

"The Open Window"

Bergamo Center for Lifelong Learning

Newsletter

Fall 2016

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Then & Now...



As the Bergamo Center approaches its 50th year some major capital improvement projects are winding down and some are just beginning. The Mansard roof which had weathered close to fifty years had to be replaced this summer. The roof project occurred with minimal disruption to our retreat and conference groups. The new windows in Unit 2 should be complete by the time this newsletter is published.

In September our project will be to install WIFI access points throughout the entire Bergamo Center. In addition to the wiring for those access points wires will be pulled for a new security system to add cameras throughout the building.

Bergamo Jubilee

The Bergamo Center will be celebrating its 50th Jubilee in 2017. Plans are developing and the activities will start late this fall and begin in earnest with the new year 2017. Contacts have been made to some of our longtime supporters and already \$8,000 in jubilee sponsorship has been received or committed.

Invitations have been sent to some surprisingly big speakers and entertainers. We'll see if they accept! In the meantime there is an emphasis on complimenting existing activities that already draw many friends, guests and Marianists to the Center. We will take those occasions to acknowledge long time groups at the center.

We hope this occasion is a year to reflect on the past and dream for the future. We will communicate the plans for the Jubilee as they unfold.

Strategic Planning

A process that initiated in 2013 with an appreciative inquiry of our guests and patrons has blossomed into a new Strategic Plan for the Bergamo Center that begins this fall 2016. The plan has mission oriented strategies, serving also as a Mission Integration Plan that is a valuable guide as we begin our first full year as a Sponsored Ministry under the Marianist Office of Sponsorship. The Bergamo Board of Trustees is reviewing the plan and timeline once again at its Board meeting on Sept. 8 before the plan is launched.



Spiritual Direction/Accompaniment Course at Bergamo



Bergamo Center will be offering a course in Spiritual Direction for those who may be interested in beginning to discern a call to Spiritual Direction. The first semester classes will be

held every Tuesday evening from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. beginning Tuesday October 11, 2016 and ending on Tuesday, December 6, 2016. The second semester will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2017 through Tuesday, March 14, 2017. A directed retreat will be held giving the students a chance to conduct the retreat with supervision to follow.

The instructors of the class are a team of spiritual directors who have classroom experience as well as many years of experience as spiritual directors.

The cost for the program is \$300 per semester for a total of \$600, plus some miscellaneous expenses for books/optional food, etc.

Prerequisites for the class are familiarity of the scriptures both New and Old Testament, have your own spiritual director and two letters of recommendation from either a Pastor, Spiritual Director, Diaconate or LPMP supervisor. We are excited to bring this opportunity to all in our Archdiocese and Religious communities.

If you are interested, please contact Barb Kozlowski at Bergamo Center, Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 937-426-2363 or at Barbk@bergamocenter.org.

Support Ignatian Spirituality Project

Bagger Dave's is promoting the ISP Spiritual Retreats Ending Homelessness with a dine in evening on Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2016 from 5-9pm only valid at the 5299 Cornerstone N. Blvd Centerville OH location.

Bring a flyer into Bagger Dave's and they will donate 15% of all pre-taxed food sales back to ISP. [Here is a link to the flyer.](#)



ISP at Bergamo has served an estimated 250 women and men retreat participants in the 7 years since the program's beginning here in Dayton in 2010. We thank **Sr. Teresa Laengle** who is the Dayton area coordinator for the women's retreats and **Deacon Paul Richards** who is the originator of the men's retreats in Dayton. Deacon Paul has recently announced he is handing off the men's coordinator role on to **Norm Rich**.

News from the ISP National office: **Matt Meyers** has been promoted to Program Officer for ISP. Matt was most recently the International Program Coordinator at St. Mary's University in San Antonio. Matt earned master's degrees in Theology and Public Administration from Villanova University. While on their campus ministry staff, he led retreats, facilitated reflection, and designed formation programs for student retreat leaders to grow in the Augustinian tradition.



Matt has a BS in Education from Dayton University, and volunteered for two years with the Marianists in Malawi. Matt will be liaison between the Bergamo ISP program and the National Office. Welcome Matt!

Over please...

Fall Retreats/Events (Approx. # of Participants)

Moeller HS Retreat (45) – Sept. 1-2
Labor Day Weekend (No Guests) – Sept. 3-6
Moeller Kairos (70) – Sept. 6-9
Bergamo Board (15) – Sept. 8
Ohio So. Dist. Church of Brethren Women (45) – Sept. 9-10
Enneagram (35) – Sept. 9-13
UD Ethos (30) – Sept. 10
St. John's Tipp city Confirmation Group (15) – Sept. 11
WIFI Wiring Project – Sept. 13-15
Ohio Valley Philosophers (50) – Sept. 16-18
Ignatian Spirituality Project ISP Men (20) – Sept. 17-18
Wright Pat Youth Confirmation (20) – Sept. 18
Alter HS Retreat (45) – Sept. 18-19
Purcell Marian HS Retreat (40) – Sept. 19-20
ISP Agency Dinner (20) – Sept. 20
CJ HS Kairos (60) – Sept. 20-23
Warren Co. Quilters (24) – Sept. 22-25
First Presb Church of So Charleston Ladies (35) – Sept. 23-24
River of Life Church/ Men's Retreat (15) – Sept. 24-25
Ignatian Spirituality Project ISP Women (20) – Sept. 24-25
Hartley HS Retreat (50) – Sept. 25-26
Alter HS Kairos (60) – Sept. 27-30
Stampin' Up! (20) – Sept. 30 – Oct. 2
Led by the Light Ascension Women (55) – Sept. 30 – Oct. 2

Marianist Province Directors (50) – Oct. 1-4
Alter HS Retreat (50) – Oct. 2-3
Moeller HS Retreat (45) – Oct. 3-4
Carroll HS Retreat (60) – Oct. 9-10
Journal of Curriculum Theory (90) - Oct. 12-16
Marianist Administrators Conf. (45) – Oct. 16-19
Goldsmith Group (10) – Oct. 21-23
Embodied Awakening Yoga (46) – Oct. 21-27
Seton HS Retreat (45) – Oct. 27-28
Visitation Marianist State Fall Retreat (55) – Oct. 28-30
Ignatian Spirituality Project ISP Women (20) – Oct. 29

Moeller HS Kairos (70) – Nov. 1-4
Spinning Road Baptist Church Women (30) – Nov. 4-5
Memorial United Presbyterian Women (5) - Nov. 5
Incarnation Confirmation Group (85) – Nov. 6
Carroll HS Retreat (60) – Nov. 6-7
Premier Health (40) – Nov. 8
CJ HS Kairos (60) – Nov. 8-11
Pre Cana (70) – Nov. 12
Incarnation Confirmation Group (85) – Nov. 13
Hartley HS Retreat (50) – Nov. 13-14
Seton IN HS Retreat (22) – Nov. 14-15
Seton Cincinnati HS Kairos (45) – Nov. 15-18
Matt Talbot Group (50) Nov. 18-20
Ignatian Spirituality Project ISP Women (20) – Nov. 19-20
Hartley HS Kairos (55) – Nov. 20-23
Bergamo Center Closed for Thanksgiving – Nov. 24-27
Mount Notre Dame HS Retreat (55) – Nov. 28-29
Alter HS Kairos (55) – Nov. 29-Dec. 2

Marianist Feast Days in Fall 2016

Sept. 5 - Mary, Queen of the Apostles
Sept. 8 - Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sept. 12 - Holy Name of Mary
Sept. 18 - Blesseds, Brothers Fidel, Jesus, and Carlos
Oct. 2 - Feast of the Guardian Angels
Oct. 12 - Our Lady of the Pillar
Nov. 6 - Marianist Martyrs of Madrid
Nov. 21 - Presentation of Mary
Dec. 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Dec. 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe



Fall Staff Birthdays

Amanda Bell – Sept. 16
Anthony Franchina – Sept. 26
Rob Noss – Oct 22
Connie Chatterton – Nov. 13
Lisa Baron - Dec. 11
Tommy Parker - Dec. 18
Launa Eby - Dec. 31

Quote

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

Pope John XXIII

