MOMENTS OF GRATITUDE

- That the Spirituality Center is open and receiving retreatants.
- For the leadership and dedication of Fr. Tony Ostini.
- For the generosity of our benefactors, both one-time and ongoing.
- For the new art work - The Woman at the Well - which will soon arrive.
- For the Provincial of the Central & Southern Province who provides us the support and resources for our ministry.
- For the retreat directors here at the Spirituality Center.
- For Sharon Andres who is the welcome presence at the College.
- For the season of Lent.

RETREAT FOR YOUNG WOMEN

*Be Still & Know* - a spiritual retreat for women ages 21-44
March 18-20, 2022
Learn more & register: retreatsforyoungwomen.org

RECENT CHANGES TO PROCEDURES

1. In order to care of our elder Jesuits and to assure the peace & security of our retreatants, we require, for those who are eligible, documentation that the booster shot has been received. Please contact us if you have a question regarding your health situation.

2. Following the leadership of Pope Francis in Caring for Our Common Home, we ask retreatants to bring with them a beverage container that can be refilled as needed, rather than consuming single use plastic water bottles. I am pleased to add that noticeable strides are happening here at the College with recycling and that in the near future the project to plant new trees will begin.
NEW PRAYER PATHS?

As a Jesuit I have drawn upon my training as a Chemical Engineer, applying situational analysis, project timetable and identification of resources. Presumed in this engineering approach is that I somehow knew God’s will and that it is my responsibility to chart the path ahead.

Since the Covid lockdown, I have come to a different understanding of how to accomplish God’s will, which is less active and more receptive. In my prayer time I draw my attention to a recent experience of God’s love and affirmation, and then I ask for the grace to be receptive to new requests that (literally & prayerfully) come knocking at my door. With this prayer of receptivity, I am amazed at how frequently new insights and projects come to my attention - that I do not need to go looking for them. At the end of each day, I journal the gifts that I have received that day, opening a prayer of thanksgiving. The next morning I review the previous day’s graces to provide foundation for the new day.

Art and music open doors for this prayer of receptivity. When the critical voice in me is drowning out God’s love, they help me again to be transported by God’s tenderness.

Samaritan Woman at the Well with Jesus (with permission) http://www.nathangreenestudio.com

Messages from the Director

Last October our Provincial asked me to be the Director for the Spirituality Center. I am very pleased that Fr. Tony Ostini remains with us as a retreat director. His wisdom and support have been a gift to me as I learn the responsibilities as leading the Spirituality Center.

I give special shout out to Fr. John Payne who represented us at a conference in Denver hosted by Province Office of Ignatian Spirituality.

New art work that has gone up on the walls of the first-floor office area and of the third-floor open parlor, especially the Woman at the Well (see above).

Let me know if you’d like to help with other projects for the Spirituality Center. I would like to upgrade the exercise equipment and the Labyrinth.

May Lent deepen our receptivity to the Divine Trinity.

Fr. Paul Deutsch, SJ

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