

**Alumni Issue:  
Embracing the Mystery**

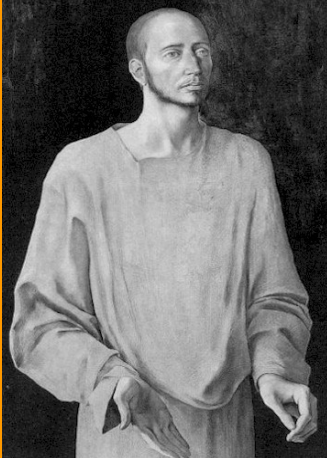
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**Message from the Director:**

This is our annual alumni/ae issue of *Ignis*. In it you will find updates of the last ISI cohort to be certified, the class of 2014. There follow updates on ISI graduates generally; some are people of few words, others not! We are glad to hear from all of you. Finally you will find some recommended books, art, and news items.

For this issue of *Ignis* I have chosen the theme “Embracing the Mystery,” the mystery of life into death into new life. Life is burgeoning around us with the coming of spring (finally) after a particularly brutal winter. However, my choice of title is mostly the result of my participating, along with many ISI graduates, in the program of the same name led by Karen Broer (ISI '06) and Joan Carney (ISI '07). A module of Martha Campbell's *Called and Sent* faith formation program, it encourages our entering into the spirit of the Third and Fourth Weeks of the *Spiritual Exercises*. This means embracing the Paschal Mystery, asking for the grace to participate in some way in the death and resurrection of Christ. For the past few weeks my thoughts around this theme have awakened in me the memory of something at the heart of the ISI community that I feel moved to share.



**Early Spring  
Jesuit Retreat House**  
April 11, 2015

What does it mean to pray for the grace to participate with Jesus in his death? To be sure, there is the liturgical sharing in Christ's death spiritually through the liturgical year, and through the sacraments of baptism and eucharist, deaths we deliberately enter into. There are other “deaths” that come into our lives unbidden, some small, some large, which, though difficult to endure, often give way to new life which we can appreciate after the fact. But that final, physical death, entering into what Hamlet called “the undiscover'd country from whose bourne no traveler returns,” is something I, at least, am just as happy to avoid considering. Truly this death, and what happens after it, is profound mystery.

In the middle of my pondering and praying over such matters, I attended the funeral of Erin, stepdaughter of John Ropar (ISI '05) and daughter of his wife Eileen. Erin died of suicide, and her death called to my mind other children of ISI grads who died similarly: Joshua, son of Robin Craig (ISI '09) and David Williams; Cory, son of Syndie (ISI '10) and Jim Eardly; and Michael, son of Andrea (ISI '11) and Bill McGovern. The thing I so studiously avoid contemplating – my actual physical death – these four young people seemingly embraced as something preferable to a life they deemed intolerable. This is an even more profound mystery, and I have no intention here of trying to make sense of it.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

One thing Eileen said at Erin's funeral has stayed with me: Erin always spoke the truth. She made it clear how dark her life was. It could not be ignored. In this she was brave. I don't know if this is true of the other three. But there is one thing their too-early, tragic deaths might cause us to remember: how truly dark and intolerable life can be for some people. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones." These words from Psalm 116:15 I find illuminating for how to think about these young people's deaths. During their lives, in a darkness we are not privy to, they participated in some way in the darkness experienced by the Jesus who cried out on the cross, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" They were thus thrust into the grace of the Third Week of the Exercises. Their courage to endure as long as they could is indeed precious in God's sight.

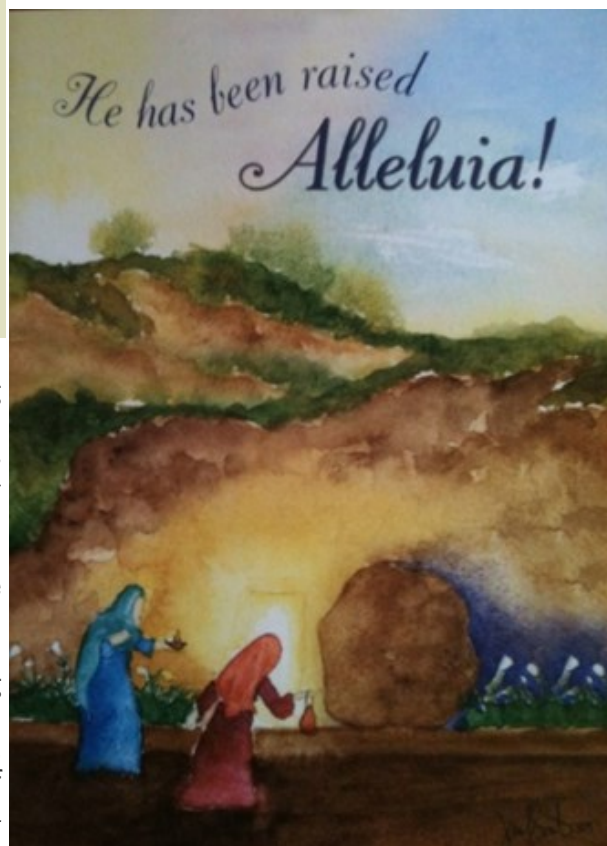
I know that the parents of these young people will never get over their deaths. Certainly they move forward somehow in life, but this shadow, their way of participating in the mystery of Christ's death, is always there. And this brings me to the mystery of life. I believe it is their fervent hope that their child be remembered for who he or she truly is, not simply for a tragic death. Each one is a unique and beautiful image of Christ, and their lives included moments of light and love as well as darkness. I believe their parents want us to remember them that way.

In a famous passage from his book *Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander*, Thomas Merton recalls an experience he had in Louisville at the corner of Fourth and Walnut:

I was suddenly overwhelmed with the realization that I loved all those people, that they were mine and I theirs, that we could not be alien to one another even though we were total strangers. It was like waking from a dream of separateness. . . . This sense of liberation from an illusory difference was such a relief and such a joy to me. . . . I have the immense joy of being human, a member of a race in which God Himself became incarnate. As if the sorrows and stupidities of the human condition could overwhelm me, now I realize what we all are. And if only everybody could realize this! But it cannot be explained. There is no way of telling people that they are all walking around shining like the sun.

It is hard for me to put into words what I feel about these young people: Josh, Cory, Mike, and Erin. I did not know any of them personally. But I have for a time been privileged to know the ISI folks who are their parents. I feel a tie to them, and want to remember their children. This passage from Merton says something of what I feel: that somehow I am united with these young folks in their lives and in their deaths. And especially I want to remember them, as I am sure their parents want to do, as "shining like the sun."

In this season of life, death and new life please join me in celebrating with joy the lives of Josh, Cory, Mike, and Erin. Resurrection faith suggests they are shining even more brilliantly in their life beyond death, participating in the fourth week of the Exercises as well, the mystery of Christ's resurrection joy. For "if we have been united with [Christ] in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his" (Romans 6:5). A picture and brief memorial of each can be found on page 19.



***The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living (Romans 14:7-9).***



**PAUL BARBINS**

I have been graced with opportunities to use my gift of spiritual direction in different capacities since graduating from the ISI last fall: individual spiritual direction, including students at JCU, retreat leader for two church organizations, team member for the JRH “Praying with Ignatius” program and as the spiritual director for Celebration Lutheran Church. Ignatian spirituality, insights and theology continue to be evident in my work as a pastor with the Latvian Baptist Church of Cleveland and influential in my life as a husband to Laura, and father to daughters Anna, Gabriella, Amelia and Sofia.

**ELYSE WAGNER BERRY**

I have been continuing to do monthly spiritual direction sessions with those I directed last year and am having a lot of fun in the advanced practicum class, Nurturing the Call - Leading Contemplative Group Programs and Retreats, that Joan and Martha Campbell are leading. Though I am still working full-time as a hospital chaplain, I'm discerning where the road of spiritual direction is leading me! It continues to unfold with blessings, fulfillment, and energy.



**DAVID FELDMAN**

My ISI training has deepened my work with patients in my psychiatric practice in discovering and developing their spiritual lives. I am more opened up in my personal relationships and broader in the capacities I bring to teaching psychiatrists in training about spirituality in psychiatry. I continue to be surprised at how spiritual direction easily crosses the platforms of different faith traditions and reveals the underlying unity of them in our relationship with God. The development of my spiritual direction practice is an early work in progress; I am interested in seeing people struggling with faith identifications, healthcare professionals, and agnostics open to explore.

**SHARON SEYFARTH GARNER**

Since graduation from the ISI last spring, the Spirit has lead me headlong into a new ministry adventure called Belly of the Whale Spiritual Direction and Retreat Ministries ([bellyofthewhaleministries.net](http://bellyofthewhaleministries.net)) located at University Circle UMC. The new office is a warm, welcoming space for one-on-one spiritual direction or small groups. Stop by any time to say hi! Belly of the Whale Ministries offers individual spiritual direction, creative prayer workshops (pray-dates!), and silent, guided retreats. I have also enjoyed directing the eight-day silent John Carroll student retreat, meeting in peer supervision with fellow classmates and developing spiritual renewal resources for use with youth groups as well as larger organizations. Both of my children are currently in high school, but within the next three years, my husband and I will have an “empty nest”! So, I look forward to seeing what sorts of ministry adventures emerge in the years to come. I am deeply grateful to be a part of the ISI family and to be sharing this adventure of spiritual direction together.



**JOE GIBBONS**

I am still working on my spiritual direction skills and taking a course in systematic theology with Joan at JCU.

**BETSY HAMM**

I am not involved in Spiritual Direction right now since I am taking two classes this semester - Christian Doctrine and Contextual Education Preparation since it would appear I will be doing my Contextual Education in the fall. God willing, I will finish my MA in Pastoral Studies at Loyola Chicago in summer 2016.

**JENNY LEITER**

How I make a living has changed dramatically from working in a para-church organization for seven years to employment as a Chemical Dependency Counselor at Oriana House Inc. I am learning “*The spiritual life does not remove us from the world but leads us deeper into it*” (Henri J.M. Nouwen). Since graduating from ISI, my dear mother entered into the presence of her beloved Jesus. My treasure of a son started college at the University of Mount Union. And I had the privilege of solemnizing the marriage of two people I dearly love, as well as speaking at my mother’s memorial service. Currently I have one spiritual directee in ongoing direction. The gifts that St. Ignatius imparted to me are available to others each day; I am present to the Holy One and present to others. I pay attention and savor God’s presence. It is as Mary Oliver pens in her poem “The Moths”: “If you notice anything, it leads you to notice more and more.” This enables me not only to make a living but a life.

**BOB LINTON, JR**

I continue to find God in all things. I co-directed with Janet Lehane (ISI '06) 26 men and women from the Saint Ignatius High School community in its eight-week Lenten Encountering Christ retreat, based on the Spiritual Exercises. (<http://www.ignatius.edu/encountering-christ-retreat>). I also served as a facilitator and spiritual director at the St Ignatius High School Annual Alumni Retreat at the Jesuit Retreat House on February 27 & 28, where two of my directees gave witness testimonials. I continue to meet with several men in individual spiritual direction, based on the *Spiritual Exercises*, including two new men who experienced their spiritual awakening through the 12 steps of AA. Finally, I serve as retreat leader for the Men's Cleveland Chapter of the Ignatian Spirituality Project for formerly homeless men suffering from addiction, now in recovery. The group holds weekend retreats twice a year and monthly follow-up meetings for fellowship and reflection (<http://www.ignatianspiritualityproject.org>). I'm also extremely grateful for the ongoing love, support and guidance from my Peer Supervision Group consisting of five of our classmates (Sharon, Mary, Elyse, David, and Paul) and Joan Carney, which meets monthly at Sharon's Belly Of The Whale Ministries.

**AIDA MANDAPAT**

My spiritual director for the eight-day retreat at the Jesuit Retreat House, just before I was certified, assured me that when God knows I am ready to do spiritual direction, He will send the directees He desires I have. It seems God continues to prepare me to do His work through the different programs I have participated in, mainly through the Jesuit Retreat House, including Martha Campbell’s spiritually enriching Food for the Journey, and Nurturing the Call sessions. Recently, my husband joined me. Together we attended Embracing the Mystery: A Deepening Experience of Life in Christ, facilitated by Joan Carney and Karen Broer. We registered for the Ignatian Spirituality Conference at St. Louis University in July. Currently, I am doing spiritual direction with somebody I had for the practicum, and an eight-week retreat with two John Carroll University staff members.

For peer supervision, I feel very blessed being with an established group that meets in my parish. My own spiritual director models for me the ins and outs of spiritual direction starting with my desire for each session. I feel I am still reaping the fruits from the Nineteenth Annotation and the supervision I had as an ISI student. Recently, I have come to realize on a deeper level the great impact belonging for years to a Christian Life Community (a worldwide lay organization rooted in Ignatian spirituality) has had on my spiritual formation. Networking with other ISI graduates is another rich upshot of having been in ISI. I am amazed and grateful how God pours blessing upon blessing as a result of ISI, all for His greater glory.

## BOB MEYER

Since completing the ISI program I have continued to provide some formal spiritual direction. Overall, I have come to see how the ministry of spiritual direction colors my pastoral work in a wide variety of areas as I live with an eye for "God in all things," even church finance meetings. I am currently working with the Muskingum Valley Presbytery (Presbyterian Church, USA) to develop a spiritual direction ministry, The Potter's Hand. This ministry will offer spiritual direction from a variety of approaches: Ignatian, Benedictine, Formational Prayer, among others. The personal transitions in my life continue, and I will be married in June 2015 to a wonderful woman, Christi Roberts. We will live in either Lodi or Wooster, from where we will continue to watch our families of nine children (between us) grow.



## JEFF NELSON



After receiving my certification, I was open to whatever possibilities that God might present for me to use what I had learned through the ISI. As it turns out, the opportunities have been quite diverse. I have engaged in spiritual direction with one directee, with hopes to broaden that base to just a few more. I will be leading a series of presentations on prayer at the church at which I am pastor, which will include some guided contemplation of Biblical passages; this will incorporate Ignatius' general approach to praying with the scriptures. I recently submitted an article to a large website in which I incorporated elements of the Principle and Foundation. Ignatius seems to find his way into much of my ministry and writing nowadays! One of my biggest hopes after becoming certified was simply that I would actively use what this program had given me and that I wouldn't lose its many spiritual and practical insights regardless of how active in a typical spiritual direction ministry I might be. I have been very glad for the diversity of ways the ISI continues to impact what I do.

## MARK SALCHAK

After I was accepted into the ISI, my wife, Liza, prophetically said, "Mark, you don't know where this certification will take you; it will open doors and change your life." She was right. The course content has transformed my awareness, opened my consciousness to God's intimate presence and has provided me the skill set to share that intimacy with those that I serve in spiritual direction. I have been given the privilege to take the most basic elements of the *Spiritual Exercises* and share them with the starving audience of those who suffer from addiction. Evolving into my full time career, I do spiritual direction for the clients of IBH Addiction Recovery Center while they are in residential treatment. My directees get an abbreviated form of the Exercises blended with the twelve steps of AA. The looks on their faces when the work takes root are priceless. My participation in the ISI opened the door to my involvement in the Ignatian Spirituality Project, which brings the Exercises to the homeless population and was the impetus for The REACH Project. REACH stands for Recovery, Education, Accountability, Community, Hospitality and Hope. The REACH Project is a spiritually rooted aftercare program for the IBH graduates built around the spirituality of St. Ignatius and serving the underprivileged and marginalized in the way of St. Francis and Mother Theresa. Involvement in the REACH Project has reduced the return to addiction by a factor of 4! I call it "Spirituality in Motion." The ISI has indelibly placed a mark on my spirit. I am grateful for the instruction and inspiration of Dr. Nuth and my classmates. I am forever grateful.



## WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE CLASS OF 2014?



### MARY SENECHAL

I have not been able to engage in anything with respect to spiritual direction since certification. I have been immersed instead in doing the work of caring for both of my parents as they decline, seemingly in some subconscious pact to do this together. Supporting them, traveling to Maine, negotiating and advocating for them at times from a long distance, bringing my brothers to a place of comfort and understanding of emotions and the need for compassion for all in this time - well that is enough for me right now. So, I guess I would simply say I have been drawn into the world of caregiving as my parents move closer to their deaths. There are many lessons I am learning in all of this! Indeed God is full of grace and I have much yet to learn! I try to be a willing pupil but there are days! :)

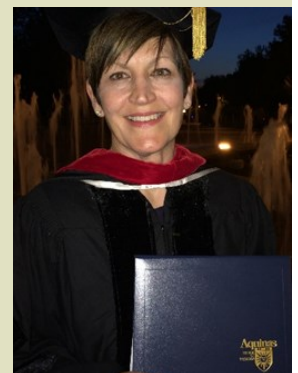
## UPDATES ON LIFE AND MINISTRY

**SR. MARY ANN BARAN (ISI '05):** In July, I retired from Notre Dame College after teaching theology and directing the Center for Pastoral Theology for fifteen years. It was time to leave formal classroom teaching--46 years of teaching in all! I currently minister with the poor, mostly with the elderly, at three sites in Cleveland's Collinwood neighborhood. My ministry is one of presence and loving listening with so many opportunities to put people in touch with their goodness and to love, laugh, and sometimes even cry with them. It's a wonderful "retirement" ministry and a delightful way to use my spiritual direction listening skills. My spiritual direction and retreat ministries continue as well. I accompany six people in on-going spiritual direction. In August, I directed a weekend retreat for lay ecclesial ministers, sponsored by the Diocese of Cleveland Pastoral Ministry Office that was held at the Jesuit Retreat House. March 6-8, I directed the annual Women's Lenten Retreat at JRH. Directing retreats is a real joy for me as is on-going direction. In conclusion: life is full and good & I am very blessed. Loving greetings to my ISI classmates, the class of 2005. May our paths continue to cross!



**RITA CARFAGNA (ISI '05):** My spiritual direction ministry is sort of on the quiet side right now. I do some ongoing spiritual direction (am not leading any Nineteenth Annotations). I also continue in prison ministry on Monday evenings with a team of women. We go to Northeast Rehabilitation Center (NERC) and pray and do spiritual reading with the women. It is called "Women's Spirituality." I continue to be active at the JRH, not in retreat ministry but in an advisory capacity on the Board and on various committees.

**DEBBIE DACONE (ISI '05):** My most exciting update is that I graduated with a DMin in Preaching from Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis. This program is the only Roman Catholic preaching program in the country and I am truly honored to be an alum. Graduation was in May 2014 and my entire family was in St. Louis with me. My thesis project was entitled *Healing Words: What the Post-Abortive Woman Can Teach the Preacher*. With that project complete I have been able to find the time to incorporate more spiritual direction into my life. I am currently accompanying one person through the Nineteenth Annotation and it has been a great joy and privilege to do so. As the DRE at St. Christopher in Rocky River I am constantly integrating components of Ignatian spirituality into my areas of responsibility. Teaching high school confirmation students the Examen is one example among others. I have been facilitating workshops and days of reflection where I incorporate Ignatian spirituality. I was at St. Ambrose on March 28 where I led a day-long retreat for women. With summer around the corner, I look forward to attending the Ignatian Spirituality Conference in July and would love to catch up with any ISI folks at St. Louis University.





**MARY KAY JONES (ISI '05):** I am still involved with the religious education training of Catholic elementary teachers in the diocese. I meet monthly with these teachers while they are earning their religion education certificates.



**DONNAMARIE KAMINSKY (ISI '05):** Ten years! Seems just like yesterday that we were sitting in class, writing papers, and discussing the art of spiritual direction and the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius. Epiphany Hermitage celebrated its tenth year on January 6, 2015. It is the place where I see my directees for spiritual direction; it is also the place where people come to make retreats, providing a “regular” oasis for several who come frequently. God has richly blessed this quiet ministry in the city. In addition to the *Spiritual Exercises*, I also give Franciscan-themed retreats. I have given several one-day workshops on Ignatian Spirituality and Franciscan Spirituality, and in Lent of 2014 facilitated a parish retreat. Recently, I assumed some leadership positions in the Secular Franciscan Order. I celebrated my fifty-year Jubilee as a secular Franciscan in June 2013. I am currently the Regional Spiritual Assistant of the Maximilian Kolbe Region and a local spiritual assistant to a fraternity in Beaver Falls, PA. Professionally, I still work at the VA Medical Center assisting veterans who have a terminal diagnosis. I visit the veterans and their families in their homes to assist with the spiritual, emotional and practical issues surrounding dying and death. It is an enriching ministry. Last year, I also had an article published in a professional peer reviewed magazine, OMEGA: *Intentional Anticipatory Mourning for Veterans and their Caregivers*. It describes the program that I developed at the Cleveland VA Medical Center. It has been well received nationally. I continue to do end-of-life training for staff of community hospice agencies as well as for various community groups. On a personal level, I love spending time with my three youngest grandsons, Grayson – age 4; Matthew – age 3; and Owen – age 2. I am their “official playmate.” As they rush through the door, they grab my hand and say: “C’mon Grandma. Let’s play.” This wonderful, joyful experience has led me to reflect – how often does the Holy Spirit also grab me by the hand and say – “C’mon DonnaMarie. Let’s pray!” These three little boys have been actual metaphors of God’s unconditional love and a constant reminder to stay in the present moment and find joy there. I’ve also learned that the most important person in my life is the person who is in front of me – right now! The most important task – is what I’m doing right now! These truths have enriched my spiritual direction practice, too. And finally, in August of this year, my husband David and I will celebrate fifty years of married life – 6 children, 8 grandchildren and many, many, many experiences!



**DARYL KONING (ISI '05):** Still in New Mexico - considering retiring mid-year - Sonja will keep working part time as a critical care nurse in the NICU at Presbyterian here in New Mexico. Within a couple of years, we hope to be living near kids and grandkids, either in Oregon or Ohio. I'm looking now at the next things I want to work on - will likely involve end of life issues in some way (may as well study/teach it - since I can't avoid living through it). In 2013, I facilitated a small spiritual direction group (about 6 of us) which met for an hour each Sunday morning, using Smith and Merz's "Moment by Moment." Most of those people and a few more joined me for a second year (2014) using O'Brien's *The Ignatian Adventure*, which they much preferred (setting is a very progressive Protestant church - UCC).

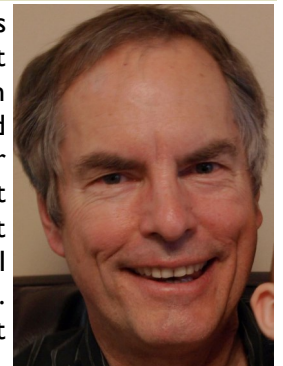
**KAREN BROER (ISI '06):** In reflecting on the past year, I can say that the one word that comes to mind is gratitude. Gratitude is felt not only for the God-given gifts that are easily seen and experienced but also for those gifts that are unseen and unrecognized. While I continue to work as a psychologist, I have been decreasing my time. I continue to be involved in the Called and Sent Program at the Jesuit Retreat House. The opportunity to be part of this program has been very nurturing spiritually for me. I have been able to continue doing spiritual direction on a limited basis, but hopefully as more time becomes available I will be able to minister more in spiritual direction. My library continues to amass more books than I will ever read, but I am perpetually hopeful that I will master most of them. I continue to spend time with my family which draws me ever closer to God. If all goes well, my family and I plan to travel overseas this summer.





**SR MARY ANN BURKE (ISI '06):** This past summer I had the privilege of doing a sabbatical in Spiritual Direction at the Ignatius Jesuit Centre in Guelph, Canada. It's a 600-acre farm and I was with people from India, Hong Kong, Sweden, Denmark, different parts of Canada and another person from Wisconsin. So the USA was in the minority. Different cultures and different denominations. It was inspiring, practical and unforgettable. I'm grateful to Janet Lehane for inviting me to share my experiences in Canada with a small group over lunch the first Thursday of each month. Since coming home I've made an eight-day community retreat in Toledo. Also had the JOY of assisting with Praying with St. Ignatius, a retreat at my former parish, Our Lady of the Lake. At present I'm directing three Nineteenth Annotations, three eight-week retreats, ongoing direction, and some student retreats. I attended a very prayerful, inspiring program entitled Embracing the Mystery presented by Joan Carney and Karen Broer (my classmate from ISI). It's truly been a gift. It all began with ISI for which I shall be forever grateful. Dr. Joan Nuth has really opened so many doors for us in leading us to serve God's people. I would be remiss if I didn't mention the further instructions and grace-filled programs that Martha Campbell through the Jesuit Retreat House has offered us.

**RICH JERDONEK (ISI '06):** I devote about two days per week to spiritual direction. My focus is individual direction, but I also develop retreat materials, lead group retreats, and present workshops each year. This year my activities include directing two adults in Nineteenth Annotation retreats; directing three or four students in week-long Busy Student Retreats and monthly follow-up meetings at CWRU and Kent State; serving as ongoing spiritual director for about ten people, including members of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps; helping plan and present the St. Ignatius High School Board of Regents Formation Program and their Board Retreat through the Lay Leadership Program; co-presenting a Peer Supervision Workshop for the ISI graduating class; helping plan, lead and present the annual weekend group retreat for St. Ignatius alumni at JRH; and participating in advisory groups and committees to support and develop the retreat ministry at JRH, ISI, and the diocesan Newman Centers.



**JANET LEHANE (ISI '06):** I continue to love sharing the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius and doing spiritual direction. It is constantly showing me God laboring in our lives and the myriad ways God communicates. I continue to work in the SPA area at Saint Ignatius High School and find myself at home with the parents, alumni, faculty, staff and students here as we all grow. I enjoy collaborating with the various Ignatian-inspired efforts in our area and continue to learn so much from so many, particularly Martha Campbell and Joan Nuth. New to me this year was working with Patrick Cleary Burns as we offered his Discernment and Decision Making Module of Martha's Called and Sent Program from JRH. Really new to me is my return to John Carroll this semester after ten years as I audit Joan Nuth's Systematic Theology class! On the home front, John and I are doing well. Clare, my oldest, moved in with a friend nearby and Beth is student teaching science at a Cleveland middle school and should graduate in May. I continue to find God in ordinary life and am very grateful to be an instrument at times for others to find God in their lived experiences.

**JULIE EXLINE (ISI '07):** I've been doing a blog for Psychology Today for the last few years. It's called Light & Shadow, and it focuses on challenges that people face in religious/spiritual life. It can be accessed at <http://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/light-and-shadow>. Some of the entries are more directly spiritual than others, but it all has a spiritual underpinning. I'm not actively doing direction at this time, but I like to think of this blog as an outreach for spiritual nourishment.







**ANDY KEREKY (ISI '07):** I am blessed to be part time now on the parish staff at St. Raphael in Bay Village so that I can help out at other parishes as the opportunity arises. At St. Raphael my primary responsibility as "Director of Spiritual Development" is designing and leading retreats and programs that invite parishioners to deepen their spirituality and relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. A large part of this role includes leading day-long retreats for the St. Raphael School students beginning with kindergarten. Our fifth grade students also experience the Ignatian *Spiritual Exercises* in a nine-week retreat I developed through my doctoral project. I've continued to offer two *Spiritual Exercises* retreats for adults concurrently, morning and evening, so as to allow as many individuals as possible the opportunity to experience them. Outside the parish I've been blessed to design and lead retreats at the Jesuit Retreat House. I also offered a three-session Introduction to the *Spiritual Exercises* program, family/couple prayer, and in February, discernment of spirits, all at St. Peter's Parish in North Ridgeville. In March, I did the parish mission for Our Lady Help of Christians Parish in Litchfield. All of this is in addition to offering spiritual direction to a number of individuals in and through the parish. I have a very busy "work" life that offers a variety that I wouldn't trade for anything.

**ROBIN CRAIG (ISI '09):** I use my spiritual direction training every day as Pastor of Boulevard Presbyterian Church in Euclid, where we are engaged in an extensive discernment process regarding the future. In May of 2014, I presented a retreat on prayer to members of the Muskingum Valley (OH) Presbytery, and in August of 2014 I led a prayer retreat for my congregation. I do individual direction with a few people, and am usually in the process of accompanying someone through a Nineteenth Annotation Retreat. And I have two essays in the forthcoming book, *There's A Woman In The Pulpit: Christian Clergywomen Share Their Hard Days, Holy Moments and the Healing Power of Humor*, available from Skylight Paths published in April. I also teach part-time at JCU's Department of Theology & Religious Studies and have just been invited to join the JRH's program committee.



**BECKI HALLER (ISI '09):** Since graduating from ISI, I have continued to offer individual spiritual direction, and facilitate both day and weekend retreats for men and women. Right now I am seeing four people every month in spiritual direction and offered a women's retreat at Loyola Retreat House the weekend of April 17-19, a Spiritual Slumber Party! I continue to be involved in Faith and Light ministry for physically and mentally challenged adults and children, having served as East Coast coordinator for the past eleven years. We will be celebrating our 26th Annual Retreat in Faith and Light at Loyola Retreat House the weekend of June 12-14, 2015. Most recently (since 2013) I have become a volunteer and member for the Kairos Prison ministry, an ecumenical ministry serving incarcerated women. This team offers one-day and four-day retreats as well as evenings for Prayer and Share inside the prison. The theme we have used is "You are not Alone." It's a very beautiful ministry and an honor to pray with others who desire to have a personal relationship with God on their journey. Many lives have been changed through this ministry, even mine. I am also honored to be supervising an intern for her practicum year of the ISI. I am delighted to see the ISI thriving and so many wonderful Ignatian disciples in ministry. Speaking of Ignatian disciples, there are a number of us from Wayne, Summit, and Stark Counties who are trying to put together a Peer Supervision group in the Akron area. Please contact either myself or Jenny Leiter (ISI '14) for more information. While I continue to serve as Executive Director of Loyola Retreat House in Green, Ohio, my husband David and I have enjoyed traveling over the past several years, most recently to Alaska. Our grown children and their spouses along with our ten grandchildren continue to bring us great joy! We now have three teenagers on the road so we have added a new request to our prayers. God is good...life is good!!

**MARCIA LEWAN (ISI '09)** has migrated to California. Here she and fiancé David Chappell hit the road for the journey. You can follow Marcia's future adventures via her Facebook page – she is a regular contributor. Many blessings for your new life, Marcia! Don't be a stranger!



**DOTTIE RIEMAN (ISI '09):** God is using me in many ways: as a Stephens Ministry leader, as a pastoral care person, as a host in a healing ministry, as a prayer partner at the altar, as a spiritual director, as a table companion at parish retreats, as a life coach, as a Reike teacher, as an Eden Energy practitioner, as a mother, grandmother and great grandmother, and as Christ's hands and feet in the world. Check out Dottie's Rest: [www.dottiesrest.com](http://www.dottiesrest.com).

**JEAN SULLIVAN (ISI '09):** My ongoing passion is collaborating with the JRH Lay Leadership team on the Praying with St. Ignatius retreats, guiding retreatants to an experience of our living God. In nine years over 1000 retreatants in thirty parishes have had their faith life renewed, just as yours was during your Nineteenth Annotation retreat. Many ISI graduates work as retreat team members and their commitment is integral to providing experienced team leadership. You may feel called to join us in this rewarding ministry. Your own parish may benefit from hosting this retreat. Come and see!



**CARL TOOMEY (ISI '09):** I have done quite a bit of spiritual direction, both in general and the Nineteenth Annotation. However in my ministry as a Catholic deacon, Ignatian Spirituality has affected what I do in many ways. It affects my pastoral counseling, my preaching, teaching others about our faith in RCIA, visiting and offering comfort to the sick and leading others in prayer. I have also been active in assisting with the Praying with Ignatius retreats in a few parishes for the Jesuit Retreat House.

**MICKY WOLFE (ISI '09):** I presently meet with two to four individuals for ongoing direction. Also, I presented and co-facilitated a retreat with Henedine Aldana (ISI '12) in October 2014: *What is God Speaking to Me?* The focus was finding God in all things. What an amazing day we savored with fifteen very special seekers! Along with spiritual direction, I continue to prepare new material for retreats, post weekly on my blog, and work on other writing projects.



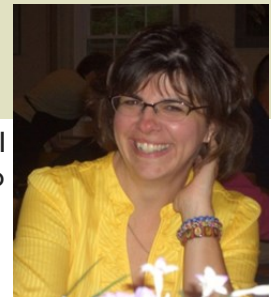
One of the most exciting events this year is that my husband, Greg retired March 31<sup>st</sup> from his job of almost 42 years. Same employer, no less! Rather unheard of these days. We fervently believe this is not the end of something, but rather the beginning of a new and exciting chapter in our life. We pray for good health, and as many years as God knows to be the perfect number. And, we don't lack for plenty of ideas to stay involved and active, whether at work or at play! My blog can be accessed at [MWWrite.blogspot.com](http://MWWrite.blogspot.com).





**PAM CHANEY (ISI '10):** Dear Friends – Peace be with you! “In the name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful! Praise belongs to God, the Sustaining Lord of all the Worlds, the Lord of Mercy, the Giver of Mercy, Master of the Day of Judgment. It is You we worship; it is You we ask for help. Guide us to the straight path: the path of those You have blessed, those who incur no anger and who have not gone astray.” These are the stirring words of al-Fatiha, or “The Opening” of the holy Qur’an. I know this because I am in an Introduction to Islam class at John Carroll as I work toward my MA in theology and religious studies. Being at JCU (while working as a GA!) is a gift, as I became an empty-nester this fall. My JCU education is deepening my theological thinking, especially related to the intersection of social justice and the treatment of chemical dependency. I am deeply grateful that the ISI provided me with grounding in the *Spiritual Exercises* (which are deeply related to the Twelve Steps of Recovery). With my friend Sr. Dion Horrigan,

SND, I host monthly retreats for women who are new in recovery and living at C.A.T.S. (Community Access to Treatment.) The women are a blessing from God and it is an honor to offer what I learned with, and from, each of you while in the ISI. You know I say of you, “I found my tribe!” That’s why “I thank my God whenever I think of you; and every time I pray for you, I pray with joy!”



**LAURA FIBBI (ISI '10):** I continue to work as a pastoral minister at St. Mark Parish in Cleveland. I am Director of the RCIA program and work with the social justice group. I also continue to work with two directees for ongoing direction.



**GINNY PIPPIN (ISI '10):** After the Nineteenth Annotation, I wanted a position that allowed me to integrate business expertise and spirituality. I am now the Director of Business Development for the Cleveland Catholic Cemeteries Association, which covers eight counties and manages nineteen cemeteries. We (all of us reading this article) have hundreds of acres of blessed ground holding our communion of saints and many more acres available. As burial and memorialization views across our country change, the Catholic Cemeteries still hold true to respecting the living and the dead. I have the privilege of participating in preserving Catholic tradition, overseeing prayerful committal services, and making available bereavement services. Some families come wanting to pre-plan for their final wishes. Others had a recent death and may be distraught, questioning God, and looking for answers about final disposition. At the same time, it’s my responsibility to grow the business side, develop an understanding of our heritage and explain the

Catholic belief that cremation is okay, scattering is not, and environmentally and sacramentally, interment is required. From the womb to the tomb and all that’s in between is holy. I’m grateful to ISI for preparing me to work with the in-between.

**KATE CAMPBELL (ISI '11):** Currently I am not doing spiritual direction but I hope to in the future. I continue work in community mental health and I have some involvement in the Catholic Worker community. I look forward to seeing Joe Tetlow at JRH in May.



**SUE CARNAHAN (ISI '11):** I currently live in Ocean Grove, NJ, where I’ve recently been ordained as a deacon with the First Presbyterian Church of Belmar. I continue my affiliation with the Lindisfarne Community, a dispersed monastic community deeply rooted in the Celtic Christian tradition. My work with developmentally disabled individuals also continues. Although I generally haven’t done spiritual direction in a formal way, I’m grateful to the program for teaching me the gift of presence and compassionate listening skills. I use these skills daily.



**KATHI CHAPMAN (ISI '11):** I continue my full-time employment in the wealth management profession and find the long-term relationships that develop to be very rewarding. It is a privilege to be invited into the lives of my clients and to share their dreams and aspirations. I believe I have been called to this path and am grateful. In addition, about once a year, I receive a call requesting spiritual direction or guidance in some form of the *Spiritual Exercises*. I continue to be grateful for the ISI experience and the *Spiritual Exercises*.

**CLAUDETTE MATERO (ISI '11):** I am currently co-leading "Finding God in Daily Work" at St. Basil Church, an offering of the Lay Leadership Program of the Jesuit Retreat House. In addition, I was a table companion at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church where we presented "Living in the Spirit" based on "Praying With St. Ignatius," also an offering of the Lay Leadership Program. I also see people in private spiritual direction. I am grateful to my experience and training as part of the ISI for preparing me for these lovely ways to serve our good and gracious God. It is such a grace to see God work in the lives of the participants of these programs.



**HENEDINE ALDANA (ISI '12):** My Ignatian Adventure continues... "Genuflect, Henedine! Genuflect!!" Automatically, I found myself bending my knee lower than ever, doing the foxtrot with my husband, who quickly followed suit, both of us amazed by the ease and length of stride that followed. Our dance instructor was jubilant; he had found the right word to make us do what he had been trying to get us to do, for years: "Listen. Relax. Don't rush. Don't push. Take time to bend deeply at the knee before moving forward. And don't try too hard." Two and a half years after my ISI graduation, I continue to see God in all things. Heck, I even hear God speak through my dance instructor! I savor mornings when I can bend my knee deeply, figuratively speaking, and greet the dawn with candles lit, heart filled with praise and

thanksgiving—a wonderful way to start my day. I am on my second round of the *Spiritual Exercises*, this time using Kevin O'Brien's book and companioned by my new spiritual director (also old friend and ISI classmate), the lovely Donna Wimbiscus—truly a gift from God. We are going slowly but steadily, because I travel a lot now and there is a lot to mine in the scripture of my life. Officially, I companion two ladies, both clearly brought to me by God. The first one is a suffering soul I have been meeting for two years at St. Ladislav or via Skype. The second one lives in Montana and we have been meeting close to a year now. Tentative in her faith, she prefers sessions over the phone, even if we could very well see each other face to face, on Skype. Unofficially, I companion many more, including those who sought me out long before I was certified. I am so glad for my ISI experience. I cringe at the things I used to do and say; but by the grace of God, friends and family do come back. Regular peer supervision is the one big thing I miss. My ISI classmates and I have been percolating ideas. We know that whatever format we eventually adopt will be inclusive. I appreciate everything I learned from Joan and when I think I have forgotten, a word or idea surfaces just when I need it...like *epikeia*...an ancient Greek word denoting release from tribute .... (I think). I encounter many situations where *epikeia* is needed. Nobody I know (out of ISI) has ever heard of the word; but for me, *epikeia* brings a special blessing, invoking benevolent inclusion and mercy (as when everyone—Catholic or not—receives the Eucharist at commissioning mass). I am happy, more relaxed, less reactive to sticky situations, able to speak up spontaneously when I feel the need (something I was always prone to do anyway); but this time, I do so without guilt. God uses me, imperfect as I am. And I witness joyfully with my life.

**SANDRA APPELDORN (ISI '12):** Currently, I offer on-going spiritual direction from my home and am supervising an intern in the ISI Class of 2015. Last summer I was excited to conduct mini-retreats at The Fest on behalf of JRH and most recently this fall served on a fabulous retreat team as a table companion for the Praying With Ignatius retreat offered at Our Lady of the Lake in Euclid, Ohio. It is my great joy to continue to work with the Contemplatives In Action sophomore prayer groups at Saint Ignatius High School where I am the Human Resources Manager. It's been gratifying to combine my spiritual direction background with my duties in human resources at Saint Ignatius where I have assisted with employee formation sessions and in planning the annual New Employee Retreat and Orientation. My husband recently retired, we celebrated our silver wedding anniversary, my son moved to New York City, and my daughter will be the last to leave the nest this fall. As I navigate these life changes, I continue to discern the next steps in my ministry and look forward to the opportunities the Lord continues to place in my path. I am especially grateful for the prayers, support, and loving connections of our ISI community.



**BOB HOWELL (ISI '12):** Since I completed ISI, I have used what I learned in many other ways than individual direction. I volunteer at a retirement community with 60+ residents. At one time or another, I have provided spiritual direction in a more casual manner to over half of the residents. The skills learned have multiple applications. Many of these residents don't seem to have a very deep spiritual life nor appreciation for the multitude of gifts from God in everyday life. These skills are also extremely useful in my church. The church isn't able to afford a priest; so, I am the only ordained person. Being a deacon, I don't have administrative responsibilities and therefore I am better able to engage members in discussion about their spiritual life and scripture. ISI has opened so many doors for me that would never have been opened without the Exercises.



**COLLEEN LASKY (ISI '12):** I continue to be blessed with a part-time private practice at River's Edge. I usually have equal amounts of counseling clients and spiritual direction retreatants. I am also a supervisor for an ISI student who is in her practicum year. Once a year, I facilitate a 20-person women's church group who come to River's Edge for an overnight spiritual retreat. This is an incredible experience and it allows me to get really creative! I took up quilting recently and this offers endless creative possibilities as well. One big piece of news is that I recently became a grandma and I'm completely in love. I strive to devote myself to the vocations of marriage and motherhood as well. I am also involved in a Merton Group at work. This is a "sharing of the heart" group with CSJ nuns and



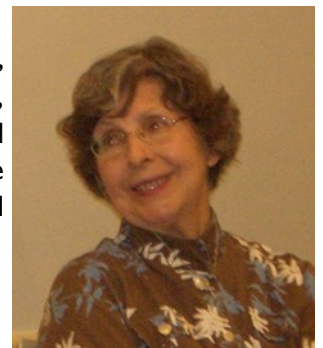
Colleen's grandson,  
Kasey Kaliszewski

Associates. I continue to learn about God and seek to grow closer to God every day of my life. Merton said it best: "What I know is very little. What I don't know is a whole lot more. And I accept the fact that beyond this there is an infinity that I do not even know I do not know."



**VAL STULTZ (ISI '12):** Upon retiring from full-time pastoral and supervision work in the United Methodist church this past July, God has been guiding me in some exciting ways. At the beginning of February I began teaching Spirituality at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio. I am delighted to be entrusted with twenty-five eager students. In addition to continuing spiritual direction with a number of former directees, I have recently added two more who are progressing in the Nineteenth Annotation. I find this work increasingly gratifying, and experience the Spirit at work in ways that put me in awe. A number of churches have requested help with conflict in the parish, and I am contracting with them on a limited basis. I find that my training in spiritual direction helps tremendously in this work. Though distance between Delaware, Ohio and Cleveland provides a challenge, our class supervision group endeavors to stay in touch to continue the amazing journey that changed and continues to change all of our lives.

**DONNA WIMBISCUS (ISI '12):** I have been helping others find God through prayer, welcoming attitude, realization that this is God's work and we are God's instruments, listening attentively with mind, heart and soul. Speaking of having a welcoming attitude, I welcomed my twelfth grandchild, Quin Nicholas, on Dec. 6, 2014. What a blessing to have a precious baby boy to be born so close to the birth of Jesus; when I hold him I am reminded of the gift that Jesus is to us!



**MARY COFFEY (ISI '13):** I have been spending my days (and nights) attending classes, reading, and writing papers as a graduate student in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at JCU. I am also working for Joan and a few other professors in the department as a graduate assistant. Funny to think back on how challenging I thought those response papers were that we wrote for Joan! The program is time-consuming and demanding, but the benefits are fabulous! While I have no time for spiritual direction, I am looking forward to developing retreat work that combines Ignatian Spirituality and creative expression as a way toward healing and spiritual growth. I am planning on developing this program as part of my master's program final essay. God willing!

**BARBARA CURRAN (ISI '13):** I have had a very exciting year. On May 7, 2014 I completed six years of studies and graduated from St Mary's Seminary with a Master's Degree in Theology. The next morning I left for a five-day vacation in Paris, while my husband was there on business. In spite of five straight days of rain, I enjoyed visiting as many of the ancient churches as I could fit into my schedule. I came back to the States to finish my requirements for certification as a Lay Ecclesial Minister, which I received on January 24, 2015. Then on January 25 I attended the full-day retreat which was the start of a seminar on Leading Contemplative Programs and Retreats, offered jointly by the ISI and the Lay Leadership Program of the Jesuit Retreat House. I directed my first group retreat on March 7 – a men's retreat at St. Bede in Mentor. With all of my education and certification behind me, I am looking forward to becoming much more active in spiritual and retreat direction.





**PAM GARRUD (ISI '13):** Studying online for my MDiv at Chicago Theological Seminary and continuing to work full time at the Cleveland Clinic.

**GAIL LYMAN (ISI '13):** I have been giving ongoing direction to several people, but I have also given several adult faith formation talks. The latest was on discernment and practical ways of deepening discernment in our daily lives. I have continued to organize parish retreats and our annual silent retreat at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Milford, Ohio. It continues to be amazing work. Recently, I was diagnosed with breast cancer and had a mastectomy in mid-February. I will know the future course of my treatment very soon, but have relied upon the prayers of my parish community and many others--including my ISI class. I have felt held by my communities all along the way. I pray every person in the ISI community can sense the prayers we pray for one another as I have. It is precious. May God bless us all in the work God places before us.



**LIZ NAU (ISI '13):** In the last year many things have changed and God continually surprises me. I retired from pastoral ministry in the UMC in June of 2014, as I felt God leading me into spiritual direction and leading retreats full time. The transition has been easier than I expected, and God has blessed me with wonderful opportunities to direct, including a Nineteenth Annotation and ongoing direction. I have also had the privilege of being part of two teams offering the Praying with St. Ignatius eight-week parish retreats through the Jesuit Retreat House this year. Currently I am preparing to lead a women's retreat, "We Have This Treasure..." in Pennsylvania for a United Methodist women's group, and a one day, contemplative retreat on Week 4 of the *Exercises*. I have been a small group leader for the M. Div. Cohort at Ashland Seminary for several years, and this term, our course is *Leading the People of God* – a course in church leadership. One of my roles is to offer some Ignatian prayer experiences as our beginning devotion for class. For some this is new, for some it is refresher, and for many it is a time to encounter Jesus for a short time as a prelude to class. I am grateful and often amazed at the ways God blesses, nurtures and opens up avenues for his work.

**ELAINE PEARL (ISI '13):** This past year has been a time of growth for me because God is gently stretching me in my ministry. I was the Lay Director of the St. Barnabas Women's Renewal in November 2014 where I gave a witness on "We are called to know, love, and serve the Lord." I was asked by a participant to give my talk at the Diocesan Padre Pio Meeting which I then did in January of this year in front of two hundred people. The number of people I see for on-going spiritual direction has grown because of these two events. I am also seeing for spiritual direction a young man who will be entering the seminary after he graduates from High School this year. God has blessed me by putting me into contact with so many wonderful people. This leads me to my current undertaking as a participant in the "Nurturing the Call Program" which involves being trained to give contemplative retreats at the Jesuit Retreat House. This is a dream come true and I feel very blessed to be a part of this amazing group of ministers of the Lord.



Elaine at her daughter Kelly's wedding on June 7, 2014.



**LIZ COTTER (ISI '10)**

"Above all, trust in the slow work of God."  
*Pierre Teilhard de Chardin S.J.*



**LIZ COTTER (ISI '10)**

I was seeking/yearning to feel the presence of the Holy Spirit during a "dry" time in my prayer life.

When I was finished it gave me a feeling of peace.



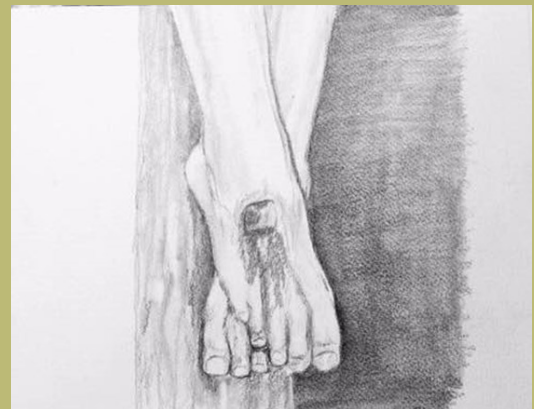
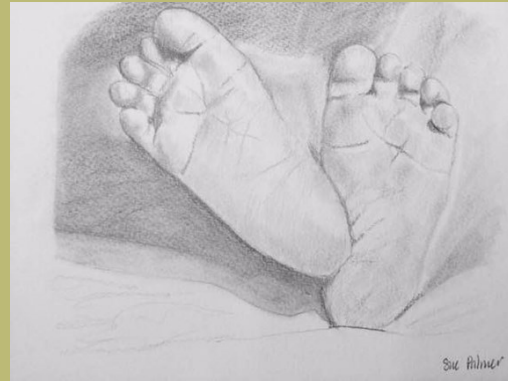


**WHAT'S WITH THIS WEATHER?**

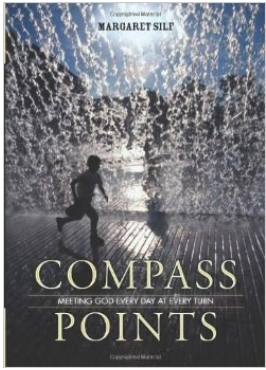
Throughout our long, hard winter, Joan's cats Julian (aka Julie, left) and Augustine (aka Augie, right) regularly observed the weather from their perch on top of the living room sofa in their cozy, warm dwelling. Now they are eager to watch for the promise of spring. So it goes. May we always embrace the mystery of our own light to darkness to new light, our own life to death to new life, the cycle of the seasons, of all living things, in company with the Lord Christ who embraced all of this with us and for us.

*'How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news ...'*

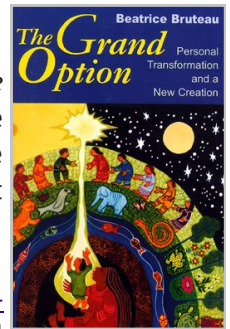
Isaiah 52:7



**From Daryl Koning (ISI '05)** Books I gave my small spiritual direction group included Margaret Silf's *Compass Points* and Sidoti's *Living at God's Speed*. This latter book was particularly cherished - I believe the author lives in Cleveland. For Christmas, I gave the group Martin's *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything*. I hope you appreciate all this proselytizing I am doing! The group, and a few more, followed me into a study I wanted to do for 2015. I am using Rolheiser's new work *Sacred Fire* to explore Christian aging, spirituality and maturity. I read his *Holy Longing* when it first came out 15 years ago, and thought this might be a way for me to continue exploring my interests in the area. After this study, I hope to lead a short one on giving our deaths away, using Nouwen's short *Our Greatest Gift*. Rolheiser's last chapter suggests this topic, and he promises his next book will focus on it. If we evolve that way, we may get into more practical topics such as end of life documents and medical care. Gawande, Butler and Byock have written some recent, interesting books on related topics.



**From Janet Lehane (ISI '06)** The book I would recommend at this time is Beatrice Bruteau's *The Grand Option*. Bruteau also wrote *Radical Optimism*. She died in November and was one of the founders of the American Teilhard de Chardin Association in 1967. She influence Ilia Delio, whose work I greatly admire as well. Several ISI'ers, Amy McKenna and Laura Fibbi along with another, meet to discuss Bruteau's book occasionally.



**FROM JENNY LEITER (ISI '14)** I enjoy listening to PRAY AS YOU GO <http://www.pray-as-you-go.org/home/> and am going through the Take and Receive Series by Jacqueline Syrup Bergan and Marie Schwan, CSJ on my own.

**FROM AIDA MANDAPAT (ISI '14)** My CLC group is reading the book *Putting on the Heart of Christ*. Here, Gerald Fagin, SJ explores another way of understanding and applying the *Spiritual Exercises*—through the lens of virtues including gratitude, reverence and forgiveness. He suggests that rather than asking, “What has God called me to do?” we ask, “Who has God called me to be?” I highly recommend the book to everyone just as Pat Cleary-Burns (ISI '06) recommended it to us.

## IN THE NEWS

**Congratulations are in order to several ISI grads who have recently received recognition in the media for their achievements.** P.S. In future, please inform us of any recognition you receive so we can publish it.

**Mark Salchak** (ISI '13) is the creator and manager of the R.E.A.C.H. Project, a social and spiritual after-care program sponsored by Interval Brotherhood Homes Inc. Addiction Recovery Center where Mark is employed. The acronym stands for **R**ecovery, **E**ducation, **A**ccountability, **C**ommunity, & **H**ospitality/ **H**ope. The program helps recovering addicts “stay on track to create a new life for themselves by focusing on community service.” You can read more in the article published on 5/08/14 in the *West Side Leader*, accessed at [www.akron.com/akron-ohio-community-news.asp?alD=22879](http://www.akron.com/akron-ohio-community-news.asp?alD=22879) or simply google “Mark Salchak – REACH.”

**Joanne Sheldon** (ISI '08) was featured in an article “At-home retreat brings scripture, spirituality to seniors” in the *National Catholic Reporter Online* (2/05/2015) written by Christine Schenk, CSJ. Joanne provides “a creative at-home spiritual companionship outreach to seniors” which she calls the Living Room Retreats, providing seniors who are homebound with the opportunity to explore “an unfolding spiritual component” in their lives which they need help articulating. They learn that concerns like “strained family relationships, accepting the aging process, how to deal with change, and worries about where they will live the rest of their lives” can be brought into prayerful conversation with God, combined with sharing with others and drawing inspiration from scripture. You can read more at <http://ncronline.org/printpdf/95516>.

***Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones (Psalm 116:15)*****Josh Williams** (9/01/1984 to 9/02/2008)

Josh was a witty prankster, a serious and brilliant student, an enthusiastic traveler, an athlete, and an artist - a young man with a wide and sunny smile who was deeply loved and cherished.

**Cory Eardly**

(2/21/1986 to 1/11/2013)

Called "Cory Sunshine" from the time he was born, he lit up the room with his joy and energy. Love was his life's message, and his friends felt loved and respected in his presence. He was an explorer of all things physical, climbing out on roofs at 3, on garages at 5, doing flips on a trampoline with a skateboard taped to his feet at 15, and jumping off mountains on his snowboard at 18.

**Erin Geoghegan** (8/05/1980 to 3/13/2015)

Erin was a young woman of courage who always spoke the truth. While her mother Eileen would tread gingerly over ice-covered concrete in clunky, flat boots, Erin strode boldly forward in stiletto heels. Erin was an avid reader and gifted creative writer with a quick wit and kind and generous heart.

**HMS (Mike) McGovern**

(9/27/1985 to 1/17/2014)

Mike was fun loving and a great joker. He had a huge heart and was always helping someone out. Mike loved his nieces and nephews. He was so honored to be asked to serve as Sophie's (nearly 3) godfather. It really seems as if he still visits her, as well as her cousin Riley, who will be 4 this month.

**ISI HAPPENINGS**

**Joan Carney** (ISI '07), **Martha Campbell** (Lay Leadership Director) and **Karen Broer** (ISI '06) relax happily at the close of their module "Embracing the Mystery," part of the formation program Called and Sent. Joan and Karen developed and led the program which took place monthly during January, February and March, and culminated in a retreat weekend at JRH April 10-11. This was also the ISI annual alumni quiet retreat. Twenty-three participants enjoyed the early spring weather along with beautiful reflections from Joan and Karen which enabled their prayer and contemplation.



**Leading Contemplative Group Programs and Retreats** is a joint venture of the ISI and the Lay Leadership Program at JRH. This year it has met at John Carroll over a four-month period from January through April, led by Martha Campbell and Joan Nuth. Students learn how to develop their own silent daylong retreat program which can then be given at JRH and elsewhere. Participants in the photo from left to right are: Mulba Borsay ('08), Chuck Herbruck ('08), Paul Barbins ('14), Barbara Curran ('13), Elaine Pearl ('13), Elyse Berry ('14), Sharon Seyfarth Garner ('14), and Liz Nau ('13).

### NEW LIFE

Raul (ISI '15) and Sylvia Botha, along with brother Matei, welcomed into the world **Filip Ignatius Botha**, born March 27 at 8:30 am, weighing in at 9.1 lbs. and measuring 21.5 inches. All are adjusting well and Matt is most solicitous about his new brother. Raul says Filip is ready to face the world, that is, after a good long nap!



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for the following:

**Thursday April 30 Deadline: Please return your survey by this date.** You recently received a survey from Joan via email enquiring about your availability for a **pilot program in directing the eight-day Ignatian Retreat**, open to ISI grads. The pilot program will take place from July 6-20, with a break the weekend of July 11-12. You were also asked if you would be interested in making the eight-day retreat from July 13-20 or if you would like to serve as a supervisor for those in the practicum. If you did not get or have misplaced (or deleted) your email, contact Joan or Carol and we will send you another one. It would greatly help our planning if we could hear from you soon about this. Thanks!

**Tuesday May 19 5:45 – 9 pm Evening of Hospitality and Conversation at JRH.** Make every effort to attend this dinner gathering to discuss how ISI grads and JRH can continue to collaborate in our shared commitment to Ignatian spirituality, led by JRH Executive Director Rick Krivanka. Please RSVP **by May 12th** to Barb Leggott at [jrhcleve@att.net](mailto:jrhcleve@att.net) or 440-884-9300X310.

**Friday May 29 – Saturday May 30 Meet Joe Tetlow! for “What Has Christ to Do with Lunch?”** You can meet the man in person whom you have already met via his text on the Exercises! His two-day presentations at JRH focus on personal discernment and thinking with the Church by discerning the signs of the times. Throughout he will use reflections from Pope Francis' Exhortation *The Joy of the Gospel*. You may come both times (\$65; overnight stay \$98) or Friday evening only (\$25) or Saturday only (\$50). For more information and/or registration contact Barbara Leggott at [jrhcleve@att.net](mailto:jrhcleve@att.net) or 440-884-9300. Or you can register online at [www.jrh-cleveland.org](http://www.jrh-cleveland.org).

**Thursday July 30 – 6 pm: Annual Prayer and Potluck Celebration of the Feast of St. Ignatius.** An evening of prayer, potluck and convivial companionship celebrating the life and legacy of St. Ignatius Loyola. We will be in touch with you later about a specific place and time.

**Saturday August 29 – 7pm: Wine & Cheese Social at the Annual ISI Opening Retreat at JRH.** Come one, come all to this fun, unstructured evening!

**Sunday August 30: Mass (10 am at JRH) & Certification Ceremony (2 pm at JCU) for the Class of 2015.** Plan on joining us for one or both: the more the merrier!



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