



## JESUIT SPIRITUAL RENEWAL CENTRE IN PICKERING

JULY 2019

### MID-SUMMER GREETINGS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MANRESA



The roof of our Chapel is being replaced as I write you in early July. This aging building is in continuous need of attention and care, in ways great and small. You may not notice a new roof over

part of the retreat house, but you *would* notice if it had reached such a state of disrepair that we had serious leaks and structural damage to the walls. Like our aging bodies, this building requires eyes wide open to needs. That is especially true as Fleming Hall gets increasing use, not only on weekends, but also throughout the week. The needs and upgrades are both indoors and on the grounds. The grounds are especially green this summer, thanks to the wet and chilly spring. We are trying to keep the grounds beautiful and safe.



I'm grateful to God and others for the program year that is coming to an end. I am conscious of two special programs that never appeared in our brochure for this year. Both proved quite successful and were well received by those who participated. The **Young Professionals Retreat** was a weekend retreat for people aged 19-39. Fr. John O'Brien, S.J. offered tools of discernment for those seeking greater clarity about God's will in their lives.

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Sr. Sue Mosteller, CSJ offered ***Returning Home with the Prodigal Son***, a retreat based on her work with Fr. Henri Nouwen and Jean Vanier. I offer my sincere prayers for you and your families. I pray that you have a safe, healthy, and relaxing time over the second half of the summer.

God bless!  
Fr. Henk

### MARGARET SILF COMING TO MANRESA

We are excited to announce that Margaret Silf is coming here to offer a weekend retreat in the fall. Margaret is from the UK and is a popular retreat leader, a sought after speaker on Ignatian spirituality and a prolific writer of spiritual books. She is passionate about making Christian spirituality, and especially Ignatian spirituality, accessible to people with no theological background. She travels all over the world as a speaker and retreat director. We are grateful that she has agreed to offer a weekend retreat for men and women on **Friday, October 4 to Sunday, October 6, 2019**, with an offering of \$240.00.

This weekend is certain to sell out, so you are advised to book early. The title of the weekend retreat is "Through turmoil to transformation" – Could our troubled times hold the seeds of a renewed future? Check our website for more information at:

[http://www.manresa-canada.ca/documents/Flyer\\_Manresa\\_MW\\_Retreat2019\\_v1\\_WEB.pdf](http://www.manresa-canada.ca/documents/Flyer_Manresa_MW_Retreat2019_v1_WEB.pdf)

## HOME SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

We are three Homeschool Families, a total of thirteen children, ranging in age from one to eleven. By the invitation of Fr. Henk, we have been invited to the holy grounds of Manresa, to clean up and plant in the gardens, and have a private Mass. It means a lot to me to come here and help the priests here, by making a beautiful garden for them. One time we did a crowning in



honor of Mother Mary and said a litany to her. I send my thanks to Fr. Henk and hope we can come again to do more volunteer work here at Manresa.

By Grace Guzzo-Foliaro 10 years old (right front blue sweater)

## L'ARCHE COMMUNITY LEADERS



Four day retreat at Manresa in June

L'Arche communities across Ontario sent first year Assistants to "Happy to be Me" retreat at Manresa during May 13-17, 2019. Every spring, the annual retreat is a time for Assistants to rest, reflect and deepen in L'Arche, Servant Leadership and relationships. L'Arche Ontario are intentional communities inspired by Jean Vanier, where people who have intellectual disabilities and those who come to assist, share life and daytime activities together. Thanks Manresa for your hospitality and support. Truly a place of welcome.

Peace Karen