

"Top of the Line"

Bergamo Center for Lifelong Learning
Newsletter

Jan. 1, 2015

Bergamo Board of Trustees

The Bergamo Center Board of Trustees meets for one of its three annual board meetings on Thursday, Jan. 15. The Board is currently working on completing a revision of the Center's Strategic Plan.

Current members and their term ending years:

Sr. Maryann Bremke C.P.P.S. - 2017
Lisa Colbert, Chairperson - 2015
Fr. Chris Coleman - 2017
Brent Devitt, Exec. Dir. - ex officio
Maura Donahue - 2016
Karen Emmerich, Secretary - 2016
Susan Ferguson - 2016
Marc S. Martens - 2016
Jim Murray, Vice Chairperson - 2016
Bro Ron Overman, SM - 2017
Anne Petratis - 2015
Bret Thomas - 2015
Fr. Chris Wittmann, S.M. - 2015
Pat Wheadon, Province - ex officio

New members whose terms will officially begin in August 2015:

David Conard - 2018
Amy Doorley - 2018
Kathy Molnar - 2018
Martha Saurine - 2018
Dan Wade - 2018

Ignatian Spirituality Project

The Ignatian Spirituality Project or ISP is a national retreat ministry started in Chicago in 1998 when Fr. Bill Creed, SJ realized that retreats ought to be available to everyone, not just those who had the time and the resources to get away. ISP has grown now to over 24 cities offering over 150 retreats a year. Though the Project has grown, the mission remains the same: to offer the gift of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius to those who might not otherwise get the opportunity, in particular to those who are homeless and seeking recovery.

The Bergamo Center in Dayton was the 9th city to begin offering the ISP Program in 2010. Program Director Barb Kozlowski has partnered with Sr. Therese Laengle, SC in offering these retreats. Some 250 area individuals have benefitted through participation in the program at Bergamo since it was initiated.



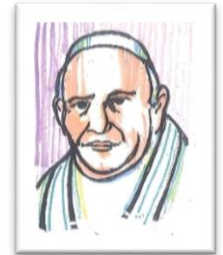
The Bergamo Shadow

The most recent shadowing experience for Director Brent Devitt was with **Barb Kozlowski** – Dir. of Programming. A big portion of the day was spent scheduling the many high school groups that constitute over half of our guests at the Bergamo Center. Barb shared her experience over the years as programming retreat events has evolved for the Center to a greater role in hosting various programs in contrast to sponsoring them. Examples of successful programs still sponsored by the Bergamo Center are the ISP and the Pre Cana programs.

We are fortunate to have Barb's experience and expertise in crafting opportunities for groups to take advantage of what the Center has to offer.

John XXIII

Bro. Joe Barrish, SM has created a new image of our patron saint, Pope John XXIII. The image can now be used freely in holy cards and other publications to honor the legacy and wisdom of one of the Catholic Church's newest saints. We thank Bro. Joe for sharing his art talents with us.



Invitation to contribute topics and articles...

Next publication of the *Top of the Line* will be Feb. 1. If anyone has anything to contribute to this communication please submit items by the 25th of the month to: brentd@bergamocenter.org



Marianist Feast Days in December

Ven. Adele de Batz de Trenquelleon – Jan. 10
Bl. Chaminade Day – Jan. 22

Sorry – there are no Jan. birthdays for staff!



Upcoming Retreats/Events (Approx. # of

Participants)

Creative Memories Scrapbookers (25) – Jan. 2-4
McNicholas HS Retreat (90) – Jan. 5-6
UD Mission Director (15) – Jan. 7-8
Villa Madonna HS Retreat (50) - Jan. 8-9
St. Francis Men's Retreat (61) – Jan. 9-11
Retired Rel. Educators (8) – Jan. 10-11
Alter HS Retreat (50) – Jan. 11-12
McAuley HS Retreat (50) – Jan. 12-13
Hartley HS Kairos (70) – Jan. 13-16
Scrapbookers (20) – Jan. 16-18
Scrapbook Retreat (11) – Jan. 17-19
Marianist Founders Reception (150) – Jan. 17
Immaculate Conception (60) – Jan. 18-19
Mt. Notre Dame HS (60) – Jan. 19-20
CJ HS Kairos (70) – Jan. 20-23
Nat. Mid Life Retreat (25) – Jan. 22-25
Westminster Presbyterian (40) – Jan. 23-24
Watterson HS Retreat (45) – Jan. 25-26
Northminster Presbyterian (15) – Jan. 26-28
Moeller HS Retreat (50) – Jan. 26-27
Alter HS Kairos (70) – Jan. 27-30
Miami Valley Sewing Guild (24) – Jan. 30-Feb. 1

Quote

"Be faithful; let faith be the motive of your fidelity. That is all."

Bl. William Chaminade