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## July 31, Feast of St. Ignatius



**T**o celebrate the feast of St. Ignatius it seems appropriate to pass on a few anecdotes from the later part of his life:

**There was a bishop** who had a great animos-

ity to the Society. He refused to have this new Order in his diocese, and he excommunicated anyone who made the *Spiritual Exercises*. He was known as Bishop "Cilicio" by the Jesuits (that is, "the hair shirt

bishop"). Ignatius told the Jesuits who were worried about his attitude to relax. "Bishop Cilicio is an old man. The Society is young. We can wait."

**Fr. James Lainez**, one of Ignatius' original companions, was the provincial in northern Italy. He had done a couple of things that put Ignatius on the spot, including making commitments that Ignatius could not fulfill. In addition, Lainez had expressed to others his disagreement about a change of personnel that Ignatius made. Ignatius wrote to Lainez and

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## Fr. Joe Nangle to Facilitate Fall Retreat

**Fr. Joe Nangle will once again** facilitate the bi-regional IVC retreat at Loyola Retreat House, Faulkner, MD, September 14-15.

**Mark your calendar.** You don't want to miss this one! The retreat theme will be *Engaged Spirituality*.

# Out of the Dark Night

Why I remain a Catholic priest  
—despite repeated scandal.

By Joseph Nangle, OFM



**A FRIEND** tells me that she finds it difficult nowadays to admit that she is a Catholic. My Franciscan order rules that any accusation of sexual impropriety means automatic sus-

pension from ministry. I feel everyone's eyes on me in dealing with children in my parish.

The Catholic Church is in perhaps its worst crisis ever.

My first response is to ask

tance—especially by Catholic ministers—over a long period of time, will excise this malignancy.

But we will do this only if we clearly understand the gravity of our sin and its devastating effects. I fear that as yet many among us, including and perhaps especially our leadership, fail to comprehend how bad this situation has become.

**THAT LEADS ME** to reflect on the next generation of priests and bishops. How shall we guarantee that priests in the future will act in accordance with their stated commitments

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forgiveness for the sins of my brother priests and bishops—forgiveness from our Catholic people, the entire Christian church, other religious traditions, and society in general. These violations constitute scandal, a sin Jesus judged most sternly: "It would be better for him if a millstone were put around his neck and he be thrown into the sea than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin" (Luke 17:2).

This blight in our church will be with us for decades to come. The harm done to the victims of clergy abuse, their families, Catholics, and many others cannot be undone quickly. People have been hurt, damaged, and disillusioned, and I believe that only serious corrective measures, together with public repen-

as shepherds? How shall we ensure that bishops act swiftly and decisively in defense of anyone who is violated by representatives of this institution?

The preparation of candidates for the priesthood must take more seriously the need for healthy psycho-sexual development. Compulsive behaviors, addiction to internet pornography, aversion to women, and stunted social skills signal that some are not suited for the priesthood. Bishops, seminary rectors, spiritual directors, and confessors will have to exercise "tough love" here.

Bishops can no longer come from the ranks of "company men" who demonstrate little or no capacity for independent thinking. (I once heard of a prominent American hierarch state that his conscience was

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exactly that of the pope. Infantile in the extreme!)

Above all, our church must consistently act on Jesus' words: "The truth will make you free" (John 8:32). Only transparency, openness, and truthfulness about past and current aspects of this scandal, at every level of our institution, will bring the Catholic Church out of this dark night.

National and international media have performed a much-needed service in bringing to light the enormity of our scandal. Perhaps some media were motivated by less-than-noble intentions—scandals like these sell newspapers, and the Catholic Church is an easy target. However, had it not been for dogged investigative reporting on this issue, we might still not know its extent.

Finally, where can Catholics find hope? Many have walked away from this institution, and who can blame them? However, I take hope from peo-

ple by the thousands who retain the capacity to claim the Church as their own despite the disaster that envelops us. They are for the most part Catholic laity who, far from denying our crisis, absorb it and lament it, while still maintaining Christ's peace at the core of their beings. Their assessment of this tragedy, abiding good will, and determination to remain Catholic inspire me to continue as a priest in our flawed institution. I thank them sincerely.

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## The Regional Council: 'They also serve...'



**Jim Kelley consults with Fran Butler after Regional Council Meeting**

money raised by our Council has also gone to support the National Office and help finance other regional offices.

By Dick Bowling, Northern Virginia Region Office Volunteer  
**D**uring a year when, because of the economic crisis, many nonprofits have failed and due to a shortfall of funds three regions lost their paid IVC Director and have had to rely on the Council and volunteers themselves to step forward to run the operation. The DC/Northern Virginia Regional Council has kept our two regions financially afloat. Besides supporting our own two regions, the

These dedicated men and women have been selflessly working behind the scenes at the often thankless task of fundraising: creating donor lists, paying for the printing of letters and postage at their own expense, mailing out appeals, and arranging the multitude of other details including contributing wine, beer, & flowers for the Evening of Gratitude. Even during these hard times they have raised more money this year than ever before. We owe these people a debt of thanks that we can never repay.

Sometimes people ask, why does an organization such as IVC need all this money? After all it is the volunteers who contribute their time and efforts free of charge in service to people who are poor. An obvious answer, of course, is to pay the administrative costs of a national nonprofit organization: staff salaries, office rents, telephone & internet bills and those other little hidden expenses that consume so much money. In the office here on Great Falls Street all I need do is look around to see where much of the money goes. In a corner of the room I see several reams of paper. We do a lot of printing each year: for reading guides and programs for the seven monthly City Groups; programs for the two retreats and the day of reflection; printing of information for the recruitment of new volunteers and new Service Agencies. There is the cost of toner replacements for the printer, plus belts, drums, etc. I see boxes of file folders, and a variety of sizes of envelopes, a roll of stamps that costs forty-four dollars.. There is also the minutia: the paperclips, staples and so on.

## Service Site Partnership Fee Increased

In a letter to current Service Site Agencies announcing the first partnership fee increase in five years, Mary McGinnity, Executive Director of IVC, explained: "The fee covers only part of our annual cost to recruit, place and support an Ignatian Volunteer. Our actual cost is \$4500 per volunteer, and the current fee of \$1500 for a 2-day volunteer covers just 1/3 of the total. Ideally, partnership fees would constitute closer to 50% of our budget." For this reason "we will be raising the fee in our program year September 2010 – June 2011 to \$2000 per volunteer."

Mary also stated that she has authorized the Regional Directors to work with any service site for whom this increase is going to be problematic.

## Northern Virginia Regional Director, Jim Kelley, Retires

After "reflecting and praying about this since before my heart attack," Jim Kelley has decided to step down as Regional Director of IVC/Northern Virginia (IVC/NVA). "The reasons for my decision relate to my compromised physical condition; to the needs of IVC/NVA (as I see them); to the attention and time I must devote to my wife, Margo's, and my own health issues; and to the needs of other members of my extended family. IVC/NVA deserves a leader whose energy level is greater than mine is now," Jim wrote in an email announcing his retirement.

During his five-year tenure, the Washington, DC/Northern Virginia Region has grown from 43 volunteers, 30 spiritual directors and 25 service sites to nearly double that number in 2010 and the splitting of the region in 2008 into the Washington, DC/Metro Maryland Region and the Northern Virginia Region.

One of his first moves was to create a Regional Council for

the purpose of raising funds to support IVC. During these five years the Council has raised nearly \$150,000. These funds have supported not only his own region but also contributed substantially to the expansion of IVC nationally.

Jim will be sorely missed by everyone who knew him and his work with IVC. He plans, however, to provide *pro bono* support to his successor.

Joe Jones, Jim's counterpart in DC/Metro Maryland remarks "He is the role model – he's simply as good as it gets in terms of professionalism, competence, commitment and, most importantly, willingness to give of himself, with love, for others."



**From p. 3** None of this speaks of the cost to maintain and replace our equipment, the computers, the printers (we have two, the regular one and the small address label printer), telephones, the routers and a variety of other media equipment. (Last year my computer died and had to be replaced.) Without the faithful work of the men and women of our Regional Council, we also would be in grave danger of having to close our doors and the poor once more would be the ones that suffer.



**L-r: Carol Mournighan, Sam Kelly of AACH, and Mary Campbell**

## Northern Virginia Volunteers Receive Certificates of Outstanding Performance & Dedication

**VC volunteers** Carol Mournighan and Mary Campbell were surprised and delighted to receive Certificates of Appreciation from Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless (AACH) "In Honor of Your Outstanding

Performance and Dedication to Service to Our Agency and Clients."

The presentation occurred as part of an AACH graduation ceremony on June 4, 2010, honoring 12 individuals who have completed the Adopt-A-Family Program—an inspirational evening for graduates, sponsors, staff, and volunteers—a time to celebrate!

## Calendar of Events

**Fall, 2010 Retreat:  
September 14- 15, 2010**  
Loyola Retreat House  
Faulkner, MD

**FR. JOE NANGLE, OFM  
RETREAT FACILITATOR**

**Day of Reflection:  
Date: TBA  
Facilitator: TBD**

Washington Retreat House,  
4000 Harewood Rd., NE,  
Washington, DC.

### DC/Metro MD City Group Meetings

<p><b>Bartholomew House</b> 6904 River Road <b>Bethesda, MD</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Thurs.—11:00-1:00</b></p> <p>Oct. 7, 2010 Nov. 4, 2010 Dec. 2, 2010 Feb. 3, 2011 Mar. 3, 2011 Apr. 7, 2011 May 5, 2011</p>	<p><b>Josephite Seminary</b> 1200 Varnum St., NE <b>Washington, DC</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Tues.—11:00-1:00</b></p> <p>Oct. 12, 2010 Nov. 9, 2010 Dec. 14, 2010 Feb. 8, 2011 Mar. 8, 2011 Apr. 12, 2011 May 10, 2011</p>
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### Northern Virginia City Group Meetings

<p><b>Our Lady Queen of Peace</b> 2700 S. 19<sup>th</sup> St. <b>Arlington, VA 22204</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 10:00-12:00 am</p>	<p><b>St. Anthony of Padua</b> 3305 Glen Carlyn Rd <b>Falls Church, VA 22041</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 10:00-12:00 am</p>	<p><b>St. John Neumann Church</b> 11900 Lawyers Road <b>Reston VA 20191</b> 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 10:00-12:00 am</p>	<p><b>St. Joseph Church</b> 701 N. Columbus St. <b>Alexandria, VA 22314</b> 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 10:00-12:00 am</p>
Oct. 12, 2009	Oct. 14, 2009	Oct. 19, 2009	Oct. 20, 2009
Nov. 9, 2009	Nov. 11, 2009	Nov. 16, 2009	Nov. 17, 2009
Dec. 9, 2009	Dec. 9, 2009	Dec. 9, 2009	Dec. 9, 2009
Feb. 8, 2010	Feb. 10, 2010	Feb. 15, 2010	Feb. 16, 2010
Mar. 8, 2010	Mar. 10, 2010	Mar. 15, 2010	Mar. 16, 2010
Apr. 12, 2010	Apr. 14, 2010	Apr. 19, 2010	Apr. 20, 2010
May 10, 2010	May 12, 2010	May 17, 2010	May 18, 2010

# IVC Volunteer, Mary Beth Keaney

Written by Sharon Emory,  
Rising Hope United Community Ministry



MARY BETH  
& TOM  
KEANEY

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**I**gnatian Volunteer Corps volunteer, Mary Beth Keaney, has been at Rising Hope for two years and describes her experience as one of growth in her faith, big changes in herself and a vision of the Body of Christ that includes people she would never have had a chance to meet. The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) is men and women, age 50 and over, sharing their skills, talents, and life experiences with organizations that directly assist people who are poor, or address issues related to poverty. IVC was

founded in 1995, when two Jesuit priests gathered a small group of retired men and women to explore ways to minister to those who were materially poor while gaining spiritual growth through service. During her first year at Rising Hope, Mary Beth did a wide variety of activities, from answering phones, cleaning closets, helping with lunch, and stacking cans in the food pantry. She says this was a wonderful way to understand all the many facets of Rising Hope and have an opportunity to get to know the staff and the

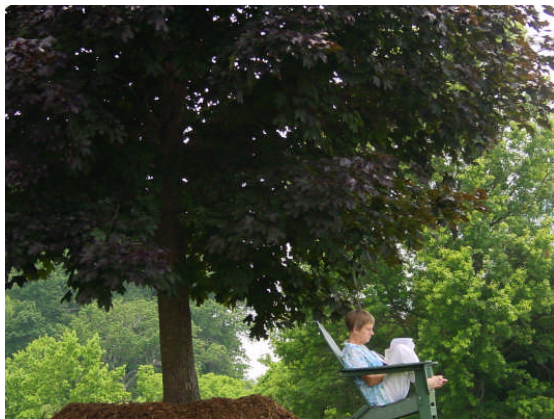
other volunteers. In the last year, she has spent all of her time in the Food Ministry and has been blessed to be able to get to know the folks who come in for food, to welcome them to Rising Hope and to be able to assist them in receiving the food that is so generously donated. Working with other volunteers has also blessed her as she sees those who receive aid also want to help others. Rising Hope has been blessed by Mary Beth's presence and hope she returns to spend another year with us.

## A Morning Offering

I bless the night that nourished my heart  
To set the ghosts of longing free  
Into the flow and figure of dream  
That went to harvest from the dark  
Bread for the hunger no one sees.  
All that is eternal in me  
Welcome the wonder of this day,  
The field of brightness it creates  
Offering time for each thing  
To arise and illuminate.  
I place on the altar of dawn:  
The quiet loyalty of breath,  
The tent of thought where I shelter,

Wave of desire I am shore to  
And all beauty drawn to the eye.  
May my mind come alive today  
To the invisible geography  
That invites me to new frontiers,  
To break the dead shell of yesterdays,  
To risk being disturbed and changed.  
May I have the courage today  
To live the life that I would love,  
To postpone my dream no longer  
But do at last what I came here for  
And waste my heart on fear no more.

~ John O'Donohue ~



## June 2010 Retreat

### St. Ignatius (Cont.)

told him to "attend to your own office. And do not trouble yourself in giving your view of my affairs, as I do not want anything of the kind from you unless I ask for it.... Since the administration of your own province has not done much to increase your credit in my eyes, examine your mistakes in the presence of God our Lord, and for three days take some time for prayer to this end."

**While zealous to bring** people to God and to help them spiritually, Ignatius still remained a person of practicality and common sense: A Jesuit had complained of having trouble with overly pious people who monopolized his time for no good reason. Ignatius instructed him on how to deal charitably with such people without giving offense. He suggested talking to them rather pointedly of hell, judgment and such things. In that case they would either not return, or, if they did, the chances are they would feel themselves touched by our Lord.