

"The Open Window"

Bergamo Center for Lifelong Learning
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Aggiornamento - Bergamo Jubilee

As we celebrated the Bergamo 50th anniversary it was a wonderful time to review the history of the center from its beginnings in 1967 as the **John XXIII Center for Christian Renewal**. In those 50 years since 1967 Bergamo has been the host of an estimated one half million guests.



In our year of celebration we served an estimated 2,154 complimentary chocolate chip cookies. In just the past year Bergamo was host to 7,889 guests, served 32,979 meals and lodged guests for a total of 7,312 nights.

Once again we thank the generous sponsors of our Jubilee Celebration of 2017: **Miller Valentine, Houser Asphalt & Concrete, and Enterprise Roofing & Sheet Metal Company.**

One of the themes that came up often in the early history of Bergamo to inspire the move to build a new Retreat Center serving the Dayton area was the word *Aggiornamento*, an Italian word pronounced: [addzorna' mento], meaning, "A bringing up to date." It was one of the key words used by John XXIII leading up to the Second Vatican Council and was mentioned both by bishops and clergy attending the sessions. It was used to mean throwing open the doors of the Church in a desire to update dialogue with the outside world.

As we look forward to the next 50 years of the Bergamo Center we again see the need for *aggiornamento*, to update the Bergamo Center to meet the needs of a new time, new technologies and new forms of evangelization. Steps have been taken to refresh the Bergamo Center facilities and studies are in process for more to come. Our newly formed mission integration plan calls for deeper and richer service to our guests. May the spirit of *aggiornamento* be with us. Thank you for your patience and continued support.

World's Greatest Retreat

"World's Greatest Retreat" is scheduled for March 3-4. Registration is open, (please see our Facebook page.) This popular youth retreat at Bergamo tends to fill up each year. The title *World's Greatest* refers not so much that this is the greatest retreat ever, but rather that we are the only inhabitants of this planet that are



made in the image of God, so that means we are the greatest gifts to this earth and we should respect the earth, respect all life, respect each other, and make the choices in our lives likewise.



Growing Older Gracefully

Growing Older Gracefully is a group exploration of the eldering years. This group is open to women and men of faith who want to:



- Engage life's later years and mine the vein of richness that still lies hidden in the soul
- Claim the gifts they have been given and the gifts they have been
- Live into the wisdom they have garnered as people of faith
- Find meaning in each day
- Maintain hope amid physical, mental, and family challenges
- Be in community with others of like mind and heart

Participants will listen with an open heart and open mind to one another and to the Spirit that dwells within us, surrounds us, and flows through us. Each session will include a brief talk on a specific subject, private reflection, and group sharing. Lunch is optional.

Growing Older Gracefully meets 9 a.m. to noon on the first and third Thursdays of March (1 & 15), April (5 & 19), and May, (3 & 17). Cost is: \$20 per session / \$110 for the series paid in advance. Optional lunch. If you are interested, please contact **Barb Kozlowski** at Bergamo Center, Monday through Thursday from 8 am to 4:30 pm at 937-426-2363 or at: Barbk@bergamocenter.org.

SPECTACLE



In the spirit of the Marianist Bicentennial, members of all Mount Saint John ministries, including past and present Bergamo Board of Trustees members, are invited, along with one guest, to attend the world premier of **SPECTACLE**.

SPECTACLE is a musical about the life of Blessed William Chaminade, and will be performed on the weekend of April 20-22, 2018 at the University of Dayton Boll Theater. It will be both an enjoyable and educational experience to learn more about the beginnings of the Marianist movement.

This will be a wonderful event and one that we really hope all Mount Saint John employees will attend. This invitation to see the show is a gift provided through the generosity of the Province and Bergamo Jubilee benefactors.

On Saturday the playwrights **Nick Cardilino, Jim Ford and Bro. Stan Zubek** are invited to join us for an informal reception. There will be performances of some of the songs and a question and answer session from 3:30-5:00. Dinner will follow at 5:30 in the Chaminade Center Madeleine Room at Mount Saint John.

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Winter Retreats/Events (Approx. # of Participants)

McNicholas HS (80) – Jan. 4-5
Alter HS (48) – Jan. 7-8
Spiritual Direction (18) – Jan. 9
Archdiocese Anti-Pornography Workshop (40) – Jan. 11
St. Francis Men's Retreat (65) – Jan. 12-14
Sharecroppers Scrapbook Retreat (15) – Jan. 12-15
Immaculate Conception, Celina (30) – Jan. 14-15
UD Campus Ministry (20) – Jan. 14-15
Mt. Notre Dame HS (60) – Jan. 15-16
Spiritual Direction (18) – Jan. 16
Bergamo Board (15) – Jan. 18
Seton HS (45) – Jan. 18-19
Life Staff (6) – Jan. 18-21
Ignatian Spirituality Project (ISP) Women Retreat (20) – Jan. 20-21
Bishop Hartley (55) – Jan. 21-22
Moeller HS (50) – Jan. 22-23
CJ HS Kairos (70) – Jan. 23-26
Spiritual Direction (18) – Jan. 23
Miami Valley Sewing Guild (24) – Jan. 26-28
Watterson HS (50) – Jan. 28-29
Moeller HS (45) – Jan. 29-30
Spiritual Direction (18) – Jan. 30
Alter HS (50) – Jan. 30-31

2 x Scrapbook Retreats (48) – Feb. 2-4
Emmanuel Lutheran Board of Elders (15) Feb. 2-3
Cristo Rey HS (80) – Feb. 5-6
Spiritual Direction (18) – Feb. 6
UD Metanoia Group (60) – Feb. 9-11
Christian Life Center Board (15) – Feb. 9-11
Ohio Star Quilters (18) – Feb. 11-13
Alter HS (50) – Feb. 11-12
Mt. Notre Dame HS (48) – Feb. 12-13
Spiritual Direction (18) – Feb. 13
Moeller HS Kairos (70) – Feb. 13-16
Quilt Dreamers (80) - Feb. 16-18
Ignatian Spirituality Project (ISP) Coed Retreat (20) – Feb. 17
Carol Jackson Workshop (20) – Feb. 17
Yes For Youth (20) – Feb. 19
Mt. Notre Dame HS Kairos (48) – Feb. 20-23
Spiritual Direction (18) – Feb. 21
St. Francis Women (120) – Feb. 24-26
Watterson HS (55) – Feb. 25-26
Spiritual Direction (18) – Feb. 27
Villa Madonna HS (45) – Feb. 28-March 1

Aging Gracefully #1 (12) – March 1
World's Greatest Retreat (80) - March 4-6
Mother of Mercy HS (50) – March 5-6
Spiritual Direction (18) – March 6
Seton HS Kairos (45) – March 6-10
Come Share the Spirit (15) – March 9-11
Marianist Lay Formation Directors Retreat (15 – March 9-11
Beginning Experience (12) – March 9-11
Ignatian Spirituality Project (ISP) Women Follow-up (20) – March 10
Mother of Mercy HS (45) – March 12-13
Spiritual Direction (18) – March 13
Hartley HS Kairos (75) – March 13-16
Aging Gracefully #2 (12) – March 15
Creative Quilters (50) – March 16-19
Enneagram (50) – March 16-20
Alter HS Kairos (50) – March 20-23
Lebanon Church Women (50) – March 23-25
UD Chaminade Scholars (20) – March 23-25
Ignatian Spirituality Project Men (ISP) (15) – March 24-25
Hartley HS Kairos (85) – March 25-26
Mother of Mercy HS (45) – March 26-27
Easter! - April 1



Marianist Feast Days - Winter 2018

Jan. 10 - Adele de Batz de Trenquelleon
Jan. 22 - Blessed William Joseph Chaminade
Feb. 2 - Feast of the Presentation
Feb. 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes
March 19 - Feast of Saint Joseph
March 25 - Annunciation

Winter Staff Birthdays

Jeff Smith – Jan. 26
Amy Lehmann - Jan. 29
Sam El-hajj-moussa - February 5
Ginny Snead - February 21
Gina Gregory - February 27

Quotable Quote

"If God created shadows, it was in order to better emphasize the light."

Pope John XXIII



DePaul Cristo Rey High School Senior Retreat held recently at the Bergamo Center.

Cristo Rey is the latest addition to the many area Catholic High Schools who have scheduled retreats at Bergamo in recent years.