

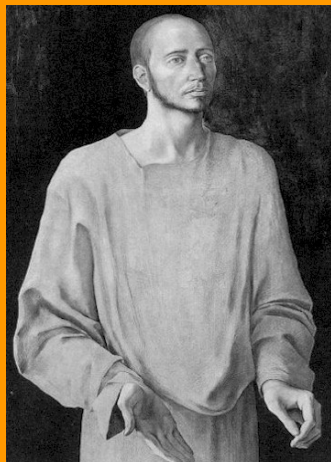


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Message from the Director

I have spent the last few months in meetings with ISI folks. First-year students have had their final evaluative meetings with me, where we discussed their plans for their practicum year. Interns had their last meeting with me and their supervisor, where we explored how they had changed over the course of their practicum, and what they were looking forward to in their spiritual direction ministry to come. And the fourteen new students spent time with me and members of our Advisory Committee accounting for why they were interested in joining the ISI. I welcome all of these back to the 12th year of the ISI – as well as all our helpers, donors and friends.

One of the topics common to all of these meetings is the risk one takes in stepping out into a new venture like committing to a two-year instructional program and/or eventually leaving it for the unknown. The ISI holds out an attractive promise, seemingly consistent with how one hears God calling in one's life. Its promise entices one, encouraging one to dream of what might come from pursuing it. Anticipation and longing are part of that attraction. And yet, taking the plunge is also somewhat scary and fear-producing every step of the way: for new students, new interns, those being certified, and me, all of us alike!

Working with ISI students now for twelve years, and watching the transformation that happens in their lives over the two years they are in the ISI, have taught me to trust the very real work God does once they enter into the program. My trust has grown: trust in God and in the processes of growth that happen when one gives oneself over to God. And yet the beginning of every year finds me and them somewhat apprehensive about what we will be undertaking together.

I found a poem by one of my favorite poets, Mary Oliver, which seems to capture this mixture of attraction and fear at the taking of risks. It is called "Green, Green Is My Sister's House."

*Don't you dare climb that tree
or even try, they said, or you will be
sent away to the hospital of the
very foolish, if not the other one.
And I suppose, considering my age,
It was fair advice.*

*But the tree is a sister to me, she
lives alone in a green cottage
high in the air and I know what
would happen, she'd clap her green hands,
she'd shake her green hair, she'd
welcome me. Truly*

*I try to be good but sometimes
a person just has to break out and
act like the wild and springy thing
one used to be. It's impossible not
to remember wild and want it back. So*

*if someday you can't find me you might
look into that tree or – of course
it's possible – under it.*



That's the risk, isn't it? But, isn't this poem reminiscent of someone in a gospel story who took the risk to climb a tree to see Jesus? That risk enabled his whole life to change. May this be equally true of all of us! Welcome back to another year of embracing risk and love and life. It's an adventure!

Peace and all good things,
Joan

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~Raul Botha

The first year of the ISI was intense... but so is every preparation for a long journey ahead. It had its fair share of mental, emotional and spiritual challenge through the assigned readings, class sessions, weekend workshops and personal reflections. Joan did a good job in prompting us to observe, interrogate and explore our boundaries, such as our perception of who God is, our relationship with the Creator, and what the call to spiritual direction might entail. All this was done in a generous, space-giving and flexible environment. I feel truly blessed to be part of my class and to benefit from their friendship, advice and prayers. Despite the different backgrounds (age, gender, denomination, nationality, language, mentality, etc.), it seems as if there is a common thing that connects us and unites us, beyond all differences: God and God's call to be more than we currently are. This felt experience of familiarity and connectedness, not just with my cohort but also with other ISI alumni, was present with me from our opening retreat and keeps maturing as we go through the program. Sadly, not everyone who started the first year is still with us in the program. Nonetheless, I feel as if instead of losing classmates, I earned family relatives, and spiritual friends. For my practicum, I will focus on directing, encouraging and supporting John Carroll students in their journey of developing a more profound relationship with God and with their own selves. Being a student for the past ten years myself, I believe I can relate to the realities of student life and meet them where they currently are. It's a new adventure, a new challenge, a new opportunity to find God in all things... and that's a good place to be!



~Brenna Davis

The first year of ISI has been an enriching one. I have really enjoyed the topics that we've studied and the connections I've made with classmates. The focus on the Spiritual Exercises and the idea that we are loved deeply by God despite our faults has really stuck with me and has been personally meaningful. It will be a wonderful starting place as I begin to meet with directees. Equally important, I have sincerely cultivated a deeper appreciation for Karl Rahner and his theology. Looking ahead to next year, I am planning to complete my practicum by directing students and teachers individually at Saint Martin de Porres High School where I teach theology. In addition, I will be looking into opportunities to work with college students in various types of retreat settings.



~Julie Graham

As I reflect back on the first year of ISI I most appreciate being a part of a community that can nurture and challenge my spiritual life. While our class didn't have much time for discussion, I can say that that we have begun the process of building a faith community. The diversity of our class has expanded my knowledge and understanding of the expression of faith. As I look towards year two I am excited to take what I have learned out of the classroom. I am also looking forward to relying upon and connecting with the rich spiritual community of ISI.

~Maria Green

What a privilege it has been to be part of this ISI class and the community of spiritual directors. I still cannot believe this is what I am doing, and at the same time feel so at home. With all the spiritual titles this course uses, the last thing I thought I learned was the embracing of what it means to be fully human. ISI has been a journey that has increased the scope of my Christian faith and understanding. I have gained new and refreshing insight into Jesus, which in turn, has given me a fuller understanding of what it really means to be here on earth. I have gained confidence in knowing that my experiences count and that God is found in all things. Since I already co-facilitate Ignatian Spirituality Project retreats for homeless women dealing with addictions, I thought it would be a natural progression also to offer them spiritual direction afterwards (Nineteenth Annotations or the eight-week retreat). So for my practicum entering my second year, I will try to develop this idea along with offering service to the homeless at the Peter Maurin Center drop-in place where I volunteer in Akron.



~Rose Kaval

This past year has been filled with wonderful spiritual insights and growth. I was very pleased to learn through the theology of the Spiritual Exercises just how deep and rich Catholic theology can be. It made me sad that most Catholic people are never made aware of this depth and richness. Perhaps that is the role of a spiritual director - helping people become more aware. I found the reading to be both challenging and stimulating, and writing the reflection papers helped me to make the new insights a part of my own consciousness. It is amazing to look back and see just how much we covered in two semesters. I am grateful for the way in which Joan presented these materials and found her insights to be invaluable. When the opportunity was there, I learned a great deal from my fellow classmates as each of us is coming from a different place on our spiritual path. I look forward to beginning the second year of this program. My practicum plans are many and varied. I have two people who wish to embark on the Nineteenth Annotation Retreat and I look forward to sharing that journey with them. There are several people who have expressed an interest in doing one-on-one general spiritual direction with me for a period of ten months. With those people I hope to do a variation on the eight week retreat. There are also some ladies at Regina Assisted Living from my parish who would like to do an eight-week individually directed retreat. Many thanks to Joan and my classmates for making this a year of spiritual growth.



-Emma Krueger

The individual journeys through the Ignatian Spirituality Institute are as diverse as the snowflakes, yet at the core, we are synonym for the water that forms them. My voyage is that of a woman in her late sixties. I have been a 'seeker' all of my life. At ISI, I have found a source of inspiration. My class ranges in age from late twenties to seventy-ish. We are from varied backgrounds. We are Catholic and Protestant. We are male and female. We have personal goals and different approaches to our spiritual life. Our class is a unique reflection of our distinct components. But in our difference, we all desire a more intimate relationship with our Creator and Jesus. Along with this private goal, we want to gift others with the means of enhancing their connection to God. The first year has been a time of profound growth (yes, a sixty-eight-year-old can still grow). I have been challenged to deepen my bond with Christ by my knowledge of sacred scripture and theology. Through practicing the 'Nineteenth Annotation' concurrently, my intimacy with Jesus has grown. I have learned to approach life by inviting Jesus always to be at my side. Delving into the desire to be close to Christ has opened my heart to more compassion, forgiveness and understanding. The thought-provoking methods of our leader and guide Joan have expanded my perspective on the relationship between God and all of Her creation. My class has become extended family to me. The jigsaw puzzle of my spirituality contains a piece of each of my classmates. As my 'practicum' awaits me, I feel exhilarated. I have two people who will do the Nineteenth Annotation with me. They are very different from each other and I look forward to that challenge. I also hope to bring 'mini-classes' to a program for abused women. This has definitely been a life-changing year.



~Patrice Nerone

It is difficult to describe adequately the fullness of my experience during this first year at ISI as it has been a gift of immeasurable value to me. I entered this program having had no prior knowledge of spiritual direction or theology and discovered a passion for both. I am eager to experience being a spiritual director and to sharing love for God with others. My own spiritual director has been wonderfully helpful and insightful throughout my journey and I am grateful and hopeful for our continuing work together. God was certainly present and communicative throughout the Exercises and during each of my meetings with my director. The Spiritual Exercises provided a deeply moving experience that led to the discernment of a calling to ministry which I hope to fulfill in a worthy manner. I also found that the Exercises worked remarkably well in conjunction with my hypnotherapy training experiences and I look forward to exploring how I might use the two together in my future endeavors for the benefit of others. I feel this past year has helped open my mind and my heart and strengthened my faith. I have been privileged to spend this past year learning and growing with inquisitive and insightful classmates whom I thoroughly enjoyed getting to know and I am looking forward to our continued progress in the coming year. I have been fortunate to have a wise teacher who encouraged and gently challenged us and who provided immensely rich learning experiences. I thoroughly enjoyed my first year experience and I am eagerly anticipating year two.

~Terri Preskar

In thoughtful reflection of my first year of ISI, two words come to mind: challenge and promise. As in any new venture, the challenge to keep up with added demands to an already full life required patience, self management, and a willingness to let go of what no longer was reasonable. It was the “letting go” that seemed the hardest, and yet, in that letting go and letting God, it was revealed over and over—God provides! Though I have no doubt in my mind that training in spiritual direction is where I have been called at this time in my life, I do question where it is leading me—not with angst, but rather with blind excitement, expecting the mystery will reveal itself when it is time. I continue to formulate my year two practicum experience with greater detail, expecting it will include leading one through the Nineteenth Annotation, and one-on-one spiritual direction for others following a spiritual gifts discernment assessment. What continues to stick with me, however, is the final class of year one in which we sat with upper classman who shared their practicum experiences. What was clear to me was that the majority shared they were “surprised” by who contacted them for spiritual direction. It wasn’t a matter of a “pen to paper” exercise, but rather “called and sent.” We can make up all the plans we think, but in the end, recognize that it is God who is moving hearts, and our role is to say “yes.” I know year two will have its share of new challenges for me to address, but I rest in His promise, knowing God’s plans are always greater than I could ever imagine for myself. I remain in trust to continue the journey, one step at a time, with a deep, growing desire to be in greater communion with our loving God, silencing often enough to hear His whispers, and to glorify Him through my life.

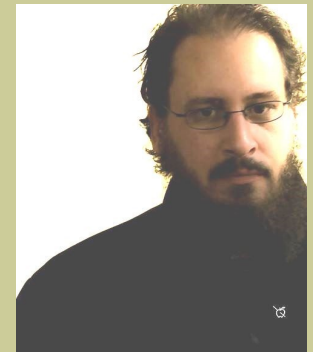
~Carla Robison

Hello! My name is Carla Robison. I'm from Ashtabula, Ohio. I'm beginning the second year in the ISI. My first experience was filled with new insights into scripture and a new understanding of the life of Christ. I currently teach pre-kindergarten at St. John School in Ashtabula. I am an active member of Our Lady of Peace Parish. I've worked in several ministries throughout the years, with both children and adults. My life has been a journey of faith. I truly believe that God provides. During various times of my life, it seems that God has placed people or things in my life that help me through my journey. I am also an Associate with the Sisters of Notre Dame. I feel that God has brought me to the Ignatian Spirituality Institute for a reason. I look forward to my second year. I plan to work with two individuals, directing one person in ongoing direction and the other person in the Nineteenth Annotation. I also plan to work with the RCIA director and the Youth Ministry director in my parish to plan retreats for families, adults and the youth of the parish. I'm looking forward to helping others on their faith journeys. My relationship with Jesus has strengthened and I hope to strengthen their relationships with Christ.



~Jamie Schmotzer, OSM

In the preface of his fine book, *English Spirituality*, Anglican priest Martin Thornton wrote that "spiritual direction is our greatest pastoral need today." The Church needs spiritual directors, and it truly is a great pleasure and privilege to be a part of a program that is doing something about that! In this last year, I have not only come to a deeper understanding of the task and role of the spiritual director, but I have also completed the Nineteenth Annotation, an experience that will, no doubt, be helpful as I consider where the Holy Spirit is guiding me in terms of my supervised practicum and my ordained ministry. Though not finalized, I have plans to lead an Anglican priest through the Nineteenth Annotation and to do at least one eight-week retreat with a small group that will focus on deepening spirituality through the liturgy. I am excited about entering into the supervised practicum and feel blessed to be doing so with my classmates - fellow pilgrims on the journey - and with Dr. Nuth, whom I especially appreciate because of her experience, wisdom, and theological approach.



~Megan Hren Sheehan

I am so grateful for my first year with the Ignatian Spirituality Institute. I have greatly appreciated most getting to know the people in the program, and the moments when God's grace has made for sharing and learning, and opening of hearts. I am looking forward to completing my second year from afar - in Boston. My husband Joe and I are moving to Boston at the end of August. I will be having a baby (our first) in October, and starting the Master of Divinity Program in January at Boston College. All of the changes are many, and I would not have taken this step if it had not been for the Ignatian Spirituality Institute. My husband is also pursuing a Master's degree (Masters in Theological Studies) at the B.C. School of Theology and Ministry. I will be joining my class via online video chat for instructional classes with Dr. Nuth, and I hope to attend our graduation in Cleveland next August. Thank you to my classmates and to Joan for a wonderful year, and inspiration to continue on the path of spiritual direction in light of St. Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises.



Reflections from the Interns

-George Shunk, Jr.



My first year was very exciting and challenging. Although I have studied theology mostly from the Wesleyan/Armenian perspective, it was very different looking at theology from the perspective of Karl Rahner. I cannot say I understood it all, but I do appreciate the scholarly detail which Rahner places upon his study. I have had questions which I did not know how to answer and many times Rahner's explanations were very helpful in helping me formulate answers. I also found that if we are truly willing to investigate the writings of others, the Protestant and Catholic views are not really that different. The highlight for me in the first year was the Nineteenth Annotation retreat. When I experienced desolation I discovered that I could go to my spiritual director and tell him that I was not ok and it was ok not to be ok. This was a great experience as were the times of consolation. I also discovered I was living in some respects in false consolation and thought that I was doing the will of God. The enemy is very crafty in getting us to do his bidding while thinking we are serving our Lord. Ignatian contemplation was very helpful in experiencing life as it may have been when Jesus was living among us. For my intern year I plan to do the eight-week program of the Exercises with a small group of directees. We will meet as a group weekly and I will meet twice a month with each one for individual spiritual direction. If the opportunity arises, I would also like to conduct a Nineteenth Annotation retreat as well. I am looking forward to a blessed year in the ISI with my classmates.

Meet the Incoming Class

~Steve Bodey



I am Steve Bodey and I am excited to join the upcoming Ignatian Spirituality Institute class. I have been very involved in church activities for many years. The focus of my lay ministries has always been the spiritual growth and the development of individuals in their faith journeys. I am ecumenical in my approach to Christian spiritual life. My current faith community is the Episcopal Church. I have always felt a closeness to God and the presence of God working in my life as part of my life journey. I have worked as a professional social worker for thirty-three years in a number of areas of practice and strive for excellence always. In professional practice I work to help others to reach emotional and personal health in their individual, work, and family wellbeing. I am looking forward to participating in the ISI program to further develop skills that will help me to help others on their faith journey and in turn enrich my own faith journey.

~Donna Clark



I have been working in ministry for about thirty-five years, and currently serve as pastoral minister for Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Harborcreek, PA, just east of Erie, PA. My ministry experience includes being a guitarist and singer for liturgies beginning as a teenager; being a member of the NY Archdiocesan mission team for five years after getting my BA in Music from Plattsburg State University of NY; and a two year stint at Linwood Spiritual Center in Rhinebeck, NY managing the kitchen, the database and serving as a music minister for liturgies. In 1994 I married Matthew Clark and together we attended St. John's School of Theology in Collegeville, MN. We moved to Erie in 1998. I completed my Master of Divinity degree with an internship at Mercy Center for Women in Erie, where over time I worked as house manager, client advocate and finance manager. In 2003 I was hired as pastoral minister at Our Lady of Mercy. After eleven

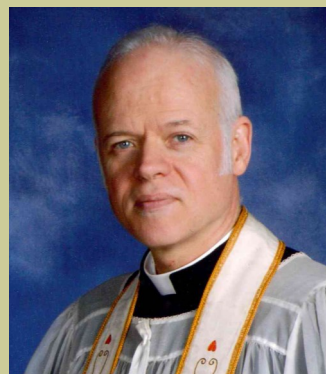
years it seemed the right time to act on my dream of becoming a spiritual director. Coming to the Ignatian Spirituality Institute for the spiritual direction program feels like coming home. I was born in Manchester, NH then lived in southern NY State for most of my young adult life. I enjoy doing creative things from cooking to winemaking. Matt and I celebrated twenty years of marriage this past July. We enjoy gardening, bicycling and sitting next to a stream in the Laurel Highlands of PA.

~Larry Cuy

"Coming home" is how I would describe my return this past fall to the Jesuit Retreat House in Parma after fifty years. Then I was in eighth grade and interested in the Society of Jesus and their missionary saints. My readings were guided by a kind priest, Thomas Gedeon SJ. This past spring, I asked JRH presenter Fr. Howard Gray SJ what ever happened to Fr. Gedeon. Fr. Gray told me to follow him. He then showed me an immense number of incredibly beautiful photographs taken by this gifted and now deceased Jesuit priest whose work appears to depict Christ in all things. Between those fifty years, I married Barbara and raised two daughters who now live and work in Boston and Washington DC. I graduated a few times from Case Western Reserve and spent my career leading financial management, information technology, risk and strategic management functions as well as supervising financial institutions. I have retired after a career of thirty-eight years and plan to lead a more contemplative life but also to become more active in the church. I am a long-term Oblate of Saint Benedict at St. Andrew's Abbey in Cleveland. I expect to broaden and deepen my overall spiritual journey from that of St. Benedict ("To prefer nothing to the love of Christ") while moving 1000 years forward to that of St. Ignatius ("To find Christ in all things"). I feel now is the time and how better than through ISI and John Carroll University? I am a member at the Church of the Assumption in Broadview Heights which is staffed by Benedictine monks from St. Andrew's Abbey. Some of my current joys are bringing the Eucharist to the sick/home-bound and praying/meditating before the Eucharist in the Divine Mercy Chapel.

~Rev. Sean Donnelly

I was raised in a Catholic home, the oldest of thirteen children. Growing up, I lived in many different parts of the northeast U.S., finally settling in Cleveland in 1977. After obtaining my college degree from St. Anselm's (Manchester, N.H.), I entered St. Mary's Seminary (Cleveland). In the seminary I was given a spiritual director who facilitated my development as a child of God, disciple of Christ, temple of the Holy Spirit, and candidate for the priesthood. I was ordained in 1982, and have served in a variety of parish assignments and military chaplaincy (which included service in Saudi Arabia during the Persian Gulf War of 1991). Presently, I am pastor of Immaculate Conception in Madison, Ohio. As I look back on the influence that spiritual direction has had on my life and ministry, over the course of the last thirty-seven years, I look forward to participating in the ISI program. My purpose is not only to grow as a spiritual director by receiving formal training provided by the ISI, but also to become a better "directee" and pastor. I believe that the biggest need in the Church today (which is seldom talked about) is for people to learn how to pray and to develop their prayer-lives. I have frequently asked people, over the years, about how they pray. Many of our people do not pray with much depth or regularity. Perhaps much of this is due to the fact that many of them have never been trained. If people learn how to pray and listen to God, then they are in a position to respond to the Holy Spirit's direction. The human spiritual director is a third party who assists in the process of discernment. I look forward to developing my capacity to help people hear the Holy Spirit in their lives.



~Joyce Gordon

I was not raised in a Christian home, but through many twists and turns in life I became a devoted follower of Jesus Christ and learned that God can use the “least of these” in mighty ways. I found my calling in Hospice nursing, and with a passion for the celebration of life and for end of life care, I completed the Anamcara Apprentice program offered through the Sacred Art of Living and Dying Center in Bend, Oregon. The word ANAMCARA is Gaelic for “soul friend” and through this training I received a certificate in Spiritual Discernment and Spiritual Direction. My spiritual home is the Methodist Church where I am a Stephen Minister leader. I have taught the course on Spiritual Gifts, participated in numerous Life Groups and Bible study groups; I am a member of the Pastor, Staff, Parish Relations committee, and an active participant in our Prayer Ministry. I am an avid reader of the Bible and all sacred texts. I guess I have always been a contemplative Mary living in a Martha world. I have been divorced for many years. I live in Richmond Heights with my feisty Irish Setter/Golden Retriever and have two adult children and four wonderful grandchildren. I am so eager to grow in the practice of Spiritual Direction. When I sit at the bedside of those who are dying or as I meet with those entrusted to my care in Stephen Ministry or Spiritual Direction I can feel the very presence of God. While I listen for His still small voice I am embraced by His love and peace, and, as a channel of Christ’s divine love, become the healing and wholeness for a hurting soul. I am very humbled to be accepted into the ISI and look forward to learning Ignatian Spirituality and seeing God in all things.

~Dan Guíon

I am blessed to have this opportunity with ISI come into my life. Many times I have not been looking for something specific, but have left myself open to life changing opportunities that the Holy Spirit presents. I found out about this opportunity from a family member and prayed whether this is something I should embrace. I feel compelled to embrace the intellectual spirituality that St. Ignatius brings to us. I am a graduate of Saint Ignatius High School so the Jesuit tradition has been with me for a while. I am married with a 14-month-old daughter Clara and a dog, Daisy. My wife Carolyn is a faith-filled woman who supports my decision (thank God) to grow in faith. I am looking forward to learning from others so I will be able to help others grow in faith in the future. I am a teacher and campus minister at Saint Joseph Academy in Cleveland and my hope is to further Ignatian spirituality at SJA. The school’s founding order, The Congregation of Saint Joseph, was established and helped by its spiritual director Fr. Jean Pierre Medaille, S.J. This connection in my life was meant to be and I want to take full advantage of learning from these great traditions in our church. My faith in Christ is a personal and communal journey that I hope to deepen through this experience. I am thankful for your allowing me to join all of you.

~Dave Jesenovec

My relationship with God is the most important aspect of my life. As I grow closer to God, I become more the person God created me to be. I have a deep love for nature, enjoy hiking, and making pottery. I work as a technical writer at a local software company. My wife, Rose Anne, and I celebrated our 25th anniversary last year by taking our first trip out West. We visited the Grand Canyon, Sequoia National Forest, and traveled the Pacific Coast Highway. Our daughter, Liza, was married this year in an outdoor setting on what seemed to be the only dry day in the month of June. Growing spiritually and helping others to do the same has always been an important aspect of our marriage. Over the years, we’ve had the privilege of planning and ministering at many retreats and other spiritual growth programs. We are ecumenical Christians

and enjoy having a connection with Christians from many different churches. Spiritual direction is a sacred privilege of sharing intimately in the spiritual life of others. I have prior experience both as a directee and as a director from the Sustainable Faith School of Spiritual Direction in Cincinnati, Ohio. I look forward to discovering through ISI how to grow in this calling. As a spiritual pilgrim with others, I am encouraged by the promise, "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you" (James 4:8).

~Rick Krivanka

I am very grateful to be entering the ISI as a way to enrich my presence and ministry as the new Executive Director of the Jesuit Retreat House. The past eight months have been a time of prayer and discernment leading to this inspiring new turn in my life – a time blessed with a profound sense of feeling my life in God's hands, and the belief that this role is the best use of my gifts in this phase of my life. I am ever-inspired by the *First Principle and Foundation* of Ignatius, and the core image of "Finding God in all things." I want to do all that I can to serve people individually and communally in ways that bring the gift of Ignatian spirituality more deeply into their lives. My wife Barbara and I have been married for thirty-nine years and are blessed with four remarkable young adult children and two Westies. For the past two years, I served as an independent consultant locally and nationally in Catholic settings as well as with the MetroHealth System and non-profits. Previously I served as director of the Pastoral Planning Office for the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland for over thirty-two years, and prior to that time was a volunteer with the office for ten years. My work focused on building effective leadership, collaboration and unity among people. I have done a great deal of work with Appreciative Inquiry which has a profound connection to Ignatian spirituality. I am a first generation Slovak. I earned a B.S. in Civil Engineering and an M.S. in Organizational Development and Analysis from Case Western Reserve University.

~Mary Mondello

I'm a newcomer to Cleveland having moved here this past October. Having heard about ISI before coming I looked into it shortly after I arrived and am gratefully looking forward to being part of this year's class. I was born and raised in Michigan. My father's death when I was eleven months old resulted in my mother's return to her parents home. I was blessed to be raised in my grandparents home. Their names were Joseph and Mary and we became a family. I had a Catholic education up and through college. My husband was a World War II veteran who had been wounded on Okinawa and survived. We were married the year after I graduated from college. We had five children. Two of our children were born in Bogota, Colombia while we worked there as volunteers. We were part of a Catholic lay volunteer organization under the Mission Secretariat of the Catholic Welfare Conference and remained in Bogota for five years. My husband was in charge of the language department at the Javeriana, a Jesuit university. My husband had his first heart attack while we were in Colombia. Following this period we moved to St Louis where my husband had been hired by St Louis University to work in their Latin American office. I decided to return to academia and eventually earned a degree in Psychology. We had been close to the Jesuits in Colombia and continued these friendships in St Louis. I was blessed and invited by one of the Jesuits to make the Nineteenth Annotation at the same time I started my doctoral work. The natural outcome was an integration of who I became professionally and how the Exercises influenced my life. I've remained close to the Spiritual Exercises and the Jesuits in related organizations and conferences and hope to continue this in Cleveland. My husband died of a heart attack when he was sixty. I retired from my private practice seven years ago. I have five grand-daughters and one great grand-daughter with another great grandchild waiting to be born this month. Clearly I am blessed and have been given grace in abundance. I see the gift of participating in ISI as an extension of this abundance.



~John Scarano

I am married to Christine, and we have three children: Erica, Matthew and Sarah. In August, 2003, I began my tenure as the Director of Campus Ministry at JCU. Prior to coming to Cleveland, I served as the Director of the Newman Catholic Student Center at Southern Illinois University, in Carbondale, IL, and as the Diocesan Director of Campus Ministry for the Diocese of Belleville, IL. I was also the director of the Catholic Student Center for the University of Miami in Florida and Director of Campus Ministry and adjunct instructor of Old Testament at Ursuline College here in Cleveland. I have an MA in Theology from the University of Notre Dame with a concentration in Scripture. I have been a full-time, lay minister in the Catholic Church since 1981. I have had extensive experience in large metropolitan and smaller, more intimate campus ministry settings as well as Catholic, State and Private Institutions. My experience has varied from being a “lone ranger” to directing a staff of eight professionals and six student interns. My opportunities in campus ministry have taken me from the environment of the classroom to the mountains of Haiti and the cliffs of the Appalachian Trail. I place great value in my vocation as a lay minister, and, in particular, my focus on ministry to higher education. I am a proponent of ministry to the institution - students, faculty and staff. My preferred style is one of collaboration in team ministry. I am an avid reader, a passionate fly fisherman and fly tyer, and believer in the need for continued education in one’s field of expertise. My focus in ministry has been hospitality, theological education and social justice.

~Carol Anne Smith, HM

My life can best be described in the words of the Magnificat: “God who is mighty has done great things for me...” over and over again. The second child and first daughter of faith-filled, totally loving and good parents, I am one of seven children. As a child I was deeply influenced and inspired by my Mom’s teaching us that “everyone has a call from God – a vocation,” and that our purpose in life was to discover that call and respond to it. This teaching has really been the guiding principle of my life, and the calls of God as I’ve discerned them have taken me to truly unexpected places. I entered the Sisters of the Humility of Mary Congregation after graduating from Lourdes Academy one year prior to my Congregation’s Vatican II renewal chapter. My life as an H.M. Sister has been richly blessed through the witness and lives of dedicated members of my community and endless opportunities for ministry with others. My ministries have been primarily in leadership including as principal and president of my congregation’s Magnificat High School; as a member of my congregation’s Leadership Council; as Bishop Pilla’s Secretary for Education and Superintendent of Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Cleveland; and as Executive Director of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland Foundation. I have served on numerous boards, primarily of entities supporting persons who are poor and underserved, as well as in governance roles in Catholic Healthcare. As I complete a blessed time of sabbatical, I look forward to participating in the ISI and welcome all of God’s inevitable surprises and blessings as well as all the ISI leaders, participants and alumni will share.

~Mike Sweet

My wife Susan and I have lived in Medina, Ohio most of our lives. We attend St. Francis Xavier Parish where we have been parishioners since being married there by Father Mark Hollis in 1990. I am involved in the music ministry as a cantor, facilitate a ten-week retreat based on the Spiritual Exercises in the fall (this will be our fourth year) and am currently troop chaplain for Boy Scout Troop 506. I am a baptized Catholic but for most of my youth and young adult life was raised in the Episcopal Church and was active in youth ministry. I converted to Catholicism in 2001 following a "Christ Renews His Parish" retreat at our parish where I honestly committed my life to Christ. It is the Catholic faith that has developed my relationship with our Lord and Blessed Mother. A pilgrimage to Medjugorje several years ago really deepened my relationship with Our Lady. Like many of you I have been very involved in ministries in our parish and love our Catholic community at St Francis Xavier. Having the opportunity to attend SPA (Spirituality Program for Adults) at Walsh Jesuit H.S with Father Jack White, S.J. and shortly after that the Nineteenth Annotation, was spiritually life changing. I look forward to this next important step in our Ignatian spiritual journey with all of you.



~Kathy Wray

I was born, raised and have lived most of my fifty-five years in the South Hills of Pittsburgh. I attended a Catholic grade school, where I was nurtured in a love for knowledge, and a devotion to my Catholic faith. Unbeknownst to me, the Sisters of St. Joseph sowed seeds of a deeper longing for union with God and others that later led me in the direction of education and theology. Following a degree from Duquesne University in music education, I entered the Sisters' Congregation and happily lived this vowed apostolic life for seven years. Feeling invited outward, I left the community and attended a graduate program in New York, receiving my MA from Fordham University. Since then, I have ministered as a Director of Music in two parishes, taught theology at Seton-LaSalle Catholic High School and served as their Campus Minister. I love working with teenagers, particularly in the area of prayer and spiritual formation. Most importantly, I am spouse to John, my husband of twenty-four years, and mother to Mary, 23, John, 21, and Sarah, 19. All are either in graduate school or college. I'm very proud of the man and women they are becoming and feel so blessed that God has entrusted them to our care. I'm very happy to be beginning this next movement in my life as I begin this ISI program. I feel this is a movement of God's grace and I look forward to our time together these next two years.



SAVE THESE DATES:



ISI Annual Reunion & Reflection Day

With Janice Bachman, OP
"Finding the Gift of the Shadow"
Saturday, October 4, 2014 10am-4pm
At John Carroll University

ISI Alumni Quiet Retreat

Jesuit Retreat House
April 10-11, 2015



Tuition

Tuition is billed directly from and payable to the ISI Office. Make checks payable to John Carroll University, and send them addressed to the **Ignatian Spirituality Institute** or give them to Joan in class. Tuition is payable quarterly. Due dates are August 31, November 30, January 31 and March 31. Reminder bills will be sent to you. If you prefer, you may pay the entire amount at the beginning of the year, or half at the beginning of each semester (August 31, 2014 and January 29, 2015).

Nineteenth Annotation Retreat

Those making the Nineteenth Annotation Retreat through the ISI will be billed monthly. The total cost for the 30 weeks is \$800.00. The retreat begins in October. Spiritual directors will be assigned in September.

Parking

You must pay for a new parking sticker for each semester. They require records of the make, model, year, color and license plate number of your car and accept **cash or checks only**. The charges are as follows:

All-day Parking: \$125.00 per semester
 After 4:30pm: \$60.00 per semester
 Summer Time: Open Parking on campus lots (no permits needed)

Since our classes are in the evening, you will not need the all-day permit unless you want the luxury of coming to campus anytime.

Second year interns will receive the information they need directly from Patti Taylor/Parking.

Einstein Brothers Bagels

The café is open from 7:30am-7:00pm Monday thru Thursday, and 7:30-2:00 Friday. It is located on the Garden Level of the Administration Building.

Student ID (optional):

Student ID cards are necessary to check out books from the library, to use computer labs and athletic facilities, and to cash checks. The first card is free; there is a \$15 replacement fee for lost cards.

First year students are scheduled to have photos taken in the Carroll Office for these cards between 5 and 6pm on Wednesday, September 3rd. If you are a Second year intern and you need a card, you are scheduled on Wednesday, September 10th from 5 to 6pm. The Carroll Office is located in Room 12 of the Administration Building (Garden Level) near Einstein Brothers. (Cards are optional).

Library

The Grasselli Library is located across from the Administration Building. The hours are:

Sunday: 11:00am-Midnight
 Mon-Thu: 7:30am-Midnight
 Friday: 7:30am-9:00pm
 Saturday: 10:00am-6:00pm
 Holidays: as posted
 Special Days: as posted

Student Service Center

Located on the Garden Level of the Administration Building, this center provides a check cashing service for students. Hours of operation:

Monday-Thursday: 8:30am-7:30pm
 Friday: 8:30am-4:30pm

RecPlex

Your ID card gives you access to JCU's recreational facilities. Hours of operation are as follows:

	Rec Center Corbo	Cardio Room	Pool
Monday – Thursday	10am - 12am	6am - 12am	11am - 1pm, & 6pm - 9pm
Friday	10am - 9pm	6am - 9pm	11am - 1pm, & 6pm - 9pm
Saturday	10am-9pm	9am - 9pm	noon—6pm
Sunday	10am - 12am	9am - 12am	noon - 6pm

***Please check the JCU website for up-to-date changes that may occur for the hours of operation for these facilities, due to inclement weather, a power outage or interior maintenance.



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