

IVC Spring Retreat May 4th

Sister Rose Ann Fleming, SND DeN will be directing our spring retreat on cultural sensitivity on May 4th at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford, Ohio. How blessed are we to have her with us!

Xavier University's Official Bio of...
Sister Rose Ann Fleming, SND DeN, is an example of Xavier University's commitment to the academic success of its athletes. Her efforts over the last 30+ years have realized positive results.

Xavier's graduation rate has consistently ranked as one of the best among Division I schools, and the 100% graduation rate in the 1998 NCAA Report was the nation's best.

Fleming is a valuable part of XU's countless success stories off the courts & fields. She has over 40 years of experience as an educator. She was president of Cincinnati's Summit Country Day School from 1975-76 & president of Trinity College in Washington D.C. from 1976-82. She now deals one-on-one with every Xavier student-athlete & coach.

Fleming organizes academic counseling for all NCAA athletes, which includes relaying information from faculty to the academic advisor regarding each student-athletes' attendance in class, grades, completion of assignments, participation, and need for tutoring. There is a mandatory study program for Xavier freshman student-athletes in all sports. The program provides monitored study sessions, study habits workshops and tutorials designed to help the student make a smooth transition to college.

Her reputation made Fleming the subject of an Associated Press feature story. She also gained recognition in Readers Digest, Women's Day, was voted one of the Cincinnati Enquirer's Women of the Year, and was the subject of a promotional spot on The Family Channel.



From a New York Times Article by John Branch March 15, 2010 ...She has lived on campus since 1983, when she was teaching at Xavier, in a dorm that for a long time housed the men's basketball team.

She rises at 4 a.m. for an hour of prayer and meditation. Then she usually spends an hour or more at the computer, often researching law cases that she takes on for Volunteer Lawyers for the Poor. (A law degree is one of several she holds, including Master's degrees in English, business administration and theology, and a doctorate in education administration.) She exercises on an elliptical trainer, lifts weights and swims. Daily Mass is at 8.

By 8:30, she is usually in her office, overseeing two other full-time advisers and two volunteers who help her track Xavier's 271 athletes in 17 sports.

As glowing as her bio or NYT version of the start to her day sound, they only glimpse the many talents and areas of expertise of Sr. Rose Ann. I met a potential volunteer for lunch and he shared how Sr. Rose Ann hired him to teach at Summit Country Day as a young man and influenced his career, life and faith. I talked with a volunteer about an immersion experience for JustFaith and she shared how Sr. Rose Ann is taking part in a panel that will include returning citizen witnesses, a prison chaplain and Sr. Rose Ann Fleming for her defense work. Trying to catch her to autograph one of her books after 8 AM Mass requires a sprint to catch up.

My desires, to have Sr. Rose Ann facilitate our spring retreat, stem from her work on cultural sensitivity at XU and the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. She will continue to empower us to relate with love to those who differ from us. Grounded in faith, committed to community and serving others, Sr. Rose Ann Fleming, SND DeN embodies the core values of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps. Her autobiography, **Out of Habit: My Life as Xavier University's Unlikely Point Guard** is inspirational and aspirational for anyone seeking purpose for their 2nd 50 years of life! We are so very blessed to have her as our retreat director on May 4th!



**Fr. Joe Folzenlogen, S.J.
Celebrates 75th**

Fr. Joe serves as the “Spiritual Animator” for IVC in Greater Cincinnati. He celebrates liturgy with us, leads our book discussion at our monthly gatherings, and advises us on Ignatian Spirituality.

This is just one hat of many he wears. Fr. Joe continues Claver Ministry, now at Mother of Christ Parish in Winton Hills Neighborhood. He also serves on the Local School Decision Making Committees of Winton Hills and Ethel M. Taylor Academies (Millvale/South Cumminsville Neighborhoods) of Cincinnati Public Schools. He is currently Vice-Superior of the Jesuit Faber Community in the North Avondale Neighborhood. He celebrates liturgies in other parishes and neighborhoods throughout Cincinnati. Though his roles are many, “neighbor” is a great way to describe Fr. Joe.

Fr. Joe is the kind of neighbor Jesus talked about when asked, “Who is my neighbor?” and launched into the story of the Good Samaritan. He companions those in need and builds community one relationship at a time. Whether he’s gleaned insight at the Cincinnati Neighborhood Summit or chairing an IBB meeting (Interfaith Business Builders) Fr. Joe learns from and enriches the lives of his neighbors. IBB’s vision of “healthy communities where people share bonds of trust and exercise ...ownership stake and voice in their world, developing and promoting...opportunities for low income people” is a good glimpse into the kind of effort Fr. Joe puts into being a “neighbor”. Awarded with St. Mark’s (now part of Resurrection Parish), Keep the Dream Alive award, Fr. Joe Folzenlogen, S.J. strives to realize the “dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.”

April first, no fooling, Fr. Joe turned 75. We want to honor this landmark year by roasting him at our retreat May 4th at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford. We are inviting those outside of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps to join us for Mass, celebrated by Fr. Joe, dining while Fr. Joe is being “roasted” by friends and family, and for Sr. Rose Ann Fleming’s evening presentation.

Call Linda Wihl 513 477-3428 to make reservations. Cost for the evening will be \$25.00 for the general public. We have generous benefactors who are funding the retreat for IVC members. Fr. Joe’s sister, Judy Geppert, Fr. Bob Ross, SJ and Marilyn Evans will be “roasting” Fr. Joe that night. We hope you will join us!

IVC Cincinnati Sustainability

The Compassion of Jesus. (Matthew 9:35-38) Jesus went around to all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness. At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.”

When we look at the needs addressed by nonprofits, churches and schools today and the talents and time available to us in our 2nd 50, it seems like the perfect marriage of need and opportunity. The benefits of serving others and finding purpose, friendship and a deepening relationship with God sometimes seem to outweigh what we give to those we serve. But that mutual benefit enriches their lives, our communities, and our world! Our Ignatian Volunteers continue to be “moved” to serve the “troubled and abandoned” with compassion.

Existing Partners such as Madisonville Education and Assistance Center, Churches Active in Northside, Lydia’s House, and Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly, as well as our new partner, Community Matters in Lower Price Hill are seeking new volunteers. So I often find myself praying that “the master of the harvest send out laborers” not just to meet these needs but empower those who will serve to find purpose, companionship and God! Spread the word!

We are grateful to those who support our ministry including our volunteers who give time and talent to companion those in need.. Thanks also to recent donors and pledges: Sisters of Charity Ministry Foundation, Kelly Spataro, Joan Lee, our generous retreat sponsors, Don Ottke, & Tim Boyle. Thanks also to a generous donor to our National office all donations until Pentecost, May 24th will be matched 50 cents to the dollar, increasing the impact our dollars have! Our dollars stay local & matching funds will be used locally as well.

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Gloriajean Wallace, PhD A Voice for the Voiceless

To say Gloriajean has been busy would be an understatement. She teaches at the University of Cincinnati, attends seminary at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, and volunteers at the Veterans' Administration and Drake Hospitals. She has been an international advocate for those with Aphasia, a condition characterized by either partial or total loss of the ability to communicate verbally or using written words. She has taught me how to be sensitive to those who've suffered strokes.

Gloriajean has undertaken a major project as guest editor of the journal E-Hearsay entitled. APHASIA WILL BE FRONT PAGE NEWS BEGINNING 2015! *For the millions of people with aphasia around the world who are striving to achieve full life participation.* . . This journal edition will be a major exposition of what works to give voice to the voiceless. Even before publication it has earned proclamations from Governor Kasich & Mayor Cranley.

Gloriajean shared how her calling began.... *My parents tell me they changed my name to Gloriajean (all praise to God/Hallelujah) and dedicated me to God, when I was a baby. They did this in hopes that I would survive, after I nearly died at birth. Praise God, I did live. However, it was with a disability that made it necessary for me to use a leg brace and crutches for the first 9 years of my life. My parents and brother gave me the best of care. I cannot remember being discriminated against because of the disability. However, undoubtedly I must have noted being different from other children. I can remember from a young age, enjoying reading, especially biography books. I found it interesting to read about how people overcame hardships. One book in particular fascinated me. That was the book about Hellen Keller. I read that book when I was 7 years old. My parents also took me to the play Miracle Worker around that same time. After seeing the play, the character came alive! Because the play was sponsored by Tennessee State University (Nashville, TN), all of the actors were African American. For that reason --in my child's mind, I identified Hellen Keller and her teacher Annie Sullivan as being African American --like me. I think that made a huge impact on me.*

I was very spiritual and prayed a lot when I was 7 years old. During that time, I prayed and asked God what he wanted me to do with my life when I grew up. Even though I was not Catholic, I attended Catholic school when I was a little girl and went to mass every day. I had always wanted to be a nun or a veterinarian --because I loved animals. Seeing the play, Hellen Keller, changed things. After seeing that play, I started thinking about becoming a Speech Pathologist. Shortly after seeing the play, I began praying about what I should be when I grew up. Not long after that time, I met a Speech Pathologist at my mother's work place (a Head Start Nursery School). The Speech Pathologist was very nice. She took me under her wing and showed me what she did to help the children



talk better. It made me feel happy to watch the Speech Pathologist work with the children to help their speech get clearer --just as Annie Sullivan had done for Hellen Keller. I prayed and asked God if that is what He wanted me to do with my life. I felt as though God was whispering in my ear, "Yes, my child that is what I would like for you to do with your life." I told my parents. They helped me to find bible passages that I have lived with all of my life, that support my calling, including: Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves ... (Proverbs 31:8)

Gloriajean fulfilled that calling by attending Miami University, Ohio (1970-1974; B.A.), the University of Colorado, Boulder, CO (1974-1976; M.A.), and Northwestern University, Evanston, IL (1977-1981; Ph.D.) -- obtaining all three degrees in Speech Pathology.

Why did she join IVC? *In her words...*

Before I joined IVC, I had been in fervent prayer, asking God to provide me with a supportive network of like-minded friends who I could fellowship with, dialogue with and share community with. Shortly after, a friend (Karen) told me about the opportunity to learn about and possibly join IVC. I visited the group, was embraced by Linda, loved what I saw, and immediately joined. IVC has been an answer to my prayer!

Through IVC I have been provided with a wonderful Spiritual Advisor, Tom. Tom and I have met on a regular basis which has afforded me the opportunity to have conversations about my spiritual journey. This has been my first experience ever, having a Spiritual Director. This has been a very helpful, profoundly healing experience. I am very grateful for the time that Tom spends with me each month.

I have had regular contact with the Regional Director. I cannot say enough about how much Linda has meant to me and the words of wisdom that she sends to us all.

What does IVC mean to me. Remembrance of Jesus' words ...Where were you when I needed you? ...Where were you when I needed something but was perhaps too ill to even ask? There you were! You were the hand and feet of God!

Yes, my friends...IVC has meant a lot to me. It has in so many ways provided example after example of true Christian discipleship. As I strive to be more Christ-like, I find myself surrounded by positive role models. For this I humbly thank God!

During our monthly sessions, and especially at the Fall retreat (when I had an opportunity to spend a bit more concentrated time with folks), I had an opportunity to see such a precious side of so many of the members of the IVC.

To all of you, I take this opportunity to thank you for your kindness. It is in the simple things you do ...opening doors, asking "may I help you" -when you see me coming down the hall with my walker, your gentle and genuine smile, the "Christ shining through your eyes" --...for all of this...I thank you!



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From the Regional Director

Catechist Rita Foley used to say, “**There is no cavalry so great for which there is not an equal or greater measure of resurrection.**” Easter redeemed Good Friday and continues to do so in our lives. As Easter People, Good News People we are called to spread the joy—in word and action!

Recently participants of Good News People, a JustFaith program on Catholic Social Teaching, shadowed IVC Volunteers at their service sites. One participant who observed IVC volunteer Michael Heinrichs doing intake at a food pantry shared, “At first I felt like I was in the way, but as soon as the guests began to share their stories with Michael, they were so embraced by his compassion that it was as if I wasn’t there.” Other participants shadowed volunteer Janet Ziegler at a Catholic Worker house for women in transition and were given a tour by one of the Catholic Worker Volunteers. They were impressed by the hospitality and range of volunteer commitment. Others visited a job training program and spoke with IVC volunteer Joan Lee who serves there and one of the workers in training. She shared, “My mom graduated from the program in 2008 and got a job after that. So when I was struggling and having a hard time this place took me in and has made such a difference for me. I’ll graduate the end of April and they might hire me to be a supervisor.”

How amazing it is that women and men who are mostly retired and could be living a life of leisure have given of their time and talent to serve others! In the process they have found purpose, passion and God’s presence in their encounters. It is such a blessing to hear their stories, the trials and triumphs! The saying “friendship divides our grief and multiplies our joy,” certainly pertains to IVC!

Pope Francis urges, “The Church will have to initiate everyone – priests, religious and laity – into this ‘art of accompaniment’ which teaches us to remove our sandals before the sacred ground of the other . The pace of this accompaniment must be steady and reassuring, reflecting our closeness and our compassionate gaze which also heals, liberates and encourages growth in the Christian life.” The Ignatian Volunteer Corps is an “initiation into the art of accompaniment” Our upcoming retreat is a perfect example of that. So please pray with me that “The Lord of the Harvest will send more laborers into the field.”

Linda Wihl