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A Message from Jim Krisher

Dear friends of the Spiritual Renewal Center,



This has certainly been an unprecedented period in all of our lives, hasn't it? But I know how hard all of us are working to minimize the spread of the coronavirus and help our brothers and sisters who are most in need.

It was a sad but necessary decision to cancel all our spring programs and close the Spiritual Renewal Center, but I trust many of you have been able to stay in touch with your spiritual directors and prayer guides, and take advantage of the various online offerings we've managed to provide. This is our shortest ever newsletter, but please check our website regularly – www.spiritualrenewalcenter.com – for new offerings and inspirational messages.

May life be back to some semblance of normal by September! Watch for our summer newsletter for updates on fall programming, as some of our canceled spring programs will be offered then as well as other opportunities for spiritual growth.

We are struggling with the dramatic drop in income, as so many non-profits and small businesses are. I would be most grateful for any gifts you could send our way through the mail or digitally via our website "donate" button. The continued survival of this ministry depends on the generosity of everyone. Thank you for whatever you can give.

And "May grace and peace be yours in abundance in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord." 2Pet. 1:2

Jim Krisher
Director

Upcoming Events

The HORIZONS Program: Training to Be a Spiritual Director

Have you sensed that God might be calling you to the ministry of spiritual direction? It's not too late to apply for our next HORIZONS Foundational Program for the Training of Spiritual Directors.

HORIZONS is a practicum-based program for people wanting to develop their gifts for this work. Monthly sessions focus on the principles and practice of spiritual direction, alongside close supervision of direction practice. Staff includes Jim Krisher, Sr. Marise May, Kathy Papa, Lana Riley, and Rev. John Rose. Applicants must have substantial knowledge in theology, scripture, and spirituality, and a minimum of one year's experience receiving spiritual direction.

The first year of HORIZONS meets at the Center October 2020 through June 2021, on the second Monday of each month, 1-5:15 pm. During the second year (also October through June on second Mondays), monthly sessions are 2:45-5:15 pm. Tuition is \$700 per year. A certificate is awarded at the completion of the program. Next fall's cohort is forming—contact Center Director Jim Krisher by email – mail@spiritualrenewalcenter.com - for more details or an application.

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola: A 30-week Adventure in Prayer

The classic *Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola* will be offered again this fall at the Spiritual Renewal Center in a thirty-week format. The program takes place on Tuesday afternoons from 1 to 3 PM. This period allows for time with an individual prayer guide and a group teaching session. Each participant commits to 30 – 60 minutes per day of personal prayer with prescribed materials. Although more than 500 years old, the *Spiritual Exercises* are still bringing people to a closer relationship with Christ through the Scriptures, and in the thirty years it has been offered at SRC, hundreds of people from many Christian traditions have completed the *Exercises*. The Program will begin on September 15 and will continue through mid-May with breaks for holidays. For more information or to apply, call Sr. Marise at 315-447-9887, or email at mariseosf@gmail.com. Space is limited, so don't wait to register.



Spiritual Direction

Until we can resume meeting in person, many of our spiritual directors are continuing to work with people through video appointments and phone conversations. If you would like to be connected to a spiritual director, email the Spiritual Renewal Center and someone will contact you to set up an initial appointment. Direction can be a channel of grace at any time, and especially in trying times like now. Don't hesitate to get started.

Eight Week Spring into Summer Retreat in Daily Life Based on *The Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius of Loyola* May 21 - July 9, 2020

This eight-week retreat involves a series of daily prayer exercises which help participants to accept God's unconditional love, and to live out of that love. We seek to become more conscious of God's presence in all of creation, and in all aspects of our lives. To deepen our knowledge and love of Jesus Christ, who accompanies us and moves us forward into greater spiritual freedom. We may discover that source of strength and hope which our Triune God seeks to bestow upon us.

Rev. Gerry McKeon, SJ will facilitate this program. Participants will receive a weekly email with the prayer suggestions for the week and agree to pray individually for 30 minutes each day.

We ask a free-will offering for this retreat in daily life, and are grateful for whatever you can give. Contact the Center by email – mail@spiritualrenewalcenter.com – to register.