

"The Open Window"

Bergamo Center for Lifelong Learning
Newsletter
Summer 2018
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Spiritual Formation and Direction Courses

The Bergamo Center for Lifelong Learning will offer two programs in spiritual formation and spiritual direction beginning in October of 2018.

Deepening Spirits...exploring personal spiritual formation

Open to any interested persons, the *Deepening Spirits: exploring personal spiritual formation program* will provide participants with a comprehensive overview of the dynamics of the spiritual journey. This 18 session program is designed for those who desire to deepen their own spiritual lives as well as those possibly discerning a calling to a spiritual direction ministry and subsequent training. Successful completion of this program is a requirement for the Spiritual Direction Training Program. The *Deepening Spirits* program meets on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-9:00 pm from Oct. 2 through Dec. 4, 2018 and Jan. 8 through March 5, 2019. Cost of the program is \$375 per semester. Registration deadline is Sept. 15, 2018. [Link for Deepening Spirits: exploring personal spiritual formation program Description PDF](#)

For more information, please contact Barb Kozlowski, Monday through Thursday from 8 am to 4:00 p.m. at 937-426-2363.

[Deepening Spirits Application Link](#)

Spiritual Direction Program

This 18 session program will provide participants with comprehensive training in the ministry of spiritual direction. This program is open to those who have discerned a call to direction training, have had significant experience in receiving direction, and have completed the *Deepening Spirits* Spiritual Formation program. Equivalent training will be considered, Personal interview may be required. The class meets on Thursdays, 6:30pm-9:00pm from Oct. 4 – Dec. 6, 2018 and Jan. 8 - March 7, 2019. An additional hour a week will be expected outside of class in both giving and receiving direction throughout the semester. Cost of the program is \$375 per semester. Registration deadline is Sept. 1, 2018.

[Link for Spiritual Direction Program Description PDF](#)

For more information, please contact Kathy Sales at kathys@bergamo.org
[Spiritual Direction Application Link](#)

Bring on the Summer Sun!

A relatively inexpensive project to provide some sun screen shade for the patio has been completed by Environmental Service Coordinator Jeff Smith and is now enjoyed by our guests.



Spectacle Musical



In the spirit of the Marianist Bicentennial, members of all Mount Saint John ministries, including past and present Bergamo Board of Trustees members, were invited to attend the world premier of *Spectacle*, the musical about the founders of the Marianist movement Blessed William Chaminade, soon to be Blessed Adele and venerable Marie Therese de Lamarous. which was performed over the weekend of April 20-22, 2018 at the University of Dayton Boll Theater.

On the Saturday of the weekend premier the playwrights **Nick Cardilino**, **Jim Ford** and **Bro. Stan Zubek** were invited to an informal reception at Mount Saint John where they shared music and their inspiration for creating *SPECTACLE*. Over 100 staff and friends of Mount Saint John employees were able to attend the show, reception and dinner.

UDOLLI Visitors



On April 13 University of Dayton Osher Lifelong Learning Institute senior participants enjoyed a tour of the Mount Saint John ministries, including a visit to the Don Geiger Prairie and lunch at the Bergamo Center. It was a wonderful day weather wise and hopefully an opportunity for more collaborations with UDOLLI in the future.



Roof & Window Replacement Projects

Guest groups at the Bergamo Center may not realize that as a Sponsored Ministry of the Marianists the Center rents the space from the Marianists. Bergamo and the Marianists of Mount Saint John regularly collaborate on facility improvements and we have more construction this summer.

The Marianist Province and our Mount Saint John Facilities Manager have authorized a project to replace the roof over the lodging sections of the building. The work will likely begin at the end of the summer.

For some large groups that fill the entire center we request that no work be done during those times. However there may be scaffolding, cranes and supplies located around the building.

In addition, the second phase of window replacement in Unit 3 of the bedrooms taking place now at the beginning of the summer. Patience and understanding are appreciated through this work phase.

Over please...

Big Thanks to a Great Intern - Josh Mueller

After 5 years of service to the Bergamo Center, Intern and UD graduate, Josh Mueller is moving on to take the role as Campus Minister of Catholic Central HS in Springfield. Josh joined Bergamo in 2014 and has lead 105 retreats, 21 in his first year alone. He built a great rapport with the students and campus ministers and has helped Bergamo's program grow in many different ways. Josh's dedication has been one that many of the Bergamo Facilitators use as inspiration in their ministry and has helped us keep our program very successful. We thank you Josh for your unending dedication and service to Bergamo and Good Luck and God Bless you in your further Ministry.



Holly Schapker Exhibition of Mary's Flowers in Contemporary Art

Twelve exquisite paintings by artist Holly Schapker were on display at Bergamo for the Mariological Society Conference at Bergamo. Artist Holly Schapker of Cincinnati, created 24 paintings altogether that would honor Mary with flowers and their legends. Here is a sampling of the works exhibited.



An artful presentation of food for the Marianist Mission reception on April 15.



Bird's eye view of the patio sails in the Bergamo Courtyard.



Summer Retreats/Events (Approx. # of Participants)

UD Mission / Rector (40) – May 30-31
ISP Chicago (25) – June 1-3
Badin HS Kairos (66) – June 4-7
Belmont United Methodist Nashville (50) – June 7
Individual Retreat Day – June 8
Marianist Province Retreat (46) - June 11-16
Facilitator Training (10) – June 20
NACMS (15) – June 18-24
Marist Fathers and Brothers (53) – June 24-29

Individual Retreat Day – July 6
Seton HS (45) - July 9-12
Facilitator Training (10) - July 10
Southern Dist. Brethren Women (20) – July 11-14
LIFE Staff (30) – July 11-16
LIFE (100) – July 16-22

Marianist Lay Assembly tour to MSJ (25) – July 14
Seton HS Kairos (50) – July 24-27
UD Housing & Residence (50) – July 24-25
Seton Jr Retreat (50) - July 25-26
Midwest Native Plant Conference (150) – July 27-29

Facilitator Training (10) – Aug. 1
Marianist Pulse (12) – Aug. 1-4
Yoga (40) – Aug. 1-4
Mt. Notre Dame Kairos (45) – Aug. 7-10
Immaculate Conception School Staff (30) – Aug. 9
Goldsmith (8) – Aug. 13
UD Marianist Student Communities FVL (75) – Aug. 13-14
UD Ethos (25) – Aug. 19
Carroll HS (58) – Aug. 19-20
Individual Retreat Day – Aug. 21
Heritage Basketry Guild (100) – Aug. 22-25
Alter HS (50) – Aug. 26-27
Bishop Fenwick HS (45) – Aug. 27-28
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Moeller HS (55) – Aug. 30-31

Marianist Feast Days - Summer 2018

June 10 - Adele de Batz de Trenquellion
July 9 - Mary, Queen of Peace
August 13 - Father Jakob Gapp, S.M.
August 15 - Assumption of Mary
August 22 - Feast of the Queenship of Mary



Summer Staff Birthdays

Leah Strukamp - June 26
Kevin Kozlowski - July 8
Nichole Leasher - July 26
Joe Keller - August 31

Quotable Quote

“Let us always put our hopes in God,
who never ceases giving us abundant grace...
He is faithful to His promises;
whoever hopes in Him will never be disappointed.”

Adele de Batz de Trenquellion