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Message from the Director:

In this, the eighth year of the ISI, I welcome all of you to share again with us. Welcome to our new class, whom we introduce to you in this issue. Welcome back to all our second year interns, whose reflections on their first year are within. Welcome to those to be certified this year; their stories will be told in our next issue. And welcome to all alumni, helpers and friends, without whose continuing support the ISI would be much poorer.

Recently I have been having final meetings with last year's interns, where I ask that they assess the value of their internship year. I ask them to mention what gifts they bring to the ministry of spiritual direction. A surprising number of them mentioned a sense of humor as a gift they greatly prize for this ministry. This gave me the theme for this year's message.

How drab would be the life story we inhabit without the opportunity once in a while to laugh – either at the foibles of others, at a particularly funny story, or above all at ourselves. The kind of sharing we do in class is greatly enhanced by a sense of humor. Some in the history of the ISI have been particularly famous for being able to inject a spirit of lightness and humor into the most serious of class discussions. Off the top of my head, those who immediately come to mind are Bruce Batchelor-Glader (ISI '05), Barbara Patterson (ISI '05), Rich Jerdonek (ISI '06), John Hammel (ISI '07), Chuck Herbruck (ISI '08), and Elaine Fechko (ISI '09). The class to be certified this year has a slew of them: John Carlson, Mary Downey, Chris Madsen, Jan Munsey, and Dave Schrader. The new interns have Margaret Balewski and Harry Eberts. These practitioners of the art of humor have made the rest of us more conscious of our own ability to see and appreciate the funny side of life. Teaching in the ISI has been incredibly refreshing for me. Most undergraduates simply do not get my jokes – ISI folks do. It is great to laugh together in class!

I like to think that Jesus had a great sense of humor. This becomes obvious when we read some of his parables with care. He certainly appreciated the art of irony – having things turn out the opposite from what one expects. If Jesus was the perfect human, and if humor is such an essential aspect of being human, then I think Jesus must have laughed often and heartily at a good joke and even at himself.

Over the past few years, I have been immersing myself in the poems of Mary Oliver. I don't know how much she knows formally about Ignatian spirituality, but she certainly knows how to find God in all things. Her poems help us to notice and appreciate with awe the things that we simply take for granted. I found one poem that wonderfully points out the value of humor for appreciating the simple things of life. I reproduce it here for your pleasure. It is titled "Look and See."



(Director's Message, continued)

This morning, at waterside, a sparrow flew to a water rock and landed, by error, on the back of an eider duck; lightly it fluttered off, amused. The duck, too, was not provoked, but, you might say, was laughing.

This afternoon a gull sailing over our house was casually scratching its stomach of white feathers with one pink foot as it flew.

Oh Lord, how shining and festive is your gift to us, if we only look, and see.



My prayer for this year is that, in the midst of all the gravity that attends learning about and practicing the ministry of spiritual direction, we might be alert to its lighter side. May we not expect others to be perfect, and may we laugh with them (not at them) when they are not. May we not expect perfection of ourselves; may we not take ourselves too seriously, but lighten up and learn to laugh at our mistakes. May we open ourselves to the God who accepts us as we are, with all our faults and foibles. This, after all, is what makes life so interesting – and funny. (Think about Ignatius leaving it up to the mule to decide whether or not he should kill the Moor!)

Thanks be to God for the gift of humor. May it flourish this coming year!

Peace and all good things,
Joan



The class of 2011 posed last year at their first class. Neophytes then, they are now semi-experts in Ignatian theology and spirituality, having passed and mastered the rigors of their first year. We include here their personal reflections on what the year has meant to them.

~ Margaret Balewski

There is incredible freedom in surrendering to God's love as the center of my life. I am so grateful God and the ISI helped me discover this freedom. I am absolutely certain that I have never been happier. While I welcomed the role of becoming a student again, I delighted in the discovery of this safe place of sharing with my classmates and Joan and being with people who truly understand this faith journey towards "I know not what." During our prayerful study, I learned of the joy that opened my heart and mind to God's love and how God wants little in return but our efforts and openness to the new ways God speaks to us. In learning to become a spiritual director, I am so eager to expand my meager efforts in the cause of accompanying another with the guidance and grace of the Holy Spirit.



~ Julie Bradley

I keep searching for the words to express why being in the ISI this past year has had such a transformative effect on me. Why is my vision of faith clearer, my relationship to Christ stronger and the expectations I have for the future so filled with joy? Why is my step lighter and my heart fuller? I believe a good part of it is the community I am now a part of. We all seem to thrive in this ISI community. We reflect one another. We affirm each other. We soak up and carry with us pieces of each other. We have been made better people by the journey we are sharing. There is a palpable trust that encircles and protects us. We keep each other in our prayers. Our hearts are lighter in each others' presence. To quote one of my favorite spiritual authors, Henri Nouwen, "Community is primarily a quality of the heart. It is first of all a recognition that in the faces of other people I am aware of Christ's call to interdependence, sharing, receiving, mutuality, encouragement and companionship." The simple act of being in a mutually supportive community of like-minded people has been one of the greatest gifts of the ISI. Yes, the learning itself has led me to a newness of vision concerning my own faith, thanks to Joan's gift of clarifying for us the densest of theological treatises, but it is the human beings who occupy that space alongside me who have enriched me the most. We will be taking a leap of faith in the coming year that we will be given the graces needed to share the richness of the Spiritual Exercises with others. The very idea is daunting but we must always keep in mind, as one of our classmates so aptly expressed it, He is the God of unlimited possibilities.



~ Kate Campbell

In the third annotation, Ignatius says, "For it is not much knowledge but the inner feeling and relish of things that fills and satisfies the soul." Ignatius' wisdom and other studies of this past year have deepened for me realizations of: creation having the ongoing ability to create; God's vulnerability and yearning for our friendship; the idea of God being like a jazz player who improvises with whatever we live . . . And then I've learned many other things from my classmates, for example: there is a deli a couple of blocks from my house that I never knew about before; Omaha is a great city; parish councils can be dangerous; dogs can be wonderful ministers (a confirmation, not new knowledge.) Next year will be a challenge, but grace happens.





~ *Susan Carnahan*

Ignatian spirituality has taught me that God is present with us in all times and in all places. Ignatius, through the Exercises and in the Spirit, gently leads us to authentic, revelatory relationship with God and with community. At the heart of Ignatian spirituality is relationship with Jesus . . . In following the Nineteenth Annotation retreat, I was able to form a relationship with Jesus which previously did not exist.



~ *Kathi Chapman*

The first year of the ISI program has been a blessing and a challenge, growth and surprise. Having entered the program from an education perspective very removed from theology and spirituality, the first year has been a refreshingly new experience. Desiring more connectedness but not knowing what that might look like, I heard that the ISI program was an avenue for exploration. Over the year, there has been a growing awareness that this is the right path for me at this time in my life. I have been called to this place at this time. It has been a time of finding treasures while listening to the stories of others and the twists and turns in their spiritual lives. Joan structures the program to allow for reflection. That reflection has blossomed into gratitude for the depth of love we are offered. This growing awareness of the breadth and depth of the love of God for us is so grand. We are truly not alone. We are a community.



~ *Liz Duarte*

Being a part of the Ignatian Spirituality Institute has been such a privilege. It has allowed me to grow in my spiritual and faith life in wonderful ways. And, being among such an amazing group of individuals who are so accepting and so willing to share their own spiritual journeys has been an especially gratifying experience for me. I appreciate learning about Ignatius and the special spiritual growth that led him to found the Jesuit order. This helps me to understand the mission of Walsh High School and has already informed the way I teach literature, infusing Ignatian concepts wherever possible. All that I learned about the historical Jesus moved me deeply and has so enriched the words of the gospels and even the liturgy of the Mass. I have been impressed by the personal stories of my classmates regarding their experiences of Jesus and God in their lives. I strive to follow in their paths and am amazed at the extent to which I am aware of God's grace in my daily life. I look forward to continuing my spiritual journey and to sharing the journeys of others through spiritual direction. My goal is to encourage faculty, staff and parents at Walsh and in my parish to join me in shaping and enhancing their prayer lives and the knowledge that God is always with them. I also hope to work with Campus Ministry to encourage students to join individually or in groups in continuing prayer.

~ *Harry Eberts*

Little did I know what was in store for me at the beginning of last year! At the opening retreat I was new to everyone I met and knew very little about Ignatius, except how to pronounce his name (I think), though in my mind I was probably thinking of the Ignatius of the 2nd century and not the contemporary of Calvin. Once that got straightened out, the year unfolded nicely as the world of Ignatian spirituality descended upon me. The reading seemed difficult at first but soon the ideas started to leap off the page and into my imagination. I discovered to my joy and astonishment that my Presbyterian background meshed quite well with the Jesuits. I felt so ecumenical! It was easy because as I got to know all of my colleagues I grew to love them and would look forward to being with them again. The papers? I groaned at first but realized quickly that they forced me to read the material and wrestle with it to the point where I could put it into my own words. Doing my 19th Annotation retreat alongside the coursework made both seem easier to grasp. Somewhere in the middle of the year I stopped thinking of myself as a pastor and went along for the ride, as one who was being confronted and courted by God, with eyes open and a heart that warmed to the thought that God indeed loves me with this magical, mystery kind of love.



~ *Michael Feldtz*

How's that line from Luke go? "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind..." Well, the first year is past, but I couldn't say that we just "plowed through" it. There were so many graces and blessings - from the first call to talk with Dr. Nuth about the program to sitting with the second year students at the last class. The class reading and work all complemented my own years of interest in Ignatian spirituality. Many thanks to our class, and most of all to Dr. Nuth and the ISI benefactors who make it all possible. In the words of Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ, "More than ever I find myself in the hands of God. This is what I have wanted all my life from my youth... It is indeed a profound spiritual experience to know and feel myself so totally in God's hands."

I was particularly moved by the scriptural insights into the historical Jesus; the lucid expositions of Rahner; meeting St. Ignatius himself, especially in his Autobiography. That Ignatius fell in love with Jesus through his searching touched me. Actually, this first year of ISI has been my own year of courtship with Jesus. I was startled one day during a time of contemplation to hear Jesus say, "I want you for myself." Given this past year, I feel closer to answering the question challenged by Mary Oliver at the end of her poem *The Summer Day*, "Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?"



~ *Claudette Matero*

What an amazing year! I have learned so much. The writings of Rahner, McDermott, Aschenbrenner, Nolan, and Barry have enriched my life. I've come to know and be inspired by the life and writings of St. Ignatius. The combination of my classes with the experience of the 19th Annotation resulted in a life-changing year for me, impacting the decisions and actions of my daily life. I am so aware of God's grace in every aspect of my life. The *Suscipe* has permeated my being, challenging and encouraging me each day. It has been such a joy to come to know the other members of my class. We have shared a sacred journey this year, following the lead of our caring, encouraging, and patient director, Joan Nuth. I look forward to the coming year with expectant hope and real enthusiasm and the knowledge that Everything is Grace!





~ *Andrea McGovern*

This past year took me to unexpected places and broadened my outlook on many aspects of my faith and relationships. I feel as if I have been walking on and toward holy ground since the day in October, 2008 when I first interviewed Joan Nuth for an article on spiritual direction for the Catholic Universe Bulletin, and after talking to me, she suggested I look into the ISI for myself. I'm so glad I took that call seriously. Through the experience of my first year of ISI, I became a more committed, thoughtful Christian. I can't wait to begin my practicum!



~ *Chris Nicoletti*

The best way I can describe the ISI program is that it has been a great blessing to me. The program and Joan's classes have led me to a much deeper Ignatian spirituality on a personal level and to a greater appreciation and understanding of The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. The Exercises will be an integral part of my spiritual direction practice and I try to use them in my daily life as well. ISI has helped me to appreciate the vastness of God's love for me. Everyday I grow in the knowledge that I am a loved sinner. What more could I ever say about the program? My hope is to be able to share this feeling with others as I direct them and to help them also know how awesome and loving God is toward them. This program enables people to be free and to know they are loved. What pure gift!!!



~ *Tina Sterrett*

As I sat at JRH last fall, with Ivens' book in hand eager to get started in the ISI, there is no way I could have even begun to imagine the incredible journey my first year would be. Simply stated, I am a different person because of it, and am very grateful to have been part of it. There were several times during the year when I found myself reflecting on Saint Augustine's quote: "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." At the end of the year I knew that my time with Joan and my classmates made it possible for me more easily to find a way to do just that - to rest in God. While I was challenged by some of the material that we read, I was also enlightened and my faith was renewed. Throughout the year I very much looked forward to our classes, the beautiful prayers, Joan's photos, her wisdom, her guidance and the time we all spent together. What a gift to have been blessed with. Now I look forward to what lies ahead for me and my dear classmates as we venture into the second year of this journey. I do so with gratitude and openness to the Spirit.



~ *Karen Zeleznik*

After completing a Masters program in Ministry, I wanted to explore the more practical side of ministry. I had long wanted to study spiritual direction and this course was my chance. This was a difficult year as we were immersed in the writings of Karl Rahner. Eventually, I got into the rhythm of the classes and things began to smooth out. I am looking forward to beginning my internship with my directees this fall. I am nervous, but excited as well.

~ *Henedine Aquino Aldana*

I was born in the Philippines to a close-knit family, the eldest of five children. From kindergarten to high school, I crossed the street to St. Scholastica's College, an all-girls' Catholic school, where I was taught by Benedictine nuns and raised on the dictum, "*ora et labora*." I then attended the University of the Philippines, where I earned my bachelor's degree and later, my medical degree. Soon after graduation, I married Benigno Aldana III, a medical school classmate, and immigrated to the United States in 1985. I completed a residency in Pediatrics at Michael Reese Hospital/University of Chicago followed by a fellowship in Pediatric Emergency Medicine at Akron Children's Hospital where I remained on staff for 14 years, working part time, so I could raise a family. My husband's job brought us to the Cleveland area in 2004. Fairview Hospital had just opened a pediatric emergency department that year, and I have been working there for the past six years. I reside in Westlake with my husband and two teenaged children. My older two girls are away at college. I have been privileged to take care of many patients during my career, and have mentored many students, residents, and fellows in the process, but being a wife and mother is my vocation and I always make choices with that in mind. I am grateful for the way I have achieved balance in my life, and I truly believe that this has only been possible by the grace of God. I believe that life is a series of adventures. There is always something beautiful and good to discover, if I look around me with eyes of faith. And when I encounter deep human suffering through my job in the Emergency Department, I somehow manage to transcend the experience, finding reassurance and hope in the knowledge that God is ever-present and in charge. I replenish my soul by seeking Him out everywhere. When my son Alex was accepted at St. Ignatius High School, I never expected to be drawn to SPA or that I would commit to making the 19th Annotation Retreat. I couldn't have predicted that the ISI would be in my future; but here I am, ready to fly by the seat of my pants. God has a plan for me and I am looking forward to another great adventure!



~ *Kathy Haase-Falbo*

I am delighted to be entering the Ignatian Spirituality Institute! Having served on the ISI Advisory Board from its inception, hearing from participants and working with an intern, I have long wanted to be one of the students. Now it's my turn! I am Kathy Haase-Falbo. My husband Mark and I have been married 32 years, raised two adult children, lived through their weddings, and have recently begun the era of grand-parenting. In the meantime, I have also been the director of the Pastoral Ministry Office for the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. The program I direct prepares laity to be certified by the Bishop to serve in ecclesial ministries in parish, diocesan and other Catholic institutional settings. I have served in parish and diocesan ministry since I graduated from college 35 years ago. I was a youth minister before the Catholic Church called us that; a coordinator of religious education; a liturgy coordinator; a diocesan religious education office staff member specializing in adult faith formation, family religious education, infant baptism preparation and the RCIA; and prior to moving to Cleveland I was a parish/school director of religious education. My academic degrees are in theology and religious education. My husband was "raised" by the Jesuits, having gone to a Jesuit-run summer camp from age 8 to 13, attending a residential Jesuit high school, and achieving both Masters and Doctoral degrees from Jesuit-run Boston College. Our family has always had a picnic on July 31, the "high holy day" of all Jesuits, the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola. It is no doubt why both our children have Jesuit undergraduate educations! Throughout my years in ministry I have frequently found myself listening to the spiritual highs and lows of those I work with and for. I felt inadequate to the task, and yet able, through God's grace, to encourage and help. I am looking forward to experiencing the Ignatian Spiritual tradition and expanding what I can bring to my ministry through participation in the Ignatian Spirituality Institute.





~ *Mollye Hollis*

For as long as I can remember, I have been a Catholic. For as long as I can remember, I didn't know exactly what that meant. I have enjoyed a Catholic education all of my life from kindergarten right up to graduating from the University of Dayton, a Marianist college in southern Ohio. But I felt as if I were always following a set of rules or guidelines. I wasn't following my heart so much as I was following my head. In the fall of 2007, I joined a special group of people at St Ignatius High School in the SPA program (Spirituality Program for Adults) and began my journey to the answer. After the first day of the eight-week Ignatian Spirituality retreat, I could feel a tugging at my heart. Each week, I grew more and more attached to this man I had been calling my Savior. I began to know him a little better and love him a great deal more. At the completion of the eight-week retreat, I felt like my best friend had moved away. I was lost and knew that this wonderful process needed to be a part of my every day life. I worked with the knowledge I had gained from the Exercises and waited until I was able to enroll in the 19th Annotation program. The time came and I dove right in. I enjoyed every moment of it and still wanted more.

The next year I was invited to join the SPA group as a small group leader-in-training with Fr. Jim Lewis, S.J. The excitement grew with each new meeting; the following Lent, I led my own group. Since then, I have been directed toward the ISI program at John Carroll University. I knew it was the right fit for me. This was a perfect way to continue my journey. I look forward to the next two years and all that the ISI holds in store for me.



~ *Robert Howell*

My name is Bob Howell. I was born and grew up in South Carolina. I have an undergraduate degree in food science from the University of Nebraska, a dental degree from the Medical College of Virginia and a post graduate degree in oral and maxillofacial pathology from Indiana University. I taught pathology for almost 40 years and retired in December, 2005 from West Virginia University and was ordained the next day by the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia as a permanent deacon. I have completed five units of clinical pastoral education; and, in addition to the church I serve, I volunteer as a chaplain at a local hospice facility. My wife and I built a small log home on a corner of her family farm and enjoy the country life with our dog and three dwarf goats. I am anxious to get to know my classmates as we begin this exciting journey together. I hope I can contribute as much as I know I will gain from our time together sharing our experiences, joys, disappointments, and insights.



~ *Colleen Lasky*

I was raised in a traditional Catholic home with my two brothers and three sisters. Our earliest years of faith development included mealtime thanks, bedtime prayers, weekly Mass and Sunday school. My parents continued to provide religious education with CCD that helped us prepare for first communion, first reconciliation and confirmation. I went on to study at Shrine of the Little Flower High School in Royal Oak, Michigan. A few years later I continued my studies at the University of Detroit Mercy where I received a bachelor's degree in communications. In 2007, I graduated from John Carroll University with a master's degree in community counseling. For nearly three years I worked at Bellflower Center, an agency that specializes in treating the effects of child abuse for people of all ages. The work I did with those clients was tough, spiritually transforming, rewarding and challenging and provided new opportunities for personal and professional growth everyday. My husband and our three children, as well as our very large families of origin, are a source of constant joy and laughter and continued support. Shakespeare said, "Love comforteth like sunshine after rain." That quote describes an important part of my

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own spiritual experience regarding various losses, but it is the ever-present friendship of Our Lord, through both the good days and the bad, that creates a constant desire to know Christ on a more intimate level. I became interested in becoming a spiritual director through the ISI program so I could assist other Christians in deepening their faith, too.

~ Amy McKenna

Hi! My name is Amy McKenna. I have been married for 21 years to my husband Dan and am a mother to four growing, eating sons! I taught Special education in New Jersey and the Cleveland School system until my second son was born. When my eldest son was a sophomore, I participated in the eight week retreat at St. Ignatius. The experience left me hungry for more and I was called to begin the 19th Annotation last fall. To say that this past year has changed my life would be an understatement. I am in daily awe of the Lord's presence in my life. There are two hopes I harbor for this program. One is that I can continue to grow in love with God through prayer and the study of spiritual direction. My second hope is that I can bring that gift to others who are seeking a closer relationship with Jesus. I enter ISI with some nervousness but mostly an incredible sense of excitement for this opportunity to serve the Lord! I look forward to meeting everyone in the fall!



~ Sue Palmer

I grew up in England where I graduated with a BSc in geological sciences, and moved to the US with my husband, Roger, shortly after we were married. We have lived in Western NY, North Carolina, Arizona, and have been in Cleveland Heights for three years. We have a daughter who is a senior at Ohio Wesleyan University and a son who is a freshman at Bard College at Simon's Rock. I was a social work assistant in England and since coming to the US I have worked as a media assistant in a middle school library and taught middle school science for five years. My husband and I are gradually renovating and restoring our old house and its gardens. We attend Church of the Saviour United Methodist where I am active in women's bible study, including leading a 32 week study of the bible from Genesis to Revelation, and outreach to international students. I am a published writer, writing creative non-fiction, short stories and devotions. I have also led a workshop on the Spiritual Practice of Journaling, and currently lead a writers' group at church. I am excited to be on this course in Spiritual Direction!



~ Gerald Skoch

I am looking forward to joining the newest Ignatian Spirituality Institute class. I am just beginning a new job as vice president and chief mission officer of St. Ignatius High School and a deeper knowledge of the Exercises and Ignatian Spirituality will be a huge help in this role. I just finished nearly six years as the executive director of the West Side Catholic Center. Prior to that I spent five years as a domestic executive (Mr. Mom), staying at home with my four sons. Before that I was the owner/president of Comprehensive Wood Products, Inc. a millwork and custom cabinetry manufacturing facility. Finally, my professional roots are as an attorney in the law firm of Skoch & Churchmack, Co. LPA. I am a graduate of St. Ignatius High School, Miami University, and the Case Western Reserve University School of Law.



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My wonderful wife of 25 years, Kathleen Skoch, is a pediatrician in Lakewood. The four sons are now 21, 19, 17 and 14 years of age. I have been privileged to present the 8 week exercises retreat at the Spirituality Program for Adults at St. Ignatius High School for the past two years and completed the 19th annotation retreat several years ago.

~Valerie Stultz



I am eager to meet and begin work with the 2012 ISI Class. Though I have many years of experience as a pastor, I confess that I have spent more time listening to the spiritual journeys of others than I have to my own. Having recently completed nine months of spiritual direction, I hunger for more self-exploration in order that I might grow in love and appreciation of self as a gifted and called child of God. I look forward to the opening up of my life and the pouring out of it, as an expression of God's love made real through me. I am a life-long learner and my husband often teases that I'll be enrolled in some sort of class till the day I die. I hope so, for to live is to learn and to learn is to grow. With all my heart I desire to grow more and more in love with God in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

I have ordered the books. They sit on my shelf waiting to be cracked in September. Until then I'll work and then vacation for three weeks with my husband, our three children and their families. Four grandchildren and two more on the way await our full attention as we swim in the lake and feast on freshly caught fish and muffins chocked with wild blueberries.

~ Donna Wimbiscus



My life began as Donna Marie Fedor on September 28, 1939 in Cleveland, Ohio. I lived in Lakewood until I married Robert J. Wimbiscus and moved to Texas, Illinois, North Dakota, Indiana, and then back to Ohio where we settled in Cleveland. The many moves were made because Bob had enlisted and served in the Air Force. Presently, I live in Lakewood. I am the third child in a family of eight children. It was a goal of my parents that all their children attend and graduate from Catholic grade schools, high schools and colleges. That goal was accomplished. After graduating from Ss. Cyril & Methodius grade school, I attended Notre Dame Academy, and then went on to Marquette University where I met my wonderful husband. We were married for fifteen years during which we became parents of six children who are true gifts in my life. Bob died at age 37, leaving me a widow and single parent; at that time the children were ages 1 through 13. Now I am the grandmother of 6 joy-producing grandchildren. When the youngest of our children was in third grade I applied to the Diocesan pastoral ministry program and was accepted; I became certified in 1987. In 1994 I began my studies toward a masters in ministry at Ursuline College and graduated in 1999. The Holy Spirit has led me to seek the Lord Jesus through prayer and study.

God has blessed me with the gifts of faith and love. The church has always been a source of strength and energy in my life. The Christian community, including my family, has surrounded me with support and love, especially during the difficult times of my husband's death, my bout with breast cancer, and my daughter's struggle with epilepsy. The parishes of St. Mel and St. Mark, where I have worked for the past 22 years as pastoral minister, helped me through the tough times, revealing God's love through the prayers and actions of many.

Last year, Mary Oliver came to Cleveland for a poetry reading. I attended, along with several other ISI folk. I gave the first year class some poems of hers to ponder, and I reproduce one here for your enjoyment. Mary Oliver is someone who is able, more than most, to show us how to find God in all things. Here are some of her thoughts on prayer.

Praying



**It doesn't have to be
the blue iris, it could be
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few
small stones; just
pay attention, then patch**

**a few words together and don't try
to make them elaborate, this isn't
a context but the doorway**

**into thanks, and a silence in which
another voice may speak.**



Two Upcoming Events of Note: Save the Dates

Crisis & Contemplation: Sept 11

A day of reflection for spiritual directors, retreat directors, pastoral ministers, and Ignatian lay leaders at the Jesuit Retreat House

Given by Rosemarie Carfagna, OSU

Deepen your spiritual ministry by joining us for this day of prayerful reflection. This day will address the experience of crisis from a contemplative perspective and offer spiritual and psychological insights into how we might understand and respond to it, not only in our personal lives, but also as it arises within the lives of those to whom we minister. The retreat takes place from 9am-2pm, includes lunch, and costs \$10 per person. Retreat costs are covered in part by JRH Lay Leadership, made possible by generous donations. Please register by **September 7** at the JRH website: www.jrh-cleveland.org.



Spiritual Direction and Family Systems: October 23

Given by Brian O. McDermott, SJ

Where are you in your family of origin? Do you realize how this might affect your ministry of spiritual direction? How about your directees? Our friend Brian McDermott will give us insights on how our place in our family "system" affects our personality, our thinking and acting. He will do so with his usual geniality and humor.

This workshop will take place from 10 am to 4 pm at John Carroll University, and will include lunch. You will be receiving more specific information about it in the near future.

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 remains at \$2100 per year, and 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, 2010 and January 31, 2011).

Nineteenth Annotation Retreat

Those making the Nineteenth Annotation Retreat through the ISI will be billed monthly. The total cost for the 30 weeks is \$600.00. 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.

Please check the JCU website for up-to-date information about parking:
www.jcu.edu/newparking

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.

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 - 1am	6am - 12am	11am - 1pm, 6pm - 9pm
Friday	10am - 11pm	6am - 9pm	11am - 1pm, 6pm - 9pm
Weekends	10am - 11pm	9am - 9pm	9am - 6pm

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