



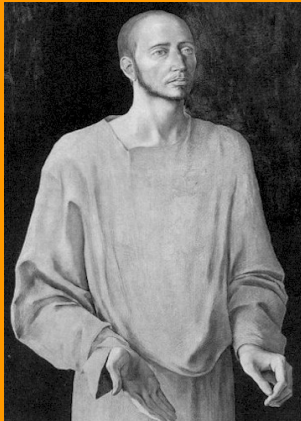
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## Newsletter of the Ignatian Spirituality Institute

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#### Message from the Director:

As we begin year nine of the ISI, I welcome you to another time of growth and sharing. Inside this issue you will first find reflections from the class of 2012, now entering their internship year. I hope you catch their enthusiasm about their first year experiences and their excitement about what is to come. This issue also introduces to you our new students, fourteen strong, whose introductory biographies are included. The next issue will be dedicated to the fourteen interns who will be honored on August 28. Welcome to all of you, and to all our friends, donors, occasional lecturers, spiritual directors and supervisors who are part of the extended ISI family.

Every year at this time, I wait patiently for some inspiration about a topic for this newsletter. It came on Sunday, August 14 in the closing hymn of the liturgy. This is also the hymn we sing at the liturgy which ends our Opening Retreat every year. Certainly this hymn, based in part on Micah 6:8, contains the call of every Christian, but I use it here to speak more specifically about how it applies to the call to the ISI and the ministry of spiritual direction.

**Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God!** Each person who has journeyed through the ISI has done so in imitation of Christ who is the light of the world. Learning to “see him more clearly” and “to love him more dearly” through the Second Week of the Exercises, they rejoice to “follow him more nearly” as they begin to live out their call to cooperate with his work of readying God’s kingdom. This following is joyful, filled with the grace-filled freedom of the children of God (cf. Romans 8:16-17, 21).

**Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless so all hatred and blindness will be no more!** In their second year internship, ISI students meet many who live in fear and fragile hope. They learn to be compassionate listeners to those who often have no one to listen deeply to them. In preparation for this, in both first and second years, they learn to listen to and share in each others’ fears and fragile hopes as their time together progresses.

**Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign and we’ll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love!** The great thing about the ISI experience is that we are able to do all of this together as a community. That community is ecumenical, and this aspect of the ISI experience has been a concrete example of grassroots unity, giving credence to the fact that all Christians together, no matter their denominational differences, already form the one Body of Christ. We truly become “sisters and brothers united in love” through our mutual following of Christ. This communal bond, such an important part of the experience of each individual class, has begun to spill over into the whole ISI family. Through the continuing education opportunities we provide, folks from various classes are beginning to form bonds of sharing and cooperative ministry. This is indeed something to sing about.

**We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly, we are called to serve one another; to walk humbly with God!** Through the ISI, we learn that we are indeed called to be the presence of God’s justice and tender love to those we serve. We also learn what a humbling experience this is. We are not the ones who effect transformation in the lives of those who come to us for direction. Rather we are simply the vessels or conduits of God’s grace. Indeed, we walk humbly with God.

When folks enter the ISI, they often feel a bit intimidated about the ministry they aspire to. But this gradually fades as they learn they are not in this alone. For such as these I offer the words of Jeremiah:

## Message from the Director (Cont.)

The word of the Lord came to me thus: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you." "Ah, Lord God!" I said, "I know not how to speak; I am too young [or too inexperienced, or too lacking in knowledge, or not good enough]." But the Lord answered me, "Say not 'I am too young.' To whomever I send you, you shall go; whatever I command you, you shall speak. Have no fear before them, because I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord extended his hand and touched my mouth, saying, "See, I place my words in your mouth! This day I set you over nations and over kingdoms, to root up and to tear down, to destroy and to demolish, to build and to plant" (Jeremiah 1:4-10).

At the beginning of this new ISI year, I invite each of you to put yourselves in Jeremiah's place, in good Ignatian fashion, and hear what God says to you when you voice your doubts and concerns. If you had no fear or trepidation about embarking upon this ministry I would worry – that is perfectly normal, and has been part of every ISI student's experience in the beginning. The important thing is that you learn to trust that God will be with you and will indeed put "words in your mouth" when you need them.

Welcome/welcome back to the wonderful ISI adventure!

Peace and all good things,  
Joan

## Reflections from the Interns

**We begin this new year with a look back at the ISI's last year.**



*~Henedine Aldana*

Last year gave me a chance to peek beneath the surface of my faith. Like the tip of an iceberg, there is much more than first meets the eye. Under Joan's gentle guidance, I was challenged to rethink my beliefs and expand my perspectives, facilitating a humble understanding of my place in relation to God. My faith life burgeoned as I got the chance to exercise what I had learned. Placing all my trust in God, I walked away from a disordered job situation in relative peace. Following Him blindly, I found myself in a new place that has turned out to be much better suited to what I think God's plan is, for me--I see this now through the glass, darkly (1 Corinthians 13). I experienced everything in the company of beloved classmates, now my partners and close spiritual friends. As one alumna once wrote: "They mirror what I have become." I am certain that this year has transformed us into more effective faith companions. And just as a stewardess cautions every passenger to strap on their oxygen masks first, before attempting to help others, it seems to me that Joan structured this year to give us a chance to attend to our own souls first, before being launched into helping others during next year's practicum. I am excited for next year—it promises to be another great adventure!

*~Sandra Appledorn*



The feelings that come to mind as I consider my first year of the ISI are challenged, stretched, informed, enlightened, humbled, amazed, amused, bewildered, excited, confused, delighted, accomplished, intrigued, and open-minded. I remember my anticipation at the opening retreat and then my bewilderment at the discovery of the enormity of research, resource materials, writings, musings, philosophy, history, poetry, imagery, and art placed before me. I was delighted to dig in, but in the back of my mind was thinking—what makes me think I can grasp all of this? Nevertheless, as we were guided step-by-step through the first few weeks, I felt the anxiety melt away, replaced by a sense of acceptance and peace. I felt as though I was simply dipping my toe into an ocean of possibilities. There is freedom and solace in the notion that I don't have to grasp all of it nor should I even attempt to—I just need to relax and remain open to what I'm supposed to hear. If I do that, I'll learn what is meant for me; I'll be led to where I'm supposed to go; and in so doing, lead others to the feet of Jesus as well. I forgot to mention wonderful. This was a wonderful year.

### ~ *Robert Howell*

The first year of the ISI program has been nothing short of transforming for me. I have been both challenged and uplifted by the writings of renowned theologians and the discussions that have taken place both inside and outside of class. In addition to well organized and presented material, our class has developed a great relationship of sharing and camaraderie that I have found extremely supportive as we faced both issues of life and core Christian understandings. Also, I have found my prayer life has grown in a mere few months to a point greater than at any other point in my life. I look forward to the coming year, as I am sure my classmates do, to continued growth and the excitement of beginning our practicum experience.

### ~ *Colleen Lasky*

When I applied to become a part of the ISI program, I had no idea of the magnitude of joys and good challenges that awaited me in the year to come. Although my faith was strong when I arrived, my exposure to contemporary theology was weak. Enter the blessing of Joan. With Joan's patience and wisdom I was able to grow in understanding of such concepts as contemporary exegesis, the historical-critical method of understanding scripture, and so much more. I was exposed to new ideas, new insights, new friends, and new ways to experience God. As all of this began to come together, a new identity as Christian was being born as I held on loosely to old teachings and blossomed under more modern theological thoughts regarding the work of the apostles, the humanity of Jesus Christ, and the Most Holy Trinity. In addition, the fellowship that has been created within our small class, with Joan as our leader, is priceless. I can't help but look around the room sometimes in awe and wonder of it all.

### ~ *Amy McKenna*

I remember sitting at our opening retreat at the Jesuit Retreat House, looking at my fellow classmates and wondering where this journey would take me. What a journey it has been so far! We have come together through the grace of God, the sharing of prayer and the exploration of our faith through the study of Ignatian Spirituality. This past year has helped me explore my faith and take a deep, prayerful look into who Jesus is in a theological as well as deeply personal way. My love and devotion have only grown as result, and I am grateful for this every day! I am also incredibly graced by my fellow classmates and our teacher, Joan Nuth. I am amazed by their insights and deep faith and love for God and how that uplifts and bolsters my life. I could not wait to get to Einstein's to see who else had to reread Rahner three times before they got it! It is vital to have other people in your life who are on the same journey and I can't imagine being with anyone else! Joan has patiently and lovingly led us through this academic year, sharing not just her knowledge but her beautiful faith as well. To say that I am excited (and nervous) for this upcoming year is an understatement. As I continue to surrender myself to the mystery and beauty of God's will, I look forward to the gifts and graces to come.

### ~ *Sue Palmer*

Being part of the ISI community this past year has been a true joy for me, and when I think about the number of times our class met together I am amazed at how close we have all grown in such a short time. But we have all had the same focus: to learn to come closer to God by deepening our relationship with Jesus. Taking the Nineteenth Annotation at the same time as learning Spiritual Direction has had an explosive impact on my faith walk and prayer life. C. S. Lewis said, "We live, in fact, in a world starved for solitude, silence, and privacy; and therefore starved for meditation and true friendship." This is how I was before studying Ignatian spirituality. I had studied the Bible and knew that it is basically a story of God's love for us, but this past year has helped me to experience that love in a new way, to be in relationship with Jesus in a new way. It will be exciting to watch other people's faith journey deepen, as mine did, so I am really looking forward to being an intern and seeing the Holy Spirit work in people's lives.





~Val Stultz

Initiated by God in a myriad of ways, the divine gift of unconditional acceptance enters our life. As it seeps into our soul moment by moment, we learn to trust more and more the amazing grace of God. As the infant cries out for and receives the comfort of its mother, so too, the child, the adolescent and the adult who claim the cry and the response in an increasing discovery of God's faithful presence. This process of surrender to God's unconditional love takes a life-time of trading self-sufficiency and self-trust for dependency upon God until the final attainment of spiritual self-consciousness is complete. Hence, the pattern of salvation emerges. The offer of acceptance is followed by the trust to receive it as God's gift of divine self-communication flows through a life-time divine supply of saving and sanctifying grace.

As a United Methodist, steeped in the Wesleyan language of grace, I understand this process to be described in four phases. The first is Prevenient Grace which corresponds with *The Principle and Foundation* of the *Exercises*. In this step we begin to understand that we are loved unconditionally by God. Desiring to know this love and claim it for ourselves, we take the second step into an intentional relationship which John Wesley would call Justifying Grace. Through this grace the pattern of giving and receiving has been initiated. Now our lives are increasingly informed by God who loves us so much that God became flesh and died for the forgiveness of our sins. Desiring to draw closer and closer to this redeeming God, we take a third step into the life long process of Sanctifying Grace in which we claim more and more loyalty to the way of God who loves us unconditionally. Now we are blessed and shaped by discipleship in community through which we discover fellow travelers on the road of a movement steeped in the love of God. Together we share and celebrate this love, understanding that we are to offer it to the world. The fruit of this grace now evolves into what Wesley calls Perfecting Grace as we take this love to the streets, actually living out God's desire for the transformation of the world. On and on the cycle goes, drawing us in and out of ourselves in the transformative rhythm of grace upon grace.

These four steps are not separate, but rather a continuous process of recognizing, accepting, living in, and being shaped by God's unconditional love. Discovering and acknowledging this love, risking to drink it in and allowing it to be the potion for the healing of our souls, we are drawn ever closer to the One who calls us "Beloved." As brothers and sisters of the "Beloved" we join hands in covenant. In so doing, we discover ourselves and claim God's purpose for our lives. Karl Rahner sums up this process of conversion by observing that through it, we are drawn from isolation into a life-giving relationship with God.



~Donna Wimbiscus

God is a God of surprises who led me to ISI. When I applied for it, I had no idea how refreshing and renewing the program would be or how much I needed it at this time in my life. Not only have I been given a renewal of my faith but, thanks to God's generosity, and St. Ignatius' *Spiritual Exercises*, I have a deeper awareness of God's love and presence in all creation. Dr. Joan Nuth's well taught classes, along with the books, handouts, and workshops, have inspired and challenged me. The participation in the Nineteenth Annotation retreat (a journey to deeper union with God) has enriched my life beyond words. I am grateful to God for these gifts. Reading and studying *The Spiritual Exercises* combined with the writing of theological reflections have taught me about the humanity, divinity, and compassion of Jesus, the deep love of Father, Son, and Spirit and the grace and life given and available to all God's children. We are given the freedom to be open to and accept God's gifts to us.

Being a morning person, I initially wondered how I could be alert until 9:30pm each class. My wonderful classmates were the answer. We met early before class to have refreshments, to share our lives, and talk about what we were learning. This gathering of students from different denominations helped us to form friendships that are priceless. We have learned from each other and have grown spiritually because of the goodness of God bringing us together.

The class of 2012 is small but mighty! They are also joyous and fun loving, as evident by the picture of Henedine, Sue and Amy at last year's Opening Retreat. That joy spilled over in the classroom as they began to share with each other in a more serious vein. I give you - the class of 2012!



Henedine, Sue and Amy - 2010 Opening Retreat



Colleen and Sue



Amy and Sandy



Donna and Henedine



Colleen, Sue, Val, Bob, Amy, Sandy and Henedine



Val and Bob

## Meet the Incoming Class



### ~Bill Andrews

I'm Bill Andrews, a cradle Catholic, born into an Irish, blue collar family in St. Vincent de Paul parish on Cleveland's westside. One of four kids, a graduate of Ignatius and JCU, I married Margie 35 years ago. We moved to Columbus in 1976 when I attended grad school at OSU in hospital administration. Margie became an RN shortly after our fifth daughter and before our one son. While raising our family, we spent six years in Lima, Ohio and 24 years in Newark, Ohio. We both retired in 2007 after I had served 21 years as president of Licking Memorial Hospital in Newark. Over the last 7 years, I have obtained a MA in theology from Ohio Dominican, and was ordained a deacon in the Columbus diocese. I look forward to the ISI journey.



### ~Diane Anthony

I was born in Cleveland, Ohio. I attended Magnificat High School and afterwards, Kent State University, where I received a BSN. I moved to Akron and worked for Akron Children's Hospital. I married David Anthony on January 7, 1978. We have five children, four of whom are with us on this earth, one who died as a five-day old newborn. I was mostly a stay-at-home mom while my kids were growing up. My two oldest sons and their wives have blessed us with five grandchildren, and my two daughters are finishing up their college careers.

My path to ISI all began for me when I received a copy of "Warrior Paths" from Walsh Jesuit High School where my husband and four children were alums. I sat down to read the issue and there was an article about an upcoming eight-week Ignatian Retreat to be held on Wednesday evenings for adults. I thought, "Well, Wednesdays are good, I haven't made a retreat in a while, why not?" I had no idea what I was in for. The retreat changed my life. At the end of the retreat, Fr. White mentioned a Nineteenth Annotation Retreat and something in my heart jumped. I asked him how I could go about making one, and he gave me Joan's number. She set me up with a Spiritual Director, and a week later, I was on my way. As time went on, I felt the urge to become a director myself and began to pray for discernment, and applied for the Class of 2013. I can't wait to meet all of my classmates at the opening retreat.



### ~Mary Coffey

Born and raised just outside of Chicago, Illinois, I am a Clevelander by choice. After moving here 25 years ago, I married my husband whom I met in St. Louis. I have a Bachelors Degree in International Economics from Dominican University in River Forest, Illinois, and a Law Degree from Washington University in St. Louis. With all that education, I am well suited to manage the health and welfare of our four children and a miniature labradoodle. My older son is a US Soldier in the Army Reserves and a junior at Ohio State. He is studying Security and Intelligence. My older daughter is a psych major in her third year at Ohio State and is spending the summer studying in Dijon, France. Still at home are my younger son, who is going into eighth grade and loves to play lacrosse, and my younger daughter, who is going into fifth grade and is just learning to play the French Horn. I enjoy reading, gardening, and a variety of crafts, especially creating art quilts. We live in Chagrin Falls and attend St. Joan of Arc Church. I have attended a variety of bible studies and retreats, and have led small group bible studies in my home. I am looking forward to being immersed in the teachings of St. Ignatius and to learning to use the tools of his Spiritual Exercises to help others find their way to a closer relationship with God.



### ~Barbara Curran

I have lived in the Cleveland area most of my life, and have been a member of St. Clare parish for 36 years. I converted to Catholicism at the age of 21, and have continually looked for ways to deepen my faith and share my spirituality with others. I volunteer at my parish as a Eucharistic minister, a member of the Spiritual Formation Committee, a member of the Bereavement Workshop team, the sacristan for the weekday Mass, and the coordinator of altar servers. I have been married for 35 years to my husband Michael, and we have four wonderful adult children, a daughter and three sons. I am in my fourth year of formation in the Lay Ecclesial Ministry program for the diocese of Cleveland, which includes working on a Masters degree in Theology at St. Mary's Seminary. Not to leave the left side of my brain out of the picture, I have been self-employed, working part-time as a computer analyst, for 23 years. Receiving spiritual direction has been an important part of my faith journey, and I have often wondered if I could give that gift to others. Last January I made an eight-day Ignatian retreat, and the director suggested I apply to ISI. I started the Nineteenth Annotation this past spring to continue what I had begun in January and am enjoying the journey as well as the challenge to commit to a daily time of serious prayer. I am looking forward to beginning the Ignatian Spirituality Institute this fall.

### *~Linda Elliott*

My name is Linda Elliott, and I am a Catholic woman who is deeply aware of and grateful for the ever evolving presence and call of God in my life. The oldest of thirteen children born to faith and joy-filled Catholic parents, I learned early that all of life is a gift from God, and that I have a responsibility to give and share the gift with others.

The quest to give and share the divine gift has taken many forms throughout my life and caused me to acquire a thorough education. I have a Bachelors degree in secondary education, Masters degrees in art therapy, ministry, and social work, and a doctoral degree in psycho spirituality, integrative medicine, and the expressive arts. I have a certificate in nonprofit management and am a Reiki Master teacher. While seemingly eclectic, all of my studies have enabled me to serve people through teaching, through work with abused children, and through my current role as the director of three programs at the Benjamin Rose Institute where we work with poor, vulnerable, and marginalized adults who have dementia and severe mental illness and with the families and professionals who care for them. My studies have empowered me to engage in volunteer ministry in parishes throughout the Diocese of Cleveland and to combine the healing power of the arts with active ministry.

As a member of Gesu Parish, I was gifted with the wonderful opportunity to make the thirty-four week *Retreat in the Real World* this past year. Immersion in the retreat and in Jesuit spirituality was life transforming for me and led me to apply to the Ignatian Spirituality Institute so that I can prepare myself to share the gift of spiritual direction with others. I am very excited and grateful.

### *~Pam Garrud*

I was introduced to St. Ignatius of Loyola in 1975 during my freshman year of college at a Jesuit university. Two things captured my heart and imagination that year: the realization that there were people in the world who believed that God loved them and the fact of contemplative prayer, which was something I had never heard of. Many years later, I found myself living in the United Kingdom and discerning a calling to ordained ministry in the Methodist Church in Great Britain when I encountered St. Ignatius of Loyola again in the form of Sister Anne Marie. Sister Anne Marie had been sent by her Ignatian community to help us prospective Methodist ministers listen to God's particular calling in our lives. It was then that I understood that at some point in the future spiritual direction would be part of my vocation. But up until now God has said "not yet."

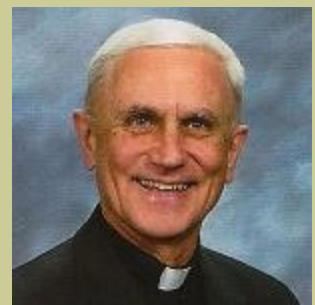
Born in East Cleveland, I lived in the UK from 1989-2009 and married my London-born husband, Trevor, in 1992. I was ordained as a minister of Word and Sacrament in the British Methodist Church in July 2008. We currently reside in Hudson and I am working as a Chaplain at The Cleveland Clinic and attend Christ The King Lutheran Church in Twinsburg.

### *~Fr. William Karg*

I was born and raised in Akron in St. Sebastian Parish and was ordained a priest on May 23, 1964 after studies at St. Meinrad Seminary, Borromeo and St. Mary Seminary in Cleveland.

Since ordination, I have pursued ongoing learning,, achieving the following degrees: Certificate in Urban Ministry, Case Western University, 1969; M.Div., St. Mary Seminary, Cleveland, 1971; Licentiate in Sacred Theology, University of St. Thomas, Rome, Italy, 1982. Continuing Education: Sabbatical studies at The Jesuit School of Theology, Berkley, CA, 1993.; Study in Spiritual Theology at Creighton University, Omaha, 2009. In serving the diocese, I was given the following assignments: St. Vincent de Paul, Cleveland, St. Henry, Cleveland, and St. Sebastian, Akron. Outside the diocese I served for three years at North American College in Rome, Italy as an instructor in pastoral practice at which time I also completed work for the STL in spirituality.

Since retiring in 2008, I served in parishes, convent chapels, schools, etc. mostly in the Cleveland-Akron area. I directed retreats, provided sacramental services and served for three months at Our Lady of Guadalupe, Macedonia. I especially enjoy good conversation with friends, praying, reading,, writing and continuing education projects. I love to be outdoors and my leisure activities include bicycling, hiking in the national park, skiing, and lap swimming.





*~Betsy Knestrick*

I am a member of St. Colman Church. I live on the near west side of Cleveland, and am the mother of four sons. Kevin resides in Parma with his wife Heather and their son Declan. Jeffrey is single and resides in Lakewood. Ryan, married to Claudette, lives in Broadview Heights with their two sons Noah and Jack. Christopher, married to Julie, is part of a Peace Team; together they work for Christian Peacekeepers in the country of Colombia. I have been a Certified Lay Ecclesial Minister in the Diocese of Cleveland since 1997. I'm also a Licensed Practical Nurse and worked in the field of Labor and Delivery for twenty years. I have worked in ministry for the last twenty years. I have ministered to hospice patients with end of life issues and with Catholic Charities, Department for Marriage and Family, focusing on Older Adult and Bereavement Ministry. Currently I am working as a consultant/ facilitator for Catholic Community Connection, the Abundant Life Wellness Education Retreat program, with an emphasis on older adults. I volunteer with the Catholic Worker, Urban Hope and St. Paul's Community Church, all doing outreach to people who live in transition and homelessness. I also volunteer with The Women's Outreach Center, a ministry sponsored by the Congregation of St Joseph. I serve on the team for Samaritan Women, a Cleveland outgrowth of the Ignatian Spirituality Project out of Chicago, offering retreats to people who are in transition or homeless.

*~Jim LeSueur*



I am a lifelong resident of the Cleveland area, a child of Vatican II, and married since 1979 with two adult children. Our family remains very close. Professionally, I teamed with my wife Cathy in 2003 to sell residential real estate in Northeast Ohio. Prior to joining my wife in real estate, I spent roughly 25 years in advertising and public relations for various agencies and companies. I received a Bachelor of Arts from Kent State University in 1975 with majors in Journalism News and English. I received a Master of Business Administration from Cleveland State in 1991.

Other than my wife and children, I have many passions. I love the game of baseball and have coached various ages of youth for at least 15 years. It is fun to mix it up with the kids, and I really am pretty good at teaching the skills of the game. Jazz is another passion of mine. I have built a nice library of music over the years. The complex rhythms and chord changes, along with the improvised nature of the music, are what appeal most to me. Cooking is a passion I share with my wife. Often, after a difficult day, we work together to craft a flavorful, delicious meal. It is another area where we work really well together.

My spiritual life is also a passion. I have been searching spiritually for most of my life. I have been active at St. Dominic's Church since we joined the parish in 1987 — I have served as a lector, participated in various retreats and reading groups, and I have recently made a mission trip to El Salvador. In September 2005, I started the Nineteenth Annotation, concluding in May of 2006. It was truly a transforming experience. My dog has become a bit of a spiritual partner for me of late. He is a pretty mellow but attentive guy who requires two walks a day. Those walks have become a great time for prayer and contemplation.

*~Gail Lyman*



I am a cradle Catholic, born and raised in Dayton, Ohio. I have five sisters and one brother and we were all blessed to attend Catholic school. I graduated from a Catholic nursing school in 1974 and received a bachelor's degree in 1992 from Florida State University in Social Sciences. My husband John and I have been married for 31 years and have three children, the youngest of whom just graduated from high school. Presently, I am very involved in Adult Faith Formation ministry in my parish and have felt for several years the desire to receive training in spiritual direction. Echoing St Ignatius' saying of "finding God in all things." I believe as disciples we are called to reveal God in each and every encounter we have each and every day. The personal nature of spiritual direction carries with it great responsibility. And being a spiritual companion to others is a sacred privilege. The ISI program is an exceptional opportunity for me to begin growing into that responsibility and truly comprehend this privilege. So, by the grace of God and the fellowship of classmates, I look forward to this challenging journey together.



### *~Liz Nau*

Born in New York City, my early life is punctuated with living in many places; Alabama, Georgia, California and three years in Taiwan. My extended family was from Ohio, and we ultimately landed in Cleveland, where I have spent most of my life. I am married to Dave for 30 years and we have three married children: Allison with Nick, Michael with Kathryn, and Chris with Robin. We are all travelers at heart and among us we have lived on all the continents except Antarctica.

I enjoy reading and going to concerts, being in crowds and being alone. I also enjoy Thai food and I love to cook. I write, pray and I am inclined to problem solve. Star studded nighttimes and sunrises touch my soul. Being around water is a passion. I taught swimming lessons as a kid to get a free pass to the pool. I have been a lifeguard and have trained lifeguards and managed swimming pools. I love to be near the ocean and I love to be near the Lake. Currently we are investing our time in learning to sail.

A teacher by nature and training, I have taught middle school and high school and at the college level. I have also taught and been director of Preschool programs. Through my teaching God called me into pastoral ministry and with a certain amount of life behind me, I am currently pastoring a church in South Euclid.



### *~Elaine Pearl*

I married my high school sweetheart, Gary Pearl, thirty years ago. We have three grown children, Jim, Lindsey and Kelly. Being a good mother was always my top priority. I loved being a stay at home mom for twelve years raising my children. Since then I have been employed in restaurant management and service. I have done cake decorating for twenty years. I enjoy traveling, hiking, and crocheting. Being in nature is my passion, because it brings me a sense of awe and connects me to God. I have been Catholic my whole life. I've had a strong reverence for God since my teenage years, when my love for attending spiritual retreats was first fostered. As a member of St. Barnabas Church in Northfield, I attend daily Mass and serve as a Eucharistic Minister. I have been committed to spiritual direction for the past four years. This led me to become part of the core team for the Christ Renews His Parish Retreat last fall where I gave my witness on spirituality. God has continually drawn me into a deeper communion with Him. I am so excited and a little nervous about going to school after thirty years. I thank Joan for this amazing opportunity to follow God's call.



### *~Harry Winters & Laurie Winters*

*Harry:* I've wanted to receive training in Spiritual Direction for quite some time, but I always seemed too busy. But all of our children have now left our home and work isn't quite as overwhelming, so it seems like it's a good time to pursue training. I am the pastor of a Reformed Church in Akron. I've been there for nineteen years and have no real plans to leave. My primary impetus for pursuing Spiritual Direction training is personal -- I want to understand better what prayer is and I want to practice it better. It may also be the case that this training will have a direct impact on my work at the church, but perhaps not. I'm not too concerned how that will all work out.

*Laurie:* I'm a nurse in an outpatient pediatric clinic. My consistent companions on my spiritual journey since college have been Catholic or monastically affiliated writers. In our congregation, I work in the Children in Worship program. I look forward to learning about Ignatian spirituality, how to listen better to God, and how these might be helpful to other people.

We've been married for 28 years. We have three children, the last of whom leaves for college this fall. Harry grew up in Michigan, Laurie in Oregon and Michigan. We both graduated from Calvin College, where we met.



Sometimes prayer and spiritual direction might seem like luxuries none can afford, given our busy schedules. But this poem by Mary Oliver suggests otherwise. Like Mary of Bethany in Luke's gospel who grasped the importance of being still in the presence of Jesus, this other Mary has a beautiful way of reminding us how to "choose the better part." (Lk 10:38-42). I add this for your reflection on the issue's theme of vocation.

### **The Summer Day**

Who made the world?  
 Who made the swan, and the black bear?  
 Who made the grasshopper?  
 This grasshopper, I mean –  
 the one who has flung herself out of the grass,  
 the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,  
 who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down –  
 who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.  
 Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her fact.  
 Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.  
 I don't know exactly what a prayer is.  
 I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down  
 into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,  
 how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,  
 which is what I have been doing all day.  
 Tell me, what else should I have done?  
 Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?  
 Tell me, what is it you plan to do  
 with your one wild and precious life?

-- Mary Oliver



### **Last Year's Events**



Atticus Eberts joined the class of 2011 several times this past year. He took an immediate shine to Julie Bradley. His main task was to lighten us up at a time of the year when the readings got tough. He did an admirable job!



Paula Britton, Ph.D ran the Listening Skills Workshops for the interns in November and for the first years in May.



Brian McDermott, SJ was with us three times last year: for the regularly scheduled first year discernment workshops in December and March, and for a special Family Systems Workshop in January.



Annual Reunion & Reflection Day: Workshop on Anger at God with Julie Exline (March 26, 2011)

Opening Retreat (August 27-29, 2010)



**Our New Secretary**

On October 6, 2010 Carol Polish joined the ISI as secretary. Many thanks are due to her for her generous service, including the production of this newsletter.

**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, 2011 and January 29, 2012).

**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.

**Second year interns** will receive their parking pass differently. Carol will contact you.

**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**

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 for these cards between 5 and 6 pm on Wednesday, August 31st. Second year interns are scheduled on Wednesday, September 7th between 5 and 6pm.**

**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:

	<b>Rec Center</b>	<b>Corbo/Cardio Room</b>	<b>Pool</b>
<b>Monday – Thursday</b>	10am - 12am	6am - 12am	11am - 1pm, 6pm - 9pm
<b>Friday</b>	10am - 9pm	6am - 9pm	11am - 1pm, 6pm - 9pm
<b>Saturday</b>	10am-9pm	9am - 9pm	
<b>Sunday</b>	10am - 12am	9am - 12am	9am - 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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