

"The Open Window"

Bergamo Center for Lifelong Learning
Newsletter
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Bergamo Jubilee

The Bergamo Center is celebrating its 50th Jubilee in 2017. The emphasis of the celebration is complimenting existing activities that already draw many friends, guests and Marianists to the Center. We are taking those occasions to acknowledge long time groups at the

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

Las Posadas at Mount Saint John and Bergamo



The Bergamo Center in collaboration with Mount Saint John and the University of Dayton Marian Library hosted a Christmas Posada on Dec. 11, 2016 at Mount St. John. Over 75 participated in the single-day version of the centuries-old Mexican tradition of *Las Posadas*, a procession that re-creates the pilgrimage of Mary and Joseph on their

way to Bethlehem for the birth of Christ. The pilgrimage led from building to building at Mount St. John with exhibits of Nativity sets at each location. The event concluded at the Bergamo Center for a piñata and light traditional refreshments provided by Los Reyes Restaurant.



New Faces at Bergamo

Bergamo welcomes two new leadership members to our staff all ready to serve guests. Newly hired staff this winter include: **Jennifer Wourms**, Coordinator of Event Services and **Mark Bruggeman**, Custodial & Housekeeping Supervisor. Please join us in welcoming these new members of the "Bergamo Team."



"How Far We Will Go" – Theme of WG'16

Bergamo Coordinator of Youth Formation, **Kevin Kozlowski** reports that 73 youth and 8 adult chaperones from throughout the Archdiocese participated in the 16th annual World's Greatest Retreat at the Bergamo Center over the March 3-5 weekend. The youth were representative of 11 different high schools ranging from Columbus to Celina to Cincinnati. The retreat featured creative prayers and activities that focused on social justice, personal affirmation, family values, and relationships in faith from different communities with a particular emphasis this year on how youth through faith can change the world.



Growing Older Gracefully

On Wednesday, May 24th from 9 am to 3 pm Bergamo Center will be hosting a **Growing Older Gracefully** program with Karen Francis as presenter. Karen Ander Francis M.A. has been a spiritual companion for nearly 30 years. Formerly, Director of Adult Programs at Bergamo Center, she continues to accompany others on the journey, to teach, and to write about living with awareness in God's love. She hopes that during this day, you will discover the wisdom of your years, claim the legacy that is your life, and discern how God still invites you to dream, to grow and to serve.



The program focusing first on Anna and Simeon at the Presentation of Jesus in the temple, this one day retreat will provide a time of reflecting on your own long life of faith. Drawing on the wisdom of Sr. Joan Chittester and the contemporary life-stage development research of Joan Erikson participants will explore what it means to grow old in

wisdom and grace, now that we are living well longer. We will consider questions such as these:

- How do we engage these years and mine the vein of richness that still lies hidden in our souls?
- How do we claim the gifts we have been given?
- How do we live into the wisdom we have garnered as faithful women and men?

Cost for the day is \$30 which includes a morning break and lunch. If you are interested in attending, please contact:

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Spirit of Bergamo



In celebration of its 50th anniversary the Bergamo Center announces a collaboration with Gallery Saint John, *The Spirit of Bergamo: A Juried Exhibit of Art at Gallery St. John, Dayton Ohio from April 19 - April 30, 2017.*

Over the past 50 years, the Bergamo Center has been a place of serenity and spiritual renewal, often inspired by the beauty of the surrounding land of Mount Saint John.

This is a special invitation to High School Youth (Gr. 9-12) and Adult artists from organizations and schools who have retreats and conferences here at the Bergamo Center to express the beauty one experiences in encountering the spiritual in a place like Bergamo Center and Mount Saint John. For more details and entry forms **go to the Bergamo Jubilee web page**. The deadline for entries is March 24.

Bergamo Green

The Bergamo Center has been certified as a Green Business by Dayton Regional Green, recently announced by **Jeff Bohrer**, new Director of Mount Saint John Facilities. This designation opens Bergamo and Mount Saint John to enhanced rebates for energy efficiency projects, including the eventual complete conversion of LED lighting in the building.



The Green Business Certification Program helped Mount Saint John identify measures that save our ministries money while also reducing environmental impact. Energy efficiency measures, waste reduction, product selection, and program incentives can all help the bottom line. Businesses have saved thousands of dollars via enhanced rebates and energy audit subsidies. As a Certified Green Business, Bergamo joins a network of over 200 businesses that want a brighter, greener future for the Miami Valley.

Thank You for Donations

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Marianist Feast Days - Spring 2017



March 25 - Annunciation
April 8 - Blessed William Joseph Chaminade
May 12 - Mary, Mother of All Graces
May 25 - Mary, Help of Christians
May 31 - Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth
June 10 - Adele de Batz de Trenquellion

Spring Staff Birthdays

Brian Thomas - April 20
Barb Kozlowski - April 22
Josh Mueller - May 1

Spring Retreats/Events (Approx. # of Participants)

Lasalle HS Kairos – March 1-3
World's Greatest Retreat (80) - March 3-5
Purcell Marian HS (40) – March 6-7
Spiritual Direction (18) – March 7
Seton Kairos (45) – March 7-10
Pre Cana (80) – March 11
Ignatian Spirituality Project Women (ISP) (25) – March 11
Hartley Kairos (85) – March 12-15
Creative Quilters (50) – March 16-19
Enneagram (30) – March 16-21
Goldsmith Group (8) – March 20
Seton, Richmond, IN – March 20-21
Alter Kairos (70) – March 21-24
Warren Co. Quilters (20) – March 23-26
Come Share the Spirit (20) – March 24-26
Ignatian Spirituality Project Men (18) – March 25-26
Mother of Mercy HS (45) – March 27-28
Moeller Kairos (70) – March 28-31
UD Chaminade Scholars (20) – March 31 - April 2
Chaplain Interaction (ACCTS) – March 31 - April 2

Mother of Mercy HS (45) – April 3-4
Chaminade Julienne Kairos (60) – April 4-7
Winter Guard International (100 in Sieben Hall) – April 5-8
Bergamo Board of Trustees (15) – April 6
UD Music Dept. (35) – April 8
Mt. Notre Dame HS (45) – April 10-11
Purcell Marian HS (40) – April 12-13
Spirit of Bergamo Art Show – April 19-30
Dayton Knitting Guild (65) - April 21-23
Ignatian Spirituality Project Women (22) – April 22-23
National Retired Religious Retreat (40) - April 24-27
Ignatian Spirituality Project Men (18) – April 29
Watterson HS (45) – April 30-31
Marianist Mission Reception (250+) – April 30

Lasalle HS Kairos – May 3-5
Archdiocese of Cinc. Newer Clergy (15) – May 7-8
UD School of Engineering (25) - May 9-10
UD Dept. of Music (40) – May 11
UD Marianist Educational Associates (55) – May 11
Priests Jubilee (90) – May 15
Beavercreek Wetlands (100) - May 16
Mariological Society of America (75) – May 16-19
Goldsmith (8) – May 19-22
Ignatian Spirituality Project Women (22) – May 20
UD Marianist Educational Associates (25) – May 21-22
Aging Gracefully Program (20) – May 24
McAuley HS Emmaus (35) - May 31-June 2



“We are not on earth as museum keepers, but to cultivate a flourishing garden of life and to prepare a glorious future.”

Saint Pope John XXIII