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#### Message from the Director:

Welcome, one and all, to another year with the Ignatian Spirituality Institute, our seventh! Welcome back to our returning students, who reflect in this issue on their first year of the program, and to our new students, whose introductory bios are found inside. A special welcome to the class of 2009, our fifth class to be certified! They will be celebrated in our next issue. Welcome back, all alumni from whom I hear wonderful things about the ongoing ministry of spiritual direction. Welcome, with heartfelt thanks, all the spiritual directors and supervisors who continue to serve our students, and all our helpers, donors and supporters.

I pick up once again on the theme of journey which has informed the ISI from the beginning. This past year I spent some time with Ignatius' *Spiritual Diary*, his prayer journal, especially the section where God taught him not to look so much for protracted, deeply consoling experiences of prayer for himself, but rather to live in a constant attitude of *acatamiento*, translated "affectionate awe." As the busy superior general of the newly formed Society of Jesus, Ignatius had multitudinous administrative and pastoral duties, and did not have much time to pray. He doubtless longed for more time, as many of us do, to pray more than a short morning offering, before taking up the business of the day. Ignatius was consoled, in this section of the *Diary*, by the fact that he could go about his daily tasks in profound union with God through Christ, in an enduring attitude of "affectionate awe."

"Affectionate awe" is, in fact, the fundamental attitude proper to the creature before the Creator. The word "awe" acknowledges God's transcendence, the fact that God is ever beyond our grasp and understanding, hidden in inaccessible light. But the word "affectionate" expresses God's immanence in our lives and our world, closer and more loving to us that we can even imagine. These two aspects of our experience of God, seemingly opposite, must be kept in tension. In fact, they paradoxically operate in direct proportion: the more transcendent we acknowledge God to be, the more we are able to find God everywhere.

This enduring attitude of "affectionate awe" can form the backdrop to all our daily activities. It helps us understand what it means to be a "contemplative in action." As we go about our many daily tasks in this attitude, acknowledging God's sovereignty and seeking God's will in all our choices, we do so not out of fear or mere obligation, but out of a deeply felt love which motivates all we do in the world. This also helps explain why, for Ignatius, the daily examen was the most important prayer of the day. Looking back over our day, we ask how much we were aware of God's loving presence, and how well did we cooperate with God as the Love and Grace who permeates our being.

"Affectionate awe" describes very well the attitude of the human Jesus before God. I imagine Jesus journeying daily through the dusty roads of Galilee and Judea, immersed in worldly "distractions," sharing in the "joys and hopes, the grief and anguish" of the people of his day. Surely, all the while, he was united to God by *acatamiento*, acknowledging always in every decision the sovereignty of the God he affectionately called "Abba." Similarly, I imagine Ignatius, centuries later, journeying daily through the dusty roads of Rome, attending to his administrative and pastoral duties in that same attitude of *acatamiento*, so that Christ's involvement in the sorrows and joys of the world would continue through him. May the same spirit of affectionate awe before God inform all we do this year as we continue our journey together.

Peace and all good things, Joan

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

*~Mary Ann Bowers*



Taste and see how good the Lord is!" My first year at ISI offered me many learning experiences which helped me to taste and see the Lord's goodness. Among these delicacies are renewed and deeper understandings of: the Incarnation, Grace, the hidden life of Jesus before His Father, and meeting the HUMAN Jesus more intimately. Opening each class with *Lectio Divina* was a blessing! I struggled through Rahner. But persistence helped me to learn about personal freedom and responsibility. If we distance ourselves from God we distance ourselves from our own true identity. Not being open to God's love is to commit a sin against ourselves. Through the *Spiritual Exercises* we come to know and love the Lord by an *experience of His presence*. Ordinary people can find the *Holy Mystery* in all things and everyday experiences. All is gift! All is grace! It is God Who gives us the desire to possess Him and to be possessed by Him. The "desire" itself is one of God's gifts of love to us! It is through the graced experiences of the heart that we experience profound intimacy with God. Truly, I was blessed to "taste and see the Lord" in many ways through my first year ISI experience!

*~John Carlson*



This past year has been one of study and discipline and learning about God and other peoples' journey. When I first came to ISI, I really didn't have a good grasp on what I was about to be involved in. I had some vague notions of leading retreats. I am happy to report that my first year at ISI was more than I could have hoped for or ever dreamed possible. This was truly a conversion year in my life and has opened up many new ways for me to view my life with God and people. I can say now that a day without God is like a day without weather. To say the class of 2010 is terrific would be an understatement. We have formed a loving, caring group that listens, supports and encourages its members. In an atmosphere such as that, we can express ourselves openly, knowing we will be taken seriously and treated with compassion. We also know when to laugh, not at each other, but with each other. There is much joy in my heart for the risen Jesus as my relationship with him continues to grow through others.

*~ Pam Chaney*



I was looking for a class, and found the entire Cleveland "holy catholic and apostolic" community! After year one of ISI, I am more deeply connected with God and others, and I have a clearer focus of my own spirituality and greater discernment of where I am being called to serve others. This summer, I am writing our first 8 Week Ignatian Prayer Retreat to take place at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Cleveland Heights in the fall. I couldn't imagine, at the beginning of the school year that – with God's help, and a lot of support and encouragement from my classmates – I would be capable of writing and leading a retreat and practicing spiritual direction. I am scared, but I know that God is present and that "what God has begun, God will bring to completion." I am truly grateful for the ISI and for the kind, insightful and service oriented people I have met because of being part of this program. I now have companions for the journey. I highly recommend the ISI to *anyone* looking for a deeper connection with God and others.

*~ Liz Cotter*



Someone once said, "The difference between who you are today and who you will be in five years, will be the books you have read and the people that you meet." In looking back on all we have covered in our first year at ISI, I am struck by the theme of God constantly creating us. As we have been seeking meaning and knowledge about Ignatian Spirituality, we are evolving as individuals on our spiritual journeys. And what a great group of minds and spirits I have been privileged to be seekers with! We covered challenging material together, shared heartfelt experiences, tears and laughter. Joan required us to read works by Rahner, Lane, Nolan, McDermott, Barry, and more. Many of these writings I probably would not have chosen on my own. I have learned and evolved in my thinking through their works. I feel I have a greater appreciation of the movements of the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius, a different perspective from when I experienced my own 19<sup>th</sup> Annotation several years ago. So, it is true. Through the books I have read and the people I have met at ISI, I am changed. I look forward to the second year of ISI with my great classmates as we learn together and start the practice of spiritual direction.

### ~Mary Downey

It's been a wonderful year! Starting with the opening retreat at JRH ("I have called you and you are mine") our class began with a chemistry that has been enlightening and fun. Joan has filled our heads (and binders) with a multitude of variations on ideas and perspectives and our hearts with photos & prayers as well as her contagious laugh. The first paper was on the "anthropomorphic solution to the biosphere"; I wasn't sure about this ISI thing. Things got better. Karl Rahner's theology was no cake walk but was insightful, especially God's invitation to "Absolute Closeness." He made me want to write in simple sentences. Brown, Nolan, Aschenbrenner and Lane enhanced my human Jesus. Jesus, with the "breath of His Father on his face" and His groundbreaking compassionate love (for the unimportant) were very moving. My eyes of understanding were opened a little "by Ignatius' understanding of human nature, the yearning to "find God in all things," the "Contemplatio," source of mutual love with the 'abstruse theological geometry'; Brian McD's article on Jesus and grace to name a few. And always Barry's "Letting God Come Close," both the book and the concept. It's been a great year!

### ~Syndie Eardly

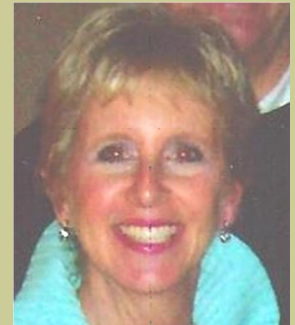
I was very eager to begin my spiritual director training at ISI last fall, but also had some trepidation about my lack of experience and training compared to others in the program. I soon realized that what was important wasn't where we all stood in the hierarchy of education and ministry, but where we stood in terms of the power of the call we all felt in seeking out such training. My interest, enthusiasm and commitment were really all that was necessary. This year has been such a gift! My classmates who have journeyed through this year with me are truly remarkable human beings with amazing stories of struggle and victory that brought them to this point. They are also people with hearts wide open, caring, articulate and passionate about their call to ministry. They have been a constant source of inspiration and education to me that enhanced the material we were studying. I am especially grateful for Dr. Joan Nuth's patient teaching of the Ignatian principles, and for the 19<sup>th</sup> Annotation Retreat that I experienced during the year. Although doing both the coursework and the retreat at the same time was quite a time commitment, I really felt the material we were studying enhanced the retreat experience, and my experience on retreat really opened my mind and heart to the material. A challenging but effective complementary experience! I am very much looking forward to my practicum this year.

### ~Laura Fibbi

This first year has been a year of blessings and growth. On the academic level, I have gained a greater appreciation and understanding of the theology of Ignatius and his *Exercises*. Joan offered and carefully presented a wealth (or, shall I say an avalanche?) of new theological resources, writings and reflections: Thank you Joan. But, the year was more than head work. These *Exercises* work the whole person, head and heart, looking in and reaching out. Along with the academics, I was blessed by the generous gifts of self offered by each member of our class. The friendships, wisdom and support, in and out of class, have enriched my life. Thank you all.

### ~Christian Madsen

As I gather my thoughts and feelings about the experience of the first year of ISI, I am flooded with gratitude for all the people who were sacraments of grace for me. For Joan in crafting the presentation of abundant materials on the *Exercises* and especially for her passion for Julian of Norwich. For all my companions on this journey: Jan, Laura R., Dave, Sharon S., Pam, Liz, Mary, Laura F., Mary Ann, John, Syndi, and Sharon R. For Sharon who directed my 19th Annotation retreat. I learned the role of a spiritual director by watching her prayerfully listen to me. I participated in that trinity of God, the directee--me, and the director. Growing up as the Second Vatican Council evolved, I relished the opportunity to review advances in theology, especially the Scriptural insights into the historical Jesus. I found the lucid expositions of Rahner a joy. I now listen to liturgical Scriptural readings with an attentive heart. Meeting St. Ignatius himself, especially in his *Autobiography*, has been an inspiration. Here I found a very human and graced personality. I loved Ignatius' zealous impetuosity and fierce focus on doing "the more" for God. That he fell in love with Jesus through his searching touched me. Actually, this first year of ISI has been my year of courtship with Jesus. I was startled one day during a time of contemplation to hear Jesus say, "I want you for myself."







~*Janet Munsey*

What a year! It went by too fast. It was challenging spiritually, emotionally and academically. I feel amazingly immersed in Ignatian Spirituality even though this is my first experience with it. I entered feeling behind because so many of you, my classmates, had already done the 19th Annotation retreat and were/are leading retreats. But after this year of extensive and intensive study, I feel ready to make my next step in this journey toward directing Ignatian retreats. It is amazing that one year enabled me to feel equipped this well. My summer included looking back on my retreat, remembering and revisiting it and looking forward to explaining the retreat to those I will lead on retreat (as the first step). Thank you to Dr. Nuth, Joan Carney, my spiritual director, and all my classmates for making this such an excellent adventure.



~*Laura Ramella*

I reflect on my first year in ISI with a deep appreciation for the grace that has permeated my life. The variety of theological writings created a backdrop of study on subject matter with which I had no familiarity. Often I found the readings to be on a level that was difficult to comprehend. This phase of ISI was challenging, frustrating and gratifying, all at the same time. The study of the writing of the Gospels was interesting. So much of what we studied was logical, yet I would never have pondered this topic on my own. I am grateful to be on this journey and I am looking forward to Year II. I feel a sense of patience and calmness because I know I am exactly where God wants me to be.



~*Sharon Rowland*

My inner partnership with God is central to my life. Seeking the next step in re-tooling and inviting others into discipleship to Jesus, I began my spiritual direction training in LA as a student in the Christian Formation and Direction Ministries. I am pleased to transfer into the ISI program and meet this like-hearted, local community. I lead Spiritual Formation seminars and groups, help an immigrant family succeed in America, and speak for the voiceless victims of modern day slavery, through International Justice Mission (IJM.org). I am privileged to parent three children, two in college and one finishing high school. My husband and I work to mobilize people and raise awareness for the voiceless and will travel to see the IJM Guatemala work. I am also a part of the Renovare Institute.

~*Dave Schrader*

With apologies to Ivens, here is my first year reflection through the lens of the "Contemplatio":

**[371]' Receive, O Lord, and accept as your own, my liberty, my understanding, my memory, all my decisions and my freedom to choose. All I am and all I have you gave and continue to give. And now I turn and return all to you, looking to find your hopes and will in all. Give me only the love of you and hold me in your love and life-giving gaze, and I neither need nor want anything else.**

*accept as your own* As I've prayed my way through this year both the academic and the 19<sup>th</sup> Annotation dimensions), I've found that the Holy Spirit has truly given me a desire to give all of everything to God no holds barred. I really do long for the freedom that absolute surrender to the Trustworthy One brings.

*you gave and continue to give* Through Karl Rahner's writing (as well as many of the other great writers we read), my understanding of God's moment by moment (ha!) sustenance has deepened, and with it both my sense of God's presence and my gratitude for his life-giving love.

*your hopes and will in all* I'm looking for and seeing more and more of God's work occurring around me in my "life-world" (as Tetlow, the Master of Making Up Words, says). I more deeply believe that my calling in any given moment is to see God's intention and cooperate with him in bringing it to fruition.

*I neither need nor want anything else* "Holy indifference," that sense of contentment that accompanies wanting only to be in union with God, is a grace upon graces. God's life-giving love is all that is needed. That resonates at the core of my soul. Thank you, Lord. And thank you, Ignatius and ISI.

Thanks to Tetlow for this version of the prayer nested in the Contemplatio (with a bit of editorial license on my part).



### ~Sharon Somerville

This past year, to my surprise, brought an opportunity to begin course work at John Carroll University's Ignatian Spirituality Institute and to participate in the 19<sup>th</sup> Annotation retreat. While doing both of these at the same time was extremely challenging, it has been a wonderful year rich with blessings! I discovered the historical Jesus, and rediscovered scripture and the meaning of the gift of grace. While I gained more insight into theology and spiritual direction, I experienced the profound process of the Exercises that led me to an enriched prayer life and a deeper, more personal relationship with God. I also found myself learning, growing, and sharing with a graced community of colleagues and friends. I know without a doubt that this is where I belong, and with a heart full of gratitude, I look forward to beginning next year's practicum, learning to be a companion for others on this life journey.



Top Row (left to right) John Carlson, Dave Schrader, Christian Madsen, William Andrews  
Middle Row (left to right) Sharon Somerville, Mary Downey, Jan Munsey, Laura Fibbi, Mary Ann Bowers  
Bottom Row (left to right) Liz Cotter, Laura Ramella, Pamela Chaney, Syndie Eardly





~*Margaret Balewski*

Hi, my name is Margaret Balewski. As a new student of the *Spiritual Exercises*, I continue to be intrigued and humbled by all that I have learned about how the Holy Spirit works through me and others. I am so grateful for the work that spiritual directors must undertake to prepare to serve in that role that I feel compelled to move forward. Joining the ISI program seems like such a natural next step and I am delighted to be taking it with all of you. My roots are in the Irish Catholic tradition of Cleveland's Westside. St. Colman's was the birthplace of my faith, going back three generations, and as the sixth child of seven, I was surrounded by people in Catholic ministry. In my adult life, I have tried to continue that tradition of service as a Eucharistic minister, parish volunteer, pastoral council member and PSR instructor. However, it was only in the last few years that I discovered opportunities to deepen my faith life through the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius. This opportunity is only something I became aware of through my employment at John Carroll. I have recently re-entered the work force here and have again realized with Mark, my husband of 26 years, that we are so grateful that I was able to be an at-home parent to our two (almost) grown sons. We see them beginning to exercise their own interests in service work. For over ten years I attended our parish holy hour at Eucharist Adoration, knowing that I was ever so close to a richer relationship with Christ, but just not having the right tools to open my heart to his words of forgiveness and love. So I find myself ready and anxious to be challenged by this program and know that we will be blessed in our efforts on this journey together.



~*Julie Bradley*

When asked to submit a photo and short biography for the ISI roster I began to rummage through recent groups of photos and to my surprise I had only two choices: my driver's license photo and my Costco photo. There were many group shots with family and friends but not one of me alone; indicative of my life story to this time and place. A poster child for others and needing a more individual identity, I have spent my professional life in a variety of nursing roles but my primary focus has always been as a daughter, wife and Mom. I have been active through the years in the non-profit sector, mostly in social concerns and in service to children with special needs. I am a current member of our Parish Council at St. Joan of Arc Parish and have always been involved in a wide variety of ministries. I love to golf and enjoy the role of cheerleader for all the activities of my grandchildren. Reading and writing are my greatest source of pleasure. The *Ignatian Retreat* I participated in a couple of years ago kindled my desire for a deeper and more personal journey of Faith. I look forward to sharing this desire in a community of like minded people in the ISI program. I look forward to meeting all of you.



~*Kate Campbell*

I have been married for a number of years to Dick Weber. I hold a AB from the University of Detroit, and a Master of Pastoral Studies from Loyola U of Chicago (some courses were taken at John Carroll University). I also hold a Master of Science in Social Administration from Case Western Reserve University. I currently work as a counselor at a community mental health center in Lorain. I am a Licensed Independent Social Worker and a Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselor. In the past I taught theology, and was a parish Director of Religious Education. I studied in my college junior year at University College Dublin. I am a member of St. Peter's Church in Cleveland and am involved with the *Catholic Worker Community*. I have made and led retreats and have received spiritual direction. I would like to give workshops on spirituality to counselors.



~*Kathi Chapman*

I am Kathi Chapman and have been married to Bill for almost 29 years. We have two children, Emily, age 25 and Alex, age 21. I graduated from Baldwin-Wallace College with a major in Finance, earned my MBA from Nance College at Cleveland State University, and have been a Chartered Financial Analyst for over 20 years. I founded a financial consulting firm 20 years ago and my husband and I have been business partners for the past 6 years. We live in Strongsville and are members of St. Joseph (I am Catholic) and First Lutheran (Bill is Lutheran). We attend both churches. My activities at St. Joseph include Eucharistic minister and RCIA Team. Together we are Couples Ministers for engaged couples and we have a weekly commitment to Eucharistic Adoration. Although my background would seem quite distinct from the spiritual perspective, much of my life work has been trying to listen and understand the needs of others. Through the *Spiritual Exercises*, St. Ignatius' focus on finding God in all things resonates with me. Becoming part of the Ignatian Spirituality Institute seems such a gift. I hope to grow through the process, maybe even connect with others in this new community, and become who it is God so loves.

### ~Sue Carnahan

It's certainly my pleasure to join the incoming class at the Institute. I'm a cradle Episcopalian currently worshipping at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, where I've been singing in their volunteer choir. I've spent much of my life in choirs, and it's always been a dream to learn the eastern Byzantine chants. Ecumenism is a special interest of mine, and I enjoy learning about different faith traditions and denominations within Christianity.

I'm recently widowed, so it's just me and three cats (Nola, Patter, and Clancey) in a small ranch home in Painesville. Unfortunately, children were not in the cards for my husband (Jim) and me. We were married for almost five years at the time of his death. However, I am the proud aunt of five nieces and nephews. I grew up in a small town in southern New Jersey, along the Delaware River. My parents are still there. I have one brother in Connecticut with his family, and a sister in Georgia with her family. My undergraduate degree is in drama, and I hold an MTS from a small Anglican seminary located in western Canada. I'm also a recent graduate of Ursuline's graduate ministry program.

I currently work with the L'Arche Cleveland community, an international organization providing family-style housing for the developmentally disabled. I also have extensive experience caring for the elderly population, with a knack for those suffering from cognitive disorders. I spent several years working within a library consortium as well. Although I spent much of my adult life living in the New England states, I've been fortunate enough to have lived for lengthy periods of time in the United Kingdom and Canada. I came to Ohio five years ago to get married. I met my husband through eHarmony when he was in Willoughby and I was on Cape Cod, MA. I love music, and have a special interest in telling and hearing stories. Books, movies, television (a guilty pleasure, I admit), theater, and visits to the beach help keep me out of mischief. And that's it for me.



### ~Liz Duarte

Through my sixteen years of teaching English at Walsh Jesuit High School in Cuyahoga Falls, I have become increasingly interested in Ignatian spirituality. My first introduction to Jesuit philosophy came through the teaching paradigm which I learned was directly related to the *Spiritual Exercises*. My experiences at Walsh and the bits of knowledge I've gained from various workshops and conferences have increased my desire to know more. Not only will my teaching life be enhanced, but my spiritual life as well. Sharing what I learn with my students and colleagues will benefit all of us. An exciting prospect! On a personal note, I am a single mom of a son and daughter. I enjoy sailing, golf and gardening in the summer. As I write this bio, I am about to leave for two-and-a-half weeks in Northern Ireland for a study abroad program with eight students. This is my fifth or sixth trip to that wonderfully intriguing land. I look forward to meeting all of you soon.



### ~Harry W. Eberts

Father to Gwen and Claire, stepfather to Hans, husband of Jenny, companion to therapy dog Atticus, friend to many, innovator and church change enthusiast, dreamer, old baseball player, cancer survivor, painter in oils, garden trench digger, flexitarian, lover of Australia, casual, mystery book reader, morning YMCA exerciser, preacher with a passion, spiritual guide wannabe, and wearer of hush puppies and 501 Levis. I took my first breath in Marietta, Ohio, and was welcomed into the world by a warm and wonderful mother, an accomplished clergy father, and two older brothers who never treated me as the little brother to pick on. Wooster formed me, and later I attended college there. Pasadena, Evanston, New Haven (Yale Divinity School), Lake Forest, and Lyndhurst round out my living places. I once thought I was a small town boy but now I think otherwise. My ambitions did not really include becoming a Presbyterian pastor (I reached the 25 year mark this June) though my earliest memories show me continually getting my friends together and forming some club or another where I always ended up as president. Baseball was my passion, my ticket to feelings of glory and accomplishment, and what paid for college. A divorce in my mid-thirties rocked my world, subsequent marriage to my college sweetheart and friend steadied me, and watching two daughters and a stepson grow up has given me joy. Atticus the Wonder Dog (disguised as a small miniature poodle) has taught me much about living in the moment and being present (he comes to church with me and has become the official church dog and office greeter). My brother Ray was killed in an auto accident in 2003 and I do things in his memory. I love activity swirling around me and I used to love pizza (fat and salt content worries have finally taken their toll) though I still cannot pass up a chocolate chip cookie and anything at East Coast Custard. I love what I do 80% of the time. The other 20% I would rather be watching an exciting movie that has a chase scene.





*~Kathy Haase-Falbo*

I am delighted to be accepted into the Ignatian Spirituality Institute! Having served on the ISI Advisory Board from its inception, hearing from participants and working with a soon to “graduate” intern, I have long wanted to be one of the students. This year it is my turn! I am Kathy Haase-Falbo. My husband Mark and I have been married 31 years, have raised two adult children, lived through their weddings, and eagerly await the era of grandchildren. 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 34 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, Jesuit High School, and 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. There 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 have always 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.



*~Claudette Matero*

I am retired from the Cleveland Clinic after 35 years of service. I was the Administrator of the Division of Pediatrics at the time of my retirement. I am a graduate of Notre Dame College and hold an MBA from Lake Erie College of Ohio. Currently, I am working my post-retirement job as the administrator of Gateway Animal Hospital in the Tremont area of Cleveland. The work there is a ministry both to the animals and to the residents as well. I love animals and my current dog, Stevie, is an approximately 10 year old poodle I adopted from the Sanctuary for Senior Dogs. I have two daughters, Marisa and Carla and two grandchildren, Emily and Jacob. Marisa lives in Cleveland and Carla and her husband reside in New York City. I am a member of the St. Peter Parish at 17th and Superior. I am on the Parish Council and was chair of the recent Cluster Committee. I am an Associate of the Sisters of Notre Dame and one of the Directors of the Associate Relationship.

*~Andrea McGovern*

Greetings, all! My name is Andrea McGovern. I’m 54 years old, have been married for 32 years and have four adult children and two grandchildren. My family moved to Mentor in 1995 from north central Connecticut, where we had lived for fifteen years. The move reflected a job change for my husband, Bill. Prior to that, I had spent most of my life in the Mid-Hudson Valley in New York. I went to the College of Mount St. Vincent in Bronx, NY and studied fine arts.



I am the youngest of five siblings, most of whom were nearly adults when I was born. My parents uprooted our family when I was about 4 and moved from New Jersey to “the country.” I love the Hudson Valley for its amazing beauty and often wish I were back there! The same goes for our quiet corner of Connecticut. I guess I am just a country girl at heart. Nothing touches me as much as the morning sun coming through the leaves; or the sound of birdsong at daybreak; or a bright full moon on a clear night; or even a peaceful snowstorm. God is definitely manifested in nature for me! Throughout my early life, I had many brushes with the spiritual, many questions and few people to talk to about them. I began praying in earnest when I had a young family. The RENEW program at our parish helped me find some kindred souls, and I also worked with several spiritual directors. Soon after moving to Ohio, I began seeing a director here, who helped me find God in the huge and sometimes scary changes going on in my life. Through ups and downs, I’ve been blessed with loving people who were there to help me see my journey as one that continues to lead me to my ultimate home. Last autumn I began to have a sense that I am now meant to build up my own skills so I can provide that sort of guidance for others. The ISI program was put before me and I immediately knew I was being called to enter. I am honored to be invited to be a part of this program and this class, and I can’t wait to get to know all of you, my future soul friends.



### *~Linda Sipos*

Hello, my name is Linda Sipos. I am a part-time chaplain at Hillcrest Hospital. I have worked for the Diocese of Cleveland in this role for the past three years. During this time I completed studies in Ministry at Ursuline College and certification by the National Association of Catholic Chaplains. I am single and worked in education as a special education teacher mostly in rural areas. I taught high school theology for five years. My mother is 91 and has memory loss. One of my three brothers and I and a paid helper help care for her. I am a native Clevelander and have an interest in the Enneagram which has offered many opportunities to meet new people from different places in the world. I enjoy sharing meals with family and friends. I love walks in nature, watching sunsets and taking rides in the country. I enjoy live theater, and special exhibits at the art museum, especially of Impressionist artists. I enjoy reading, travel, and Jazzercise. I am very am happy to have the opportunity to work directly in ministry. I am hoping to deepen my ministry in the Ignatian *Spiritual Exercises*.



### *~Tina Sterrett*

I very much look forward to meeting my fellow classmates in the ISI and beginning our journey together in this program. I have been involved in Ignatian Spirituality through the SPA program at Saint Ignatius High School and a few parish retreats. I come to the ISI with the hope of furthering my understanding of Ignatian Spirituality and being open to where the Spirit is calling me. I am a working wife and mother. My husband, Phil and I are the proud parents of Lou and Ellie. Lou is an English major at Kent State University, beginning his Senior year this Fall. Ellie is in the Intelligence Studies program at Mercyhurst College and will be a Sophomore this fall.



### *~Karen Zeleznick*

I have been a librarian with the Akron Summit County Public Library for more than 20 years, specializing in reference in the Science and Technology department. I hold a Bachelor's degree in Biology from Cleveland State University, a Master's in Library Science from Kent State University, and a Master's in Ministry from Ursuline College. I love books, reading, knitting, walking and tweaking my computers. I have been married to Marc for 38 years and am the mother of two adults sons, and two cats, and a grandmother to a cat and dog.



## A Look Back at Last Year...

### Looking back at the Opening Retreat~

Clockwise from near right:  
*Sr. Mary Ann Flannery welcomes ISI to JRH.*

*Jack Dister, SJ introduces first year students to St. Ignatius.*

*The community gathers at Mass, celebrated by Jim Lewis, SJ.*

*Fr. Dister emphasizes a point.*



### Looking back at the Discernment Workshop ~

Clockwise from near right:  
*Laura Ramella and Liz Cotter listen appreciatively to Brian McDermott, SJ.*

*The class takes notes.*

*Reaction to a bit of humor.*

*Jan Munsey is the epitome of industrious concentration.*





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### *Looking back at the Listening Skills Workshop~*

*Sharon Somerville,  
Syndie Eardly,  
Chris Madsen,  
Dave Schrader,  
Pam Chaney and  
Dr. Paula Britton*



### *Looking back at the Bereavement Workshop ~*

*From the Class of 2008  
Mulba Borsay,  
Arlene Gladura,  
Deborah Zawislan and  
Joanne Sheldon  
with  
Rich Jerdonek (ISI '06).*

*Brian Williams, LPC*



### *And let's not forget our many classroom experiences!*

From far left:

*Mary Downey,  
Sharon Somerville*

*Laura Fibbi,  
John Carlson*

*Liz Cotter,  
Syndie Eardly,  
Jan Munsey*



*Laura Ramella,  
Mary Ann Bowers,  
Dave Schrader*



**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. Tuition is payable quarterly. Due dates are August 31, November 30, January 29 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, 2009 and January 29, 2010).

**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.

**PIN**

At the first class you will be given a PIN (Personal Identification Number) which you will need to use JCU computer services.

**Student ID**

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 \$25 replacement fee for lost cards. **First year students and interns who have lost their ID card are scheduled to have photos taken for ID cards between 5 and 6 pm on Wednesday, September 2, 2009.** Go to the Faculty Dining Room located in the Student RecPlex. A campus map is available at [www.jcu.edu](http://www.jcu.edu).

**Parking**

You must pay for a new parking sticker for each semester. **Campus Security will be selling permits the first week of classes starting 9/2 in the Murphy Room in the RecPlex.** Hours are Tuesday-Thursday from 8:30am to 7:30pm. You must bring your car registration or proof of insurance, and give them the make, model, year, color, and license plate number of your car. They 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. Barb 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.

**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 - 1am	6am - 12am	11am - 1pm, 6pm - 9pm
<b>Friday</b>	10am - 11pm	6am - 9pm	11am - 1pm, 6pm - 9pm
<b>Weekends</b>	10am - 11pm	9am - 9pm	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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