



MANRESA SPIRITUALITY CENTRE
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FOR THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD

Coming to the end of a fruitful year 2014-15

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Needed new Spiritual Directors

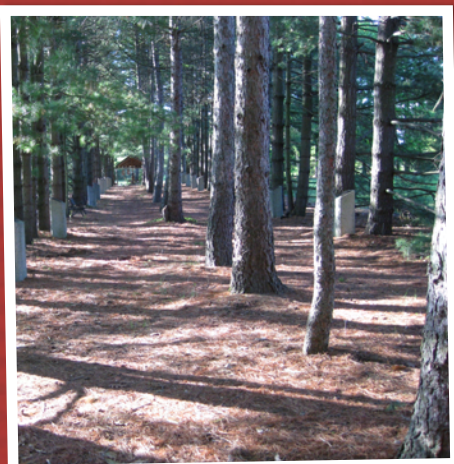
Young Jesuit Seminarians

Youth work with Canadian Jesuit International and St. Mary's Chaplain

Property Renovations-Gate repaired

Religious Renewal: The Redemptorists and the Scarboro Missions and Lay Workers

New Retreat Masters and return of two Veterans.



“Encounter the living God and God’s presence in creation, in personal life and current life circumstances.”

Wanted Dead or Alive: preferably Alive.

One of the vital and much appreciated features of our Weekends is the One-on-One conversations with a Spiritual Director. This Director has traditionally been a priest. But as we have learnt from reality, and still find it difficult to accept is the fact that Priests are becoming an endangered species. We do not have enough of men to help in this apostolate. The bad news is that in one stroke, we have lost the three priests that used to help on our weekends. One is being transferred to another part of Canada. A second is very seriously and terminally

ill. The third is mentally alert but getting more and more physically disabled. This is enough to cast a pall of discouragement. But the Lord opens another door whenever it is the Lord’s work. We hope to tap into some priests from the GTA. We hope to get some Jesuit Seminarians involved. Finally if our retreatants are open we have some rather good and able lay directors, who have done studies in Ignatian Spirituality at our Jesuit College in Regis. So are we Back to the Future? As they say in Spanish: “Veremos”. We will see.

NEEDED: SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS For One-on-One conversations with a Spiritual Director.



THINK !

journey.

“I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

JOURNEY

EPHESIANS 4:31

EPHESIANS 3:20

PRAYER

New Enterprise

Canadian Jesuits International (CJI) is a Jesuit group that implements our Ignatian Spirituality in a concrete way by information, personnel and finances. They do this here in Canada and in parts of the world where Canadian Jesuits are working. One of the ways is to get the Youth involved. This works wonderfully for the future of Manresa Spirituality Centre.

We get the youth interested in the Manresa Apostolate and hopefully give a strong foundation to their own faith. Telling the history of this development would take too long for this short newsletter.

Tomy Valookaran, Chaplain of St. Mary's and Kirsti Tasala, Youth and Outreach Coordinator of CJI will work with an invited group of Youth. They will meet at Manresa one Sunday each month.



The Gory Details

The last Occasional Newsletter was sent the day an allegedly drunken driver knocked down one of the gates at the entrance of Manresa.

It seems to have taken the whole of the Easter Season to get it repaired. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came down on the Disciples. At Pentecost 2015, hopefully we will see the last of the repair truck that has been a regular sight at our gate. You might be interested how expensive things have become today. The insurance company forked out over \$ 20K. Caramba! Anyway the Gate is up and looks better with a fresh coat of paint and touch up.

The best vitamin for friendship?

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Religious Renewal

Our Retreat Year ends with a flurry of Days of Recollection for High School Students. The last of these being at the end of May. The month of June sees the advent of Religious Men and Women groups.

Our regulars over the year have been the Redemptorist Novices on an eight-day retreat and the Scarboro Mission Fathers and Lay collaborators. Fr. Ron MacDonnell sfm is the coordinator for the Scarboro Mission Group. With the lack of priests





BITS AND PIECES

Finally and by no means least important: Fiona and Louise are lining up the Days of Retreat for the High schools. 64 days have been booked for the coming year 2015-2016.

Meanwhile our retreat Directors for the Weekend Retreats have seen three new Retreat Directors:

Fr. Con Mulvihill (Rector of Regis)

Fr. Fred Pellegrini (Vocational Director from New York),

Fr. Michael Rosinski S.J who is doing his doctorate in Canon Law in Ottawa.

We are glad to welcome back two former Retreat Directors :

Fr. Bill Wilson and Fr. Doug McCarthy.

Fiona is preparing the Retreat schedule which will appear at the end of July.

We all wish a speedy recovery to Eva-Maria Boessler, our housekeeper.

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