn't recognize: my father. His letter was a revelation to me of his love and quiet participation in my life. The last line of his letter was, "If ever you want to talk, come over to 7652 (our home address)." I resolved to have a long conversation with dad, just the two of us—a first. That was in March 1990, and he died suddenly in May. I never got the chance.

The following year on a retreat, I shared the experience and my disappointment with my retreat director, and his response was, "There is no time with God. Tell him now." At first it felt rather odd, but I did it. I felt a connection and a consoling peace. I continue to allow him to reach out and feel his welcoming embrace and understanding. My parable remains in the progressive tense, and for that, I continue to be grateful for Dad.

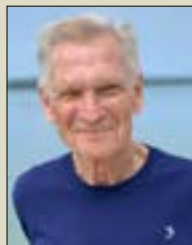
### What's your parable?

What stories might you tell in a way that draws the listener into your experience? What imagery could you use to capture a friend's attention more fully? How can you communicate your own parable in a way that leaves your listeners pondering its relevance and deeper meaning for themselves? †

**Fr. Bob Ytsen, SJ has spent most of his apostolic career in secondary education, currently teaching at U of D Jesuit High School in Detroit. His background in Ignatian spirituality and history of the Jesuits, particularly in England, enhances and supports his commitment to retreat and spiritual direction.**

# To evangelize, invite!

By Tom Youngblood  
as told to Paul Seibold



**I'VE BEEN INVITING OTHERS TO MANRESA** retreats for years, but at first it was a self-conscious thing: "What will people think of me if I invite them to Manresa?"

Seems silly now. You quickly learn that if you're friends before you invite a person, you become better friends. If you're strangers, you get acquainted. This applies whether or not the person goes on retreat. I've never regretted inviting someone to Manresa.

My own Manresa retreats began by invitation. In the late summer of 1975 after Sunday Mass, three friends—Jerry Hawkins, Phil Provencal and Steve Campbell—personally invited me on a retreat at Manresa, and I said yes. Their direct outreach has been such a great gift to me and my family over these many years.

My first memory of a Manresa retreat was being introduced to Fr. Bernard J. Wernert, SJ in the foyer. I remember it vividly as one of many gifts that weekend. Fr. Wernert was very welcoming: at the orientation meeting after Friday supper, he introduced me to the retreat group by name, and that meant a lot to me. I've been a Manresa retreatant ever since—having been called by name, I belonged!

The following year I invited my dad to join us on retreat. He was an exceptional person and father. He was a graduate of St. Charles Borromeo High School in Detroit, taught by IHM sisters. Dad was very proud of his school, his teachers, and his family and friends. Dad was truly a "man for others" his entire life. One evening as Dad and I walked the grounds at Manresa, God suggested I take the opportunity to tell my dad just how much I loved him and appreciated all his patience and love. That was a great time for me. Dad

made seven retreats at Manresa over as many years until he passed in 1984.

From that time on, I've extended invitations to family, friends, acquaintances and strangers to join in a retreat at Manresa. I'm happy to say our son, Paul, and our grandson, Joe, have accepted!

In my view, the personal invitation works best. Buck up and do it! I make every effort to extend an invitation one-on-one or by phone. My initial inhibitions passed rather soon as I discovered that God is in charge. God brings us to Manresa. My job is to extend the invitation, and that has its own ripple effect. I invited Frank Migliazzo to Manresa, and he invited his dad to join him. Frank also invited Bill Brazier to Manresa, and the three of us have become very close friends. Mike Nelson invited his father. Later Mike helped Stan Kramer make a retreat at Manresa when Stan was 98 years old! Gary & John Lechner came for many years with their father. Marty McMillan invited his dad at 94. I think all these beautiful life-changing stories happened because someone extended an invitation.

During my years at Manresa, many devoted Jesuits and Manresa friends have helped me along the way. Manresa and its people are a wonderful treasure. Retreats are formed by amazing people who take time out for God. Please consider making a first retreat at Manresa. If you've made retreats but have been away for a while, please join back with us. And invite someone to come with you. God will do the rest. †

**Tom Youngblood is blessed to be a Manresa retreatant for 48 years and happy to be married to Sandy for 60 years. They are grateful for their four children – Tom, Paul, Lori and Kathy – and eight grandchildren.**

**Paul Seibold is a Manresa volunteer who serves on the Publications Team and assists with event photos. An Army retiree, he and his musician wife, Pat, enjoy following the progress of their daughter, So-Jin, and son-in-law, Kevin, and their growing family in Chicago.**

# Manresa reaches out to the Hispanic community

By Sergio Pagés



**MANRESA HAS BEEN OFFERING PROGRAMS AND** retreats to the Spanish-speaking community since 2005, helping to nurture a more intimate

encounter with God among a growing demographic in our city and state.

This year Manresa hosted monthly Sunday afternoon contemplations guided by various leaders trained in Ignatian spirituality and the Spiritual Exercises. Participants came from different communities around metro Detroit, Ann Arbor and even a few from as far away as Columbus, Ohio, and Texas. Participants said these afternoons provided them with a space to continue to practice and nurture their Ignatian spirituality in a group setting.

We also offered a weekend retreat centered around the four themes of the Spiritual Exercises. For those guests who were not familiar with silent retreats, we met via Zoom a week before the retreat to prepare them for the weekend. We also sent a daily prayer exercise via email each day of the week prior to the weekend to help them prepare for entering the House.

At the end of the retreat, participants shared their personal experiences. One man was grateful that his son had accepted his invitation to join him on retreat, and the son said that in addition to attending his first retreat, it was his first time reading the Bible.

Manresa along with several Spanish-speaking leaders is committed to offering additional programs and an annual retreat in 2024.†

**Sergio Pagés is a graduate of Manresa's Internship in Ignatian Spirituality and served on Manresa's Board of Directors. He gives the Spiritual Exercises and has led several workshops on Ignatian spirituality in both Spanish and English.**

## PERSONAL EXPERIENCE



**Ana Salazar (r) with her husband, son and daughter, Stephanie**

### Ana Salazar

**I DISCOVERED IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY WHEN I WAS INVITED TO A CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER EVENT MANY YEARS AGO AT MANRESA. SINCE THEN** I've fallen in love with this kind of Christian spirituality. This led me to do the Spiritual Exercises which coincided with the beginning of COVID, and they were of great help during that challenging year.

When I would do my contemplative exercises, I would often share my experience with my son, daughter and husband. These exercises helped me to be more open and accepting of the diversity of other religions and cultures that my daughter and son were exposed to at their public school. My daughter noticed this change in me, and she became more interested in what I was doing.

When I registered for the annual silent retreat at Manresa, I was pleasantly surprised to learn my daughter had also decided to attend. This fall she will attend college, and my hope is that she continues to grow in her faith in this next phase of her life.

### Stephanie Guevara

**AT THE MANRESA RETREAT, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE MY FAITH IN MY OWN TIME AND ON MY OWN TERMS. MORE THAN ANYTHING, THE MOST** important thing for me was that I felt guided and not forced. My time was spent resting and reflecting. By separating myself from the secular world and removing everyday concerns from my day, I was given the freedom to mentally focus on my conversation and relationship with God. Not being able to speak forced me to recognize the path my thoughts were taking, guided by the talks and directed with the personal reflections that were suggested to us.

I think that teenagers today have been presented with a negative image of Catholicism by the media. Because of this cognitive dissonance, many of us find it difficult to accept and adhere to the teachings of the Church. The Ignatian method for me was the answer to these dilemmas. It is flexible and adaptable to my individual needs and preferences. It stands out for its focus on reflection, deep prayer and spiritual discernment. For a young woman seeking to strengthen her faith, the Manresa retreat and the Ignatian method turned out to be the perfect answer.



## Passing on the faith to my godchildren

By Madeline Bialecki



**MY GODMOTHER WAS MY MOTHER'S YOUNGER SISTER; MY GODFATHER WAS A MAN MY DAD KNEW FROM WORK.**

My godfather and his wife gave me expensive birthday and Christmas gifts, bought from J. L. Hudson's department store in Detroit. I felt so special whenever I opened a gift from them, and that was what I came to believe a godparent

did—make a godchild feel special.

At 16, I became godmother to my cousin. I had no idea how to make a boy feel special, and as my own life, 600 miles away, became more complicated, my gift-giving became more sporadic.

When I became godmother to a nephew 15 years later, I vowed to try harder, with limited success.

My sister's fourth child, Kelsey, became godchild number three, and at the Baptism ceremony, the priest gave the godparents a handout on how to be a good godparent. The list included things like pray for the child and be present at other sacramental moments in the child's life, which seemed obvious. The list also included the following suggestions:

- For every birthday, give your godchild at least one religious gift;
- For every Christmas, give your godchild at least one religious gift; and
- On the anniversary of your godchild's Baptism send them a card reminding them of their Baptism, along with a religious gift.

I did pray for Kelsey and attend her other sacramental moments. And for the next 18 years, she received at least

three religious gifts from me every year—books, games, prayer cards, medals, jewelry, etc.—usually some small thing that spoke to our faith. It is amazing what treasures Catholic shops hold: when Kelsey took up figure skating, I even found a prayer card for figure skaters.

In the beginning, I could not find commercially-printed Baptism anniversary cards, not even at Catholic shops, so I made my own. I would include a note about the significance of belonging to the Christian community and remind my niece of God's love for her.

Eventually The Printery House of Conception Abbey made a Baptism anniversary card, and I stocked up (in case this was just a trial).

By then I had become godmother to two more children, and they, too, received religious gifts for their birthdays and Christmas—and cards on the anniversary of their Baptisms.

Kelsey is in her mid-20s now and is active in youth ministry at her church.

Thirteen years ago, my sister's oldest daughter, Kristi, had a baby and asked her brother and sister, Kaitlin and Kyle, to be godparents. The new godparents approached me at a family gathering and said they wanted to be the kind of godparents to their new niece that I had been to their younger sister.

I told them about the handout I had received when I became their sister's godmother and offered to order Baptism anniversary cards for them. I have also kept an eye out for gifts they might give their godchild for Christmas, her birthday and the anniversary of her Baptism.†

**Madeline Bialecki lived most of her adult life in southeast Pennsylvania. She attended Villanova University and worked in nonprofit management for 35 years. She moved to Michigan ten years ago and completed the Internship in Ignatian Spirituality at Manresa.**

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# Milestones

## Retreatant Awards

January–June 2023

### Manresa Pin (15 retreats)

Sabri Akash  
Jeffrey Ashman  
Michael Barczak  
John Carty  
Charles Hessler  
Alexander Maysura  
Joseph Panozzo  
Frank Ramacciato  
Marianne Reid  
Daniel Stankewitz  
Helena Thurber  
Jeffrey Walters  
Fakhri Yono

### Manresa Crest (25 retreats)

James Klauke

### Manresa Blazer (50 retreats)

Michael Reilly

## Capital Campaign Update

**MOST OF YOU WILL HAVE RECEIVED OUR ADVANCING THE MISSION NEWSLETTER LETTING YOU KNOW ABOUT THREE PROJECTS THAT NEED YOUR SUPPORT:**

Chapel updates that include new upholstery, carpeting, flooring and windows; replacement of old windows in the 1935 section of the House; and renovation of the courtyard outside the dining room.

We are happy to report that at the time of printing, **we have received more than \$73,000 in donations, which puts us at 38 percent of our goal!** To say we are grateful is an understatement. This allows us to move forward with some aspects of the projects and makes us all the more hopeful that as more of you are able to respond to our appeal, we will have the necessary funds to complete them.

If you're able to give to support Manresa in our Mission to help men and women grow spiritually, please click [here](#) or simply call the front office at 248.664.4933 Ext. 0 to process your credit or debit card payment over the phone.

Thank you again, dear friends of Manresa, and may God bless you for your generous hearts.



## Born into Resurrection

January–June 2023

**Joseph Blackburn**— 67 retreats

**Dominic Bologna** — 16 retreats

**Dolores Lowe** — 58 retreats

**John H. Menden** — 43 retreats

# CONFERENCE RETREAT



## Retreats for Men

### 2023

#### Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 5-8

**Patron:** St. John Ogilvie, SJ **Groups:** Weisenburger-Serra **Director:** Fr. Robert Flack, SJ

#### Friday-Sunday, Oct. 20-22

**Patron:** St. Alphonsus Rodriguez, SJ **Groups:** Catholic Lawyers & Physicians; Ford Tractor; Oakland St. Vincent de Paul; St. Robert/Ada/Grand Rapids **Director:** Fr. Robert Scullin, SJ

#### Friday-Sunday, Oct. 27-29

**Patron:** St. Stanislaus Kostka, SJ **Groups:** Bodde-Schweihofer; Our Lady Star of the Sea; St. Hubert, Mt. Clemens; St. Joseph, Lake Orion; St. Valerie **Director:** Fr. Peter Fennessy, SJ

#### Friday-Sunday, Nov. 3-5

**Patron:** Blessed Rupert Mayer, SJ **Groups:** Holy Name, Birmingham; Immaculate Conception, Ira Township; St. Boniface, Oak Harbor, OH; SS. Peter and Paul Jesuit Church **Director:** Fr. Steve Hurd, SJ

#### Friday-Sunday, Dec. 1-3

**Patron:** St. Francis Xavier, SJ **Groups:** Bayer-Toledo **Director:** Fr. Robert Flack, SJ

### 2024

#### Friday-Sunday, Jan. 5-7

**Patron:** Fr. John Courtney Murray, SJ **Groups:** Bishop Gallagher; Our Lady of Refuge, Orchard Lake; Prince of Peace, W. Bloomfield; St. Perpetua, Waterford; St. Thomas (Chaldean) **Directors:** Fr. Fran Daly, SJ and Sr. Kathie Budesky, IHM

#### Friday-Sunday, Jan. 12-14

**Patron:** Fr. Jacques Marquette, SJ **Groups:** Alhambra; Grosse Pointe Vicariate; Hengstebeck; Charles L. Palms Jr; St. Joan of Arc **Director:** Fr. Robert Flack, SJ

*A non-refundable, non-transferable \$50 deposit per person is required for all retreats. Retreats are not restricted to the groups named. All are welcome.*

#### Friday-Sunday, Feb. 2-4 (Men in Recovery)

**Patron:** Fr. John C. Ford, SJ  
**Director:** Fr. Bob Ytsen, SJ

#### Friday-Sunday, Feb. 16-18

**Patron:** St. Robert Southwell, SJ  
**Groups:** Notre Dame; Ypsilanti Men; Fr. Bernard J. Wernert **Director:** Fr. Robert Flack, SJ

#### Friday-Sunday, Mar. 15-17

**Patron:** St. Andrew Bobola, SJ  
**Groups:** Mother of God; St. Irenaeus, Rochester; U of D High Alumni **Director:** Fr. Bob Ytsen, SJ

#### Friday-Palm Sunday, Mar. 22-24

**Patron:** St. Gabriel Lalemant, SJ  
**Directors:** Fr. Fran Daly, SJ and Sr. Kathie Budesky, IHM

#### Friday-Sunday, Apr. 12-14

**Patron:** Blessed Francis Page, SJ  
**Groups:** Grand Rapids/Metamora; St. Ignatius of Loyola; Wyandotte **Director:** Fr. Peter Fennessy, SJ

#### Friday-Sunday, Apr. 26-28

**Patron:** Our Lady of the Way **Groups:** Detroit Police & Fire Fighters; Gaylord; Men of Manresa; Mt. Pleasant; St. Mary Magdalen **Director:** Fr. Steve Hurd, SJ

#### Friday-Sunday, Aug. 2-4 (Men in Recovery)

**Patron:** Fr. Jack Schuett, SJ  
**Director:** Mr. Terry Sullivan

#### Friday-Sunday, Aug. 23-25

**Patron:** St. Stephen Pongrácz, SJ  
**Groups:** St. Bede; Leonard Stumm; The 12 Steppers **Director:** Fr. Robert Flack, SJ

#### Friday-Sunday, Sept. 6-8

**Patron:** Blessed Sebastian Kimura, SJ  
**Groups:** McDonald/McHardy; Serra Club of Oakland County; Shrine/Reichenbach; St. Mary of the Hills **Director:** Fr. Peter Fennessy, SJ

#### Friday-Sunday, Sept. 27-29

**Patron:** St. Francis Borgia, SJ **Groups:** Feuerstein; Maher; St. Elizabeth, Tecumseh **Director:** Fr. Robert Scullin, SJ

#### Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 3-6

**Patron:** St. John Ogilvie, SJ **Groups:** Weisenburger/Serra **Director:** Sr. Linda Sevcik, SM

#### Friday-Sunday, Oct. 18-20

**Patron:** St. Alphonsus Rodriguez, SJ

**Groups:** Berry; Catholic Lawyers & Physicians; Ford Tractor; St. Vincent de Paul **Director:** Fr. Daniel Kennedy, SJ

#### Friday-Sunday, Oct. 25-27

**Patron:** St. Stanislaus Kosta, SJ **Groups:** Bodde/Schweihofer; St. Clare of Montefalco; Our Lady Star of the Sea; St. Hubert, Mt. Clemens; St. Valerie **Directors:** Fr. Fran Daly, SJ and Sr. Kathie Budesky, IHM

#### Friday-Sunday, Nov. 1-3

**Patron:** Blessed Rupert Mayer, SJ  
**Groups:** Holy Name, Birmingham; Immaculate Conception, Ira Township; St. Boniface, Oak Harbor OH; SS. Peter and Paul Jesuit Church **Director:** Mr. Christopher Alt, SJ

#### Friday-Sunday, Dec. 6-8

**Patron:** St. Francis Xavier, SJ **Group:** Bayer-Toledo **Director:** Fr. Bob Ytsen, SJ



## Retreats for Women

### 2023

#### Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 12-15

**Patron:** St. Dominic Collins, SJ  
**Director:** Fr. Fran Daly, SJ and Sr. Kathie Budesky, IHM

#### Friday-Sunday, Nov. 10-12

**Patron:** Blessed Miguel Pro  
**Director:** Fr. Bob Ytsen, SJ

#### Friday-Sunday, Nov. 17-19 (Women in Recovery)

**Patron:** Edward Dowling, SJ  
**Director:** Mr. Terry Sullivan

### 2024

#### Tuesday-Thursday, Jan. 9-11

**Patron:** The Archduchess, Joan of Austria **Director:** Fr. Robert Scullin, SJ  
**Note:** Ends after lunch on Thursday



# SCHEDULE 2023-24

## Friday-Sunday, Jan. 26-28 (AI-Anon)

**Patron:** Fr. James Cullen, SJ  
**Director:** TBD

## Friday-Sunday, Feb. 9-11

**Patron:** St. John de Brito, SJ  
**Director:** Sr. Linda Sevcik, SM

## Friday-Sunday, May 10-12 (Mother's Day Weekend Retreat)

**Patron:** Mary, Mother of the Society of Jesus  
**Director:** Fr. Peter Fennessy, SJ

## Friday-Sunday, May 24-26 (Women in Recovery)

**Patron:** Fr. Fred Kammer, SJ  
**Director:** TBD

## Friday-Sunday, June 21-23

**Patron:** Sr. Mary Ward, IBVM  
**Director:** Fr. Fran Daly, SJ and Sr. Kathie Budesky, IHM

## Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 10-13

**Patron:** Blessed Dominic Collins, SJ  
**Director:** Fr. Bob Ytsen, SJ

## Friday-Sunday, Nov. 8-10

**Patron:** Blessed Miguel Pro  
**Director:** Fr. Robert Flack, SJ

## Friday-Sunday, Nov. 22-24 (Women in Recovery)

**Patron:** Fr. Ed Dowling, SJ  
**Director:** TBD



## Retreats for Men and Women

## 2024

### Friday-Sunday, Jan. 19-21

**Patron:** St. Isaac Jogues, SJ **Groups:** Budd Company; Irmen; Kassab; St. Thomas More, Troy  
**Director:** Sr. Linda Sevcik, SM

### Friday-Sunday, Jan. 26-28 (Spiritual Freedom)

**Director:** Rosemary Inasley

### Friday-Sunday, Feb. 23-25 (Jesuit Alumni)

**Patron:** Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ **Group:** Jesuit Alumni **Directors:** Fr. Steve Hurd, SJ, Fr. Fran Daly, SJ, and Fr. Trevor

Rainwater, SJ

### Friday-Sunday, Mar. 1-3 (Healing Retreat)

**Patron:** St. John de Brebeuf, SJ  
**Directors:** Fr. John Esper and Debbie Tourville **Note:** Friday dinner at 6:00 PM

### Friday-Sunday, Mar. 8-10

**Patron:** St. Nicholas Owen, SJ  
**Groups:** Reuter; St. Alan; St. Anastasia  
**Director:** Fr. Damian Torres-Botell, SJ

### Thursday-Saturday, Mar. 28-30 (Holy Week Retreat)

**Patron:** Fr. Pierre Teilard de Chardin, SJ  
**Director:** Fr. Peter Fennessy, SJ

### Friday-Sunday, Apr. 19-21

**Patron:** St. Peter Canisius, SJ  
**Groups:** St. Frances Cabrini; St. Hugo  
**Director:** Fr. Robert Scullin, SJ

### Friday-Sunday, May 3-5 (Christian Meditation)

**Patron:** Fr. Roberto de Nobili, SJ  
**Directors:** Fr. Leo Cachat SJ, DiAnne Schultz and Mary Gresens

### Friday-Sunday, May 31-June 2 (Urban Parishes Retreat)

**Patron:** St. Peter Claver, SJ **Directors:** Fr. Robert Scullin, SJ and Retreat Team

### Friday-Sunday, June 7-9 (Retreat for Spanish-speaking Adults)

**Patron:** St. Alberto Hurtado, SJ **Directors:** Fr. Robert Scullin, SJ and Retreat Team  
**Note:** Ends at 3:00 PM on Sunday

### Friday-Sunday, July 26-28 (Married Couples Retreat)

**Patron:** St. Ignatius of Loyola **Director:** TBD **Note:** For traditionally married couples; \$100 deposit per couple required

### Friday-Sunday, Aug. 30-Sept. 1 (Christian Yoga Retreat)

**Patron:** Fr. John LaFarge, SJ **Directors:** Fr. Leo Cachat, SJ, Mary Gresens and DiAnne Schultz

### Tuesday-Thursday, Sept. 10-12

**Patron:** Blessed Francisco Gárate, SJ  
**Director:** Fr. Steve Hurd, SJ **Note:** Ends after lunch on Thursday

### Friday-Sunday, Sept. 20-22

**Patron:** St. Robert Bellarmine, SJ  
**Director:** TBD

### Friday-Sunday, Nov. 15-17 (Jesuit Alumni)

**Patron:** St. John Berchmans, SJ  
**Directors:** Fr. Steve Hurd, SJ, Fr. Francis Daly, SJ and Fr. Trevor Rainwater, SJ

## Retreat for Religious Sisters

### Sunday-Friday, Sept. 22-27, 2024

**Patron:** St. Margaret Mary Alacoque  
**Directors:** Fr. Peter Fennessy, SJ and Sr. Linda Sevcik, SM **Note:** Ends after lunch on Friday

## Individually Directed Retreats

### In Session 2024

IDR Session I	May 13-22
IDR Session II	June 10-19
IDR Session III	July 15-24
IDR Session IV	Aug. 7-16

These sessions allow for four-to-eight-day retreats (minimum of four full consecutive days/maximum of eight full consecutive days within session dates/times).

Arrival time begins at 5:00 PM on the opening date of the retreat session, dinner is at 6:00 PM and the retreat itself begins at 7:30 PM. The retreat ends at 10:00 AM on the closing date of the retreat session.

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*That the next generation may come to know*

What we have heard and know; things our  
ancestors have recounted to us.

We do not keep them from our children;  
we recount them to the next generation,

The praiseworthy deeds of the Lord and his strength,  
the wonders that he performed.

Which he commanded our ancestors,  
they were to teach their children;

That the next generation might come to know,  
children yet to be born.

In turn they were to recount them to their children,  
that they too might put their confidence in God,

And not forget God's deeds,  
but keep his commandments.

Psalms 78:3-4, 5b-7

