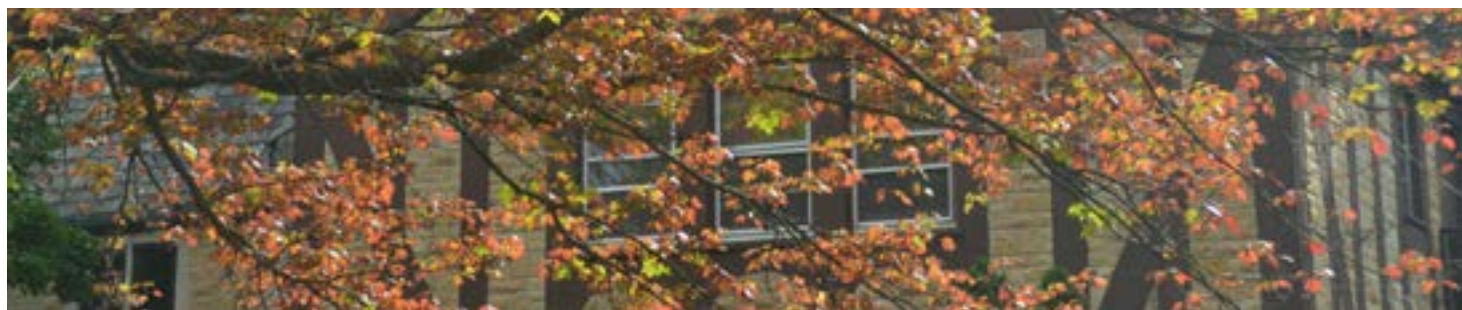




# Manresa Memos

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## A message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends of Manresa,



Sr. Linda Sevcik, SM

As Manresa begins to celebrate its 100th year of existence, the milestone invites us to reflect on the gift it has been to tens of thousands of people over this past century.

Personally, I am reflecting upon what Manresa has meant in my own life of faith since my introduction to it in the 1970s, when I was a young Sister in temporary vows. This was the very decade Manresa was beginning to open up to women.

I recognized from the first time I saw the amazing grounds that Manresa was a sacred place where I felt God's presence in a profound way. I felt very at home—that this was a place I hoped to see again and again, a place where I could talk with God easily and straightforwardly. And that is, indeed, what it has been for me!

I invite you to share your Manresa stories with us if you feel called to do so. What has Manresa meant to you in the part of its history that you have shared, whether many years or only a few? All are welcome. See the article "Tell Your Story" on page 2 to learn more about how you can do that.

Sr. Linda Sevcik, SM

Executive Director

P.S. At the time of this writing, the staff and 100th Anniversary Committee are looking forward to our **Outdoor Mass on Sunday, Sept. 28 at 2:00 PM.** We hope to see many of you there. We have a beautiful liturgy planned accompanied by the Gesu parish choir followed by refreshments, And the house will be open for self-guided tours, so invite your friends and neighbors to join you. We ask that you RSVP soon by calling the office or emailing us at [frontoffice@manresa-sj.org](mailto:frontoffice@manresa-sj.org).

*Our Mission is to help men and women grow spiritually through prayer, reflection, guidance and teaching according to the Ignatian tradition.*

### JOIN US

#### Weekday Masses

Monday to Friday  
8:00 AM in the main chapel.

We remember all deceased retreatants the last Friday of each month at the 8:00 AM Mass.

#### Tuesday Prayer

Stay for 30 minutes of private Christian meditation following 8:00 AM Mass on Tuesdays.

#### Make a Note of It

The house will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27-28 for the Thanksgiving Day holiday. Masses will resume on Monday, Dec. 1 at 8:00 AM.

#### Learn More

Visit [manresa-sj.org/events](http://manresa-sj.org/events) for a full listing of our programs and retreats.



# Manresa News

## New staff member

We welcomed a new employee to our housekeeping staff in August.

Greg Landau joins Manresa on a part-time basis, preparing



and cleaning retreatant rooms and other areas of the house.

Raised in Huntington Woods, MI,

Greg graduated from Berkley High School and earned an associate's degree from Oakland Community College. He recently moved back to his hometown to help care for his mother.

Greg worked in retail settings before joining Manresa's staff. He's happy for the flexibility the position offers him, allowing him to care for his family which includes his beloved dog, Stella Rose.

"I have always loved the grounds of Manresa. I find it soothing, spiritual and uplifting," Greg said. "And this job gives me the opportunity to give back to a place that does so much for so many."

Join us in giving a warm welcome to Greg.

## Read our Blog!

Don't miss Fr. Peter's 100th Anniversary art reflections, retreatant reflections and other inspiring posts. Go to: [manresa-sj.org/news](http://manresa-sj.org/news)

## Sacred Encounters: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow

As we celebrate 100 years of Ministry at Manresa, we want to give God the glory for the fruit of our Mission to help people grow spiritually according to the Ignatian tradition.

Since 1926, thousands of men, women and youth have found God at Manresa through our various retreats and programs. Some find their faith for the first time while others are renewed or refreshed in their ongoing walk with God. God makes Himself known through these Sacred Encounters, and lives are changed for the better.

**We invite you to share your story of the impact Manresa has had on your life.**

Were you introduced to God's love at Manresa? Were you brought to a deeper awareness of God's movements in your life? Tell us about it so we can share it with the rest of our community.

Did you discover new ways to pray that led to deeper intimacy with God? Have you been awed by the beauty of God's creation

while walking Manresa's sacred grounds?

Did you experience a sense of God's nearness as you prayed in the chapel on retreat?

**Share your experience so others can benefit from your Sacred Encounter at Manresa, too.**

We are excited to hear about how God touched your life through the ministries of Manresa.

**There are a few ways you can do this.** Complete a "Tell Your Story" form found in the lobby, library or at the chapel entrance and drop it in the designated box there. Or email us at [editor@manresa-sj.org](mailto:editor@manresa-sj.org). Or click on the "Tell Your Story" link at [manresa-sj.org/100Years](http://manresa-sj.org/100Years).



## Tell Your Story

## Calling for corporate and individual sponsors



We're looking to Detroit-area business leaders and individuals in the Manresa community to invest in our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration year by becoming a sponsor for our year-long celebration. These sponsorships offer recognition in all our print and online publications throughout the year and at our 100th Anniversary Celebration Banquet in May 2026. Other benefits include Banquet program ads and free tickets to the Banquet. Become a sponsor—go to [manresa-sj.org/100Years](http://manresa-sj.org/100Years) or call Steve Raymond at 248.644.4933, Ext. 111 or email him at [sraymond@manresa-sj.org](mailto:sraymond@manresa-sj.org).

# A Day to Call Your Own

Step away from the cares of your world for a wonderful day of peace and quiet.

What could be better than a day all to yourself? A day to do something good for your soul. A day to relax, refresh and reflect in a beautiful setting.

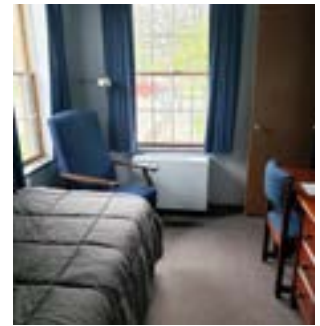
There's no better place to spend a day like that than at Manresa. **Enjoy the quiet, away from the busyness of everyday life.**

We provide you with a private room and a simple lunch; you decide how you want to spend the day: **reflect, pray, walk the property, read or just BE.** (No director is available or required.) Mark your calendar now to take some time to be alone with God.

8:00 AM–3:30 PM

Thursday, Oct. 23 | [manresa-sj.org/102325-day](http://manresa-sj.org/102325-day)

Monday, Dec. 15 | [manresa-sj.org/121525-day](http://manresa-sj.org/121525-day)



**Fee: \$60, due at registration.** Fee is non-refundable, non-transferable. Pre-registration is required. (Space is limited.) To register, go to the links above or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

## Aging Gracefully

**Finding Meaning and Purpose for the Later Years of Life**

“Have you ever thought of yourself as a ‘vessel of love’? This image speaks to what I envision for the elderhood years...,” says Joyce Rupp, author of *Vessels of Love*. “During this lifetime, whether we’ve been aware or not, a Presence of immeasurable love has been flowing through [our lives], quietly filling the vessel of our inner being. Like vats of matured wine, our ripened goodness has readied itself to move outward. ... Now is the efficacious time to tend ‘our tiny vessel’ so this graced goodness strengthens in us and benefits the life of those we encounter.”

Based on Rupp’s reflections, poems and prayers on the later years of life, the program will help you reflect, grow and embrace this sacred stage of life with peace, meaning and renewed intention.

Wednesday, 1:00-4:00 PM

Oct. 22 and Nov. 12

**Fee: \$40 due at registration.**

Fee is non-refundable, non-transferable.

Register at [manresa-sj.org/102225-aging](http://manresa-sj.org/102225-aging) or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

**Facilitator:** Sr. Linda Sevcik, SM’s ministerial experience includes teaching, professional counseling and retreat and spiritual direction.

# Oración Contemplativa

**Domingo de 1:30 a 5:00 PM**

**19 de octubre | 16 de noviembre, 2025**

**Costo: Tu donativo es bienvenido**

Se alienta a los participantes a donar a Manresa Jesuit Retreat House en apoyo de su Misión.

**Para registrarse, llame al 248.644.4933 Ext. 128 o correo electrónico [ignacianosdemanresa@gmail.com](mailto:ignacianosdemanresa@gmail.com).**

**P**ase una tarde de domingo en Manresa escuchando y reflexionando sobre aspectos de la espiritualidad ignaciana mientras disfruta de la tranquilidad y la belleza de nuestras instalaciones y jardines. Las sesiones son guiada por un equipo de acompañantes espirituales con experiencia en la tradición ignaciana. Cada tarde le ayudará a profundizar su fe mediante la oración, la meditación de las escrituras y el discernimiento, a medida que aprende a conocer, amar y servir mejor a Dios en su vida diaria.

## Contemplative Prayer for Spanish Speakers

**Sundays, 1:30-5:00 PM**

**Oct. 19 | Nov. 16, 2025**

**Fee: Donations gratefully accepted**

Participants are encouraged to donate to Manresa Jesuit Retreat House in support of its Mission.

**To register, phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 128 or email [ignacianosdemanresa@gmail.com](mailto:ignacianosdemanresa@gmail.com).**

**S**pend a Sunday afternoon at Manresa listening and reflecting on aspects of Ignatian spirituality while enjoying the quiet and beauty of our facility and grounds. Sessions are guided by a team of Spanish-speaking spiritual companions with experience in the Ignatian tradition. Each afternoon will help you to deepen your faith through prayer, Scripture meditation and discernment as you come to know, love and serve God better in your daily life.

Saturday, Nov. 15  
8:30 AM-4:00 PM



## Saturday: A Day for You

After a long week filled with deadlines, distractions and demands, imagine a day that asks nothing of you—except to simply be.

Come to Manresa for a day of quiet renewal, where peace meets purpose and your soul finds space to breathe.

Nestled in the heart of nature, our serene grounds invite you to leave the noise behind and rediscover your center. No schedule. No expectations. Just sacred space and silence.

You'll have your own private room and a simple, nourishing lunch. How you spend the day is entirely up to you. Walk the peaceful wooded trails. Sit in quiet reflection in the library or chapels. Pray, journal or read without interruption. Or do nothing at all—and let that be enough.

There is no morning Mass, and spiritual directors are not available or required. This is your time. Your retreat. Your renewal.

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**Fee: \$60, due at registration.**

Fee is non-refundable, non-transferable. Pre-registration is required.  
(Space is limited.)

***Please Note:** Arrival and registration at front office between 8:00 AM-8:45 AM. A silent retreat will be in progress that day; please be aware of the quiet as you enter. Checkout no later than 4:00 PM.*

Register at [manresa-sj.org/111525-saturday](http://manresa-sj.org/111525-saturday) or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

## Sunday Afternoon Reflection



As we name our deepest wishes and hearts' desire—our holy longing—we open up to the blessings of the Advent Season and the gift of Advent Hope. We temper our consumerism and help those in need to experience a new gift of hope through music, brief meditations and story-telling from the book of Isaiah. We find ways to embrace the darkness of the season and of our world.

Join us for the afternoon that includes presentations, time for private prayer/devotion, Sunday Mass and a delicious meal to round out the day. Your retreat begins at 2:00 PM; however, you may arrive any time after 1:30 PM for refreshments and fellowship.

**Sunday, Dec. 7 | 2:00 PM-7:00 PM**

**Fee: \$60 due at registration.**

Fee is non-refundable, non-transferable.

Register at  
[manresa-sj.org/120725-SAR-Advent](http://manresa-sj.org/120725-SAR-Advent)  
or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

**Facilitated by Fr. Robert Scullin, SJ**, who served as Provincial of the Detroit Province and superior of the Colombiere Jesuit Community in Clarkston before coming to Manresa.

“What we  
have once  
enjoyed  
we can  
never lose.  
All that we  
love deeply  
becomes a  
part of us.”

Helen Keller



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# Upcoming Conference Retreats

## Retreats for Women



### Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 9-12 (4 Days)

*To Know Christ Jesus*

**Patron:** Blessed Dominic Collins, SJ

**Director:** Fr. Peter Fennessy, SJ

### Friday-Sunday, Nov. 7-9

*Mary Magdalene: The Transforming Journey of a Disciple*

**Patron:** Blessed Miguel Pro, SJ

**Director:** Ms. Jennifer Ristine, CWRC

### Friday-Sunday, Nov. 21-23

*Women in Recovery*

**Patron:** Fr. Edward Dowling, SJ

**Director:** Fr. Steven Spahn, SJ

## Retreats for Men

### Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 2-5 (4 Days)

*Keeping the End in Mind: A Retreat on Christian Hope*

**Patron:** St. John Ogilvie, SJ

**Format:** Silent and optional sharing

**Director:** Fr. Daniel Kennedy, SJ

### Friday-Sunday, Oct. 17-19

*Living the Life of the Kingdom of God*

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

**Director:** Fr. Robert Flack, SJ

### Friday-Sunday, Oct. 24-26

*Called to be Humble Men of God*

**Patron:** St. Stanislaus Kostka, SJ

**Format:** Silent with some sharing

**Director:** Fr. Dan Dixon, SJ

### Friday-Sunday, Oct. 31-Nov. 2

*Wholeness and Holiness: Recovery of Lost Innocence*

**Patron:** Blessed Rupert Mayer, SJ

**Director:** Fr. Robert Scullin, SJ

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

*Reflecting on Your Life's Journey*

**Patron:** St. Francis Xavier, SJ

**Format:** Silent with some sharing

**Director:** Sr. Linda Sevcik, SM

## Retreats for Men & Women

### Friday-Sunday, Nov. 14-16

*The Life and Spiritual Insights of St. Ignatius*

Delve into the remarkable journey of Ignatius of Loyola, from wounded soldier to mystical founder of the Jesuit order. This retreat weaves together the saint's biographical story with his profound spiritual teachings, exploring how his personal struggles and revelations shaped transformative practices still relevant today. Participants will reflect on the themes outlined in St. Ignatius' biography.

**Director:** Fr. Steve Hurd, SJ

*All retreats are silent unless otherwise noted. \$50 deposit due at registration for all retreats. Register at [manresa-sj.org/events](http://manresa-sj.org/events) or call 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.*