

# "Top of the Line"

Bergamo Center for Lifelong Learning  
Newsletter

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## What's Cookin' This Week?

The dining staff is experimenting with some new items on the menu such as artichoke salad and new breakfast egg items with English Muffins which were introduced recently.

Guests often ask for the recipe to the delicious hummus spread that is prepared by our cooks. Samira shares with us her recipe for hummus:

Blend one can of chickpeas with  
1 ½ tb Lemon juice  
½ tsp Salt  
1 tb Tahini sauce  
½ tsp Garlic powder

## Mount Saint John – Much More than Bergamo...

Mount Saint John is not just the Bergamo Center. The Center is just one of the ministries actively taking place at Mount Saint John. The old signs to the entrance of the Mount Saint John property that formerly gave Bergamo top billing have been replaced in recent years with new signs that clearly announce **Mount Saint John** which is much more than the Bergamo Center - Marianist Environmental Education Center (MEEC) Marianist Mission. Marianist Novitiate, Queen of Apostles and Mount Saint John Facilities. Few people may even know that *Radio Maria* Catholic Radio Station is housed in the Bergamo Center. The new Marianist Novitiate residence was recently completed and a new building is going up at Mount Saint John to be known as the Chaminade Center, which will house a Marianist Family Center and the North American Center for Marianist Studies or NACMS. Just 5 years ago the Marianist Community celebrated 100 years of presence here at Mount Saint John.

## Novitiate Roof & Rafters Transformed into Picnic Table

Mount Saint John Facilities staff built a picnic bench from reclaimed lumber from the roof of the old Novitiate. The boards are over 2 inches thick and make for a very sturdy table. Pictured enjoying the new bench are Jane Shaw and Tom Quackenbush of the Mount Saint John Facilities staff. Jane was responsible for most of the construction. We are most grateful to the facilities staff who take care of the grounds surrounding the Bergamo Center - everything from flowers and snow removal to picnic table construction.



## Arts at Bergamo

In addition to the series of en plein air or "in the open air" Houses created by Bro. Joe Barrish, SM which grace many of the walls at Bergamo Center, a temporary exhibit of icons with a Native American theme is now on display at the Center. The *Crow Series* of icons by Fr. John Giuliani, SJ is now featured in the Roncalli Assembly lobby.

Many guests enjoy visiting Gallery Saint John while here on the property of Mount Saint John during their stay at the Bergamo Center. The annual MEEC nature show has just completed and a new exhibit of Marianist Artists continues the rest of the summer.

## Chautauqua in Dayton

The Bergamo Center had a small part to play in hosting guests from the Pine Ridge Reservation in North Dakota who participated in a prayer ceremony and tree planting held on the grounds of Mount Saint John to open the inaugural [Dayton Five Rivers Chautauqua](#).



Other co-sponsors and partners for the event included: Sisters of the Precious Blood, Peace Museum, Grace United Methodist, Wright Dunbar Historical Society, Sunwatch and the Miami Valley Council for Native Americans.

The tree planted was a white pine sapling which was planted alongside a burial of two handgun weapons as part of the symbolism of the Iroquois Oral Tradition Legend of Peace...to bury the weapon...and not unlike our Scriptures of 'making swords into plowshares'.

Organization of the event was handled largely by the Marianist Environmental Education Center (MEEC) staff who saw this event in keeping with our justice mission, our interfaith bridging for peace and reconciliation and in honoring the historical legacy of the First Peoples on the Mount St. John property prior to the Marianist and Shaker presences.

## July Staff Birthdays

Kevin Kozlowski - July 8

Loretta Barton - July 17

Nichole Leasher - July 26



## Marianist Feast Days in July

Our Lady of Mount Carmel – July 16

## July Retreats/Events (Approx. # of Participants)

Seton HS Kairos (50) – July 6-9  
Columbus Diocese Deacons (15) – July 10-12  
LIFE Staff (10) – July 8-12  
LIFE (100) – July 13-19  
Facilitator Training (10) - July 20  
Seton HS (45) - July 21-22  
Midwest native Plant Conference (150) – July 24-26  
Province Retreat (50) - July 27-31  
Notre Dame Americorps (40) – July 31- Aug. 1

## Quote

"Just as food is necessary to the life of the body, so good reading is necessary to the life of the soul."

Saint Pope John XXIII

