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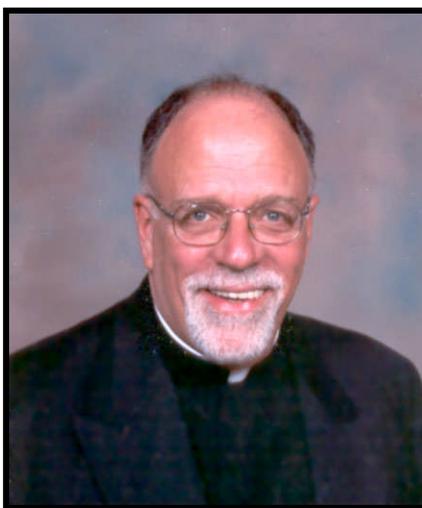
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Fr Ray Kemp, S.J. to Facilitate June Retreat

Fr. Raymond Kemp, S.J. will facilitate the IVC Spring Retreat, June 13-14 at Loyola Retreat House in Faulkner, MD

Fr. Kemp attended St. Mary's Seminary and University in 1960's. He is former pastor of St. Augustine Parish (1974-1981) and Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Parish (1986-1992), both African-American parishes in Washington, D.C. He has served as Secretary for Parish Life and Worship, in the Archdiocese of Washington from 1981-1986 and an adjunct faculty member at Georgetown University. His areas of interest include pastoral theology, liturgy, preaching, Christian initiation, community organizing, urban development and urban politics. He is Director of Preaching the Just Word and Faith in the City at Woodstock Theological Center at Georgetown University. His publications include *Journey in Faith*; he has contributed articles in *Worship Magazine*, *The Catechumenate*, *Liturgy '90 Magazine*, *National Catholic Reporter*, and others. Fr. Kemp is a Board Member of the D.C. Central Kitchen and College Campus Kitchens



Father Ray Kemp (Internet Photo)

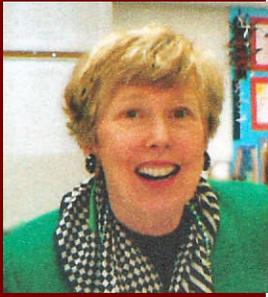
WASHINGTON -- In late August of 1963, on a day fraught with the possibility of hope and danger, Raymond Kemp was drawn into history. The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was scheduled to speak in front of the Lincoln Memorial to a throng of demonstrators on Washington's National Mall. A priest at his seminary cautioned Kemp, then a young seminarian, not to go, predicting that someone was going to get hurt. Another priest at his seminary urged him to go. "That division has been there in my life since the very beginning," said Kemp, now a 67-year-old priest. "One voice says 'Go. This is where the gospel is.' The other voice says, 'I don't think so.'"

Kemp found refuge from the sun in the shade of a tree, about a football field length from the raised podium. When King captured the crowd with his "I Have a Dream" speech, the course of Kemp's life was irrevocably altered. He would spend the next four decades trying to infuse his sermons with King's passion for social justice and encouraging other priests to do the same. Since 1992, Kemp has been leading "Preaching the Just Word" retreats all over the country, carrying that message. "(King) changed my whole approach to the Scripture," Kemp said. "I thought they were nice words on the page but he used biblical language in a way that was stunning."

—by Greg Trotter,
Jan 30, 2008 *Media Reports*



Loyola Retreat House in June



Ann Hisle, Spiritual Reflector

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What is a Spiritual Reflector? by Cliff Hackett

There is a fruitful ambiguity in the title "Spiritual Reflector." From the viewpoint of an IVC volunteer, the Spiritual Reflector is the person with whom one discusses the specific work mission and the volunteer's spiritual progress in that work. The Spiritual Reflector is the person with whom one reflects on the work assignment and its development in personal terms.

From the viewpoint of the Spiritual Reflector, the term means a kind of spiritual companionship, helping the volunteer to see more clearly how the work assignment fits into personal spiritual growth. The Spiritual Reflector reflects the light of spirituality onto the volunteer's work.

For Ann Hisle, a veteran of the Washington area IVC, being a Spiritual Reflector fits neatly into her life's work as both a committed Catholic advocate for peace and justice and a family and bereavement therapist. She finds inspiration in everything she does and in every person she encounters. She sees God in all things and all people.

The difference, one can say, between an amateur and a professional is that

the amateur struggles to succeed while the professional practices success. Ann Hisle has a professional's approach to engaging the human condition in all its bewildering, captivating and frustrating dimensions. From a childhood in a pleasant and prosperous New York suburb, Ann detected a mission in her life: to help others move toward the spiritual and psychological security she was given in her own life. "I am a blessed person," she says.

But beyond professional competence, Ann's chosen path—counseling and comforting the dying and the bereaved—brought her day by day and life by life to the most basic and most painful human encounter: suffering and death. Only the strongest optimists can survive more than twenty years of this work. Ann Hisle comes through the experience with not only a smile but with laughter and love.

One experience with an IVC volunteer tells much about Ann, the IVC program and the spiritual progress of a volunteer. Janet (not her real name) confided in Ann, her spiritual reflector, her frustration, stress and even anger with the attitude of a co-worker. "Try a daily jour-

nal," Ann suggested. The volunteer tried, reluctantly at first, gradually with more confidence, to put her feelings into words. She titled her journal "By the grace of God." One day, when her co-worker again complained, Janet responded with an offered cup of tea and a homemade muffin. Tension softened, then slowly dissolved. A relationship fueled by jealousy perhaps, misunderstanding certainly, eased.

The volunteer resolved to start each day recalling Jesus' presence in her life and in her duties. She begins each morning, Ann recalls, with a prayer and an intention to expand her love and cooperation. "Each evening she reviewed her day with gratitude. Sometimes she had to seek forgiveness. But her spiritual journey continued." One day the volunteer told Ann. "This is such a good time in our lives. I feel such a closeness to Jesus. I'm more willing and less willful. It's unbelievable."



Ann's strength and optimism showed also in her personal life. She and husband John had two daughters before adopting two Korean sons. Painful adjustments alternated with loving growth in the

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Upcoming Events

Spring, 2011 Retreat:

June 13-14, 2011

Loyola Retreat House
Faulkner, MD

Theme: TBD

FR. RAY KEMP
RETREAT FACILITATOR

Fall, 2011 Retreat:

September 13 - 15, 2011

Loyola Retreat House
Faulkner, MD

FR. TIM HICKEY, C.S.SP.
RETREAT FACILITATOR

January Day of Reflection

January 17, 2012

Dominican Retreat House
7103 Old Dominion Drive
McLean, VA 22101

TBD
RETREAT FACILITATOR

Northern Virginia Region 2011-2012 City Groups

Dates & Times are tentative

Our Lady Queen of Peace 2700 19th Street South Arlington, VA 22204 2nd Tuesday 10:00-12:00 am	St. Anthony's Falls Church, VA 22041 3305 Glen Carlyn Rd 2nd Thursday 9:30-11:30 am & 12:30-2:30 pm	St. John Neumann's Reston VA 20191 11900 Lawyers Road 3rd Tuesday 10:00-12:00 am	St. Joseph's Alexandria, VA 22314 701 Columbus Street 3rd Wednesday 10:00-12:00 am
Oct. 11, 2011	Oct. 13, 2011	Oct. 18, 2011	Oct. 19, 2011
Nov. 8, 2011	Nov. 10, 2011	Nov. 15, 2011	Nov. 16, 2011
Dec. TBD.	Dec. TBD	Dec. TBD	Dec. TBD
Feb. 14, 2012	Feb. 9, 2012	Feb 21, 2012	Feb. 15, 2012
Mar. 13, 2012	Mar. 8, 2012	Mar. 20, 2012	Mar. 21, 2012
Apr. 10, 2012	Apr. 12, 2012	Apr. 17, 2012	Apr. 18, 2012
May 8, 2012	May 10, 2012	May 15, 2012	May 16, 2012

(Dates & Times are tentative)

DC/Metro Md Region 2011-2012 City Groups

Bartholomew House Bethesda, MD 6904 River Road 1st Thurs.—11:00-1:00	Josephite Seminary Washington, DC 1200 Varnum St., NE 2nd Tuesday—11:00-1:00	Bartholomew House Bethesda, MD 6904 River Road 2nd Thurs.—9:00-11:00
Oct. 6, 2011	Oct. 11, 2011	Oct. 13, 2011
Nov. 1, 2011	Nov. 8, 2011	Nov. 10, 2011
Dec. 3, 2011	Dec. 8, 2011	Dec. 3, 2011
Feb. 2, 2012	Feb. 14, 2012	Feb. 9, 2012
Mar. 1, 2012	Mar. 13, 2012	Mar. 48 2012
Apr. 5, 2012	Apr. 10, 2012	Apr. 13, 2012
May 3, 2012	May 8, 2012	May 10, 2012

Christmas at St. Martins by Dick Bowling

ON DECEMBER 20, 2010, Patty Holley and I were invited to the annual Christmas party at the St. Martin de Porres Senior Center in Alexandria by **Gene Dwyer**, the IVC volunteer. Gene began volunteering at St. Martins in the fall of 2005 and works over twenty hours a week. He makes the coffee in the morning, sets out pastries, cups, plates, napkins, etc. Often he is sent out to pick up the seniors who missed the various buses and drives them to or from the center.

Gene teaches first-time computer users how to get an email address and how to get on the Internet, and helps experienced computer users learn how to build on what they already know. He enjoys meeting and greeting the seniors during the day and has lunch with them on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. He also enjoys doing yard work around the building.



IVC Volunteers Gene Dwyer (center front) & Susan Metcalf (right front)
(Internet Photo)

Part of the reason for our trip was to conduct a site visit to St. Martins. Patty's objective is to visit as many of our partner agencies as she can this year. During our visit we were entertained with Christmas music by Chris Edwards and a visit from Santa Claus (Tony Musco). Our visit was topped off with a delicious Christmas dinner provided by the Center.

What is St. Martins?

St. Martin's purpose is to provide a variety of services to isolated and low-income elderly in the Alexandria area, and promotes wellness and independence for people of all faiths and nationalities. The program encourages seniors to use their talents and experiences through participation in center-based as well as community-based programs.

Services

The Center's services are planned to recognize the dignity of the individual and allow each person to reach his or her fullest potential. The Center serves as a focal point for information and referral to services throughout the community. The Alexandria Office on Aging and Adult Services provides door to door bus transportation to St. Martins for seniors who live in the West End of Alexandria. Participants are served a nutritious breakfast and lunch daily which they share in common. They are treated to weekly shopping trips to local markets. St. Martins provides Yoga, Tai Chi, and other exercise programs daily either in classes or by video. Volunteer physicians and nurses conduct health screenings and information presentations. Other educational and recreational activities include English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, computer skills training, community presentations, reminiscence and discussion groups, games, professional entertainers, movies, and holiday parties. Participants also go on field trips to museums, parks, theaters, entertainment centers, restaurants, and other places of interest.



New IVC Northern Virginia Regional Office



On January 28, 2011, the Northern Virginia Regional Office took up permanent residence on Fairfax Blvd in Fairfax City. We are sharing office

space with Pathway Homes, Inc. Pathway Homes is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that provides a broad base of the highest quality homes and individualized services for all adults with serious mental illness in Northern Virginia. We are very fortunate after

months of searching and very grateful to such a caring organization as Pathway Homes to finally have a place to call home. We look out two large picture windows onto several beautiful trees at the rear of a large commercial; building in the heart of Fairfax City. Please copy down our new information:

10201 Fairfax Blvd.,
Suite 240
Fairfax, VA 22030
703 352-4140
pholley@ivcusa.org



Dick Bowling and Patty Holley share lunch with Leopold, the resident lion, in our new conference room

Pat Dunigan ‘Miss Pat’ receives prestigious SILVER LEVEL President’s Volunteer Service Award for her service to Rosemount Center.



Patricia T. (Pat) Dunigan, an IVC volunteer at **Rosemount Center** since early in 2008, was presented the prestigious SILVER LEVEL President’s Volunteer Service Award by Center President Jacques Rondeau at ceremonies there on April 27.

Rosemount Center serves more than 300 children and families in DC with comprehensive day care services—early childhood education and family support programs – in a bilingual multicultural setting.

Miss Pat, as she is affectionately known by everyone at Rosemount, is a classroom assistant with the Lions—a group of 10 three and four year olds. She assists the teacher with the daily routine, including reading to them, serving meals and snacks, monitoring play periods and sleep sessions and helping supervise day trips.

The President’s Volunteer Service Awards were created by the President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation to thank and honor Americans who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service. The SILVER LEVEL AWARD is for adult volunteers who have completed between 250-499 hours of volunteer service. **Congratulations Miss Pat!**





Guy Massamba



Pat Kisicki

Beginnings by Clifford Hackett

The first step of a long journey is often the most difficult one. But for two new IVC volunteers, the first step into the program was a most natural stage of discernment, that step of Ignatian Spirituality which clarifies and defines the mission.

Discernment clearly means, sensing an unfolding of purpose in one's life. For Pat Kisicki and Guy Massamba their first IVC assignments created another fold in rich but quite different lives. Each also brings professional training to volunteer work.

Pat Kisicki brought teaching and nursing, marriage and motherhood, to San Miguel Middle School in Silver Spring, MD. A native of Omaha, NE, she went from a high school with one African American student to teaching another high school class where she was the only white person. This awareness moved her from a history major in college to teaching and counseling. Marriage took her to the Washington DC suburbs but it was motherhood that turned her career. "When I gazed at my baby, I saw that this miracle of birth needed protection." Pat decided to leave teaching and study nursing to help bring the joy of motherhood to the poor. For 25 years she has worked part time in an OB/GYN clinic for women without insurance and the other means for safe and proper

medical care.

At San Miguel, a Christian Brothers school, Pat works with 6th to 8th grade boys, almost all Salvadorans, and many from disrupted or unstable families. The school provides two full meals daily and a focused academic program. Pat tutors two bright 8th graders already admitted to top DC high schools. She helps with both breakfast ..and lunch and monitors several reading classes. She even fills in for absent teachers.

For Guy Massamba, born in Africa, discernment came naturally. He spent 15 years with the Jesuits, the final three as a priest. Then came academic training in political science and anthropology culminating with eight years at the World Bank helping train leaders for field assignments. From this background, Guy started his own leadership training programs which specialize in African projects

Discernment led naturally, Guy believes, into IVC and its adult education work. He wanted badly to maintain Ignatian Spirituality gained over many years. He also wanted to use his experience in training. At Living Wages, he does both. Guy has a group of students, all working toward their high

school diplomas. Their strong motivation brings them one-on-one encounters with Guy and other tutors. Students master graded reading manuals to the strict standards of an assessor who has the authority to certify their work to a neighboring high school. When the diplomas follow, the students are on their ways to better jobs, career advancement or even college. As one of IVC's youngest volunteers, Guy finds his life a satisfying combination of personal fulfillment, professional progress and a God-centered spirituality. Both Pat and Guy get great satisfaction from their IVC work. Is it perfect? No. They see possible improvements in their agencies or in their volunteer assignments. But the moves into IVC provided the spirituality and the personal goals which mark the successful discernment, they believe. They look forward to the next challenges.



God Bless the World

*Bless every person I have met,
every voice I have heard,
especially those most dear
bless every city, town and
street that I have known
bless every sight I have seen
every sound I have heard
every object I have touched*

—James J. Morris, SJ

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young family. After moving to the Washington area, the family found strong spiritual resources in Holy Trinity Parish, including an introduction to the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises. Her family's volunteer experiences supported Ann's own spiritual growth. Her daughters were Jesuit Youth Corps volunteers and from them she learned about IVC. Both Hisle parents are involved in prison ministries and Ann teaches in an ELS program.

Although she has retired from professional counseling work, Ann maintains a private practice as a family therapist. She has had more than 90 clients. Combined with her volunteer work and the role as an IVC Spiritual Reflector, it is an active but joy-filled life. Recently, she has added work at the Ignatian Spiritual Project – a program for former homeless and addicted women – to her busy schedule. Ann has also persevered in her quest for personal spirituality. “I am aware every day of God's role in my life and my work. With my IVC volunteers I try to be with them on their spiritual journey. It

is a wonderful experience for each of us,” she says.

Not every Spiritual Reflector has Ann's background, but she does not think of her IVC work as counseling. “With the volunteers, we are traveling together, reflecting together, praying together. I learn from each of them how God works in their lives. I hope they can see how He does in mine also,” she adds with a smile. Ann Hisle is not a “typical” Spiritual Reflector – (there are none!) But she brings an enthusiasm and joy to the task which might be a model for anyone striving for spiritual growth in themselves and others.

Puerto Vallarta, Mexico—Visit with the Families at the Dump

By Patty Holley, Northern Virginia Regional Director



In April of this year, my husband and I travelled to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico and spent a day of our vacation at the dump! This was our third trip to the dump (Finding a place to serve the poor has become our normal practice, whenever we take a trip.) The poor people living at the base of the dump, scavenge through the refuse looking for and bagging recyclable materials which are then sold to truckers who come to the dump bi-weekly. For most of these families, this is their only means of income. The families live in homes made of tin and cardboard in most cases and most do not have floors. There is no running water or sewage system. Their children are not allowed on the dump, but, as you can see in the photos, they are beautiful and it is such a joy to spend time with them. Several churches and non profit organizations help to provide food and educational assistance.

We were very excited to hear that the owners of one of the resorts near where we vacation, who comes from a poor background, has purchased land near the dump and will be building 72 homes for families that have the best chance of making the transition away from the dump. If you are interested in learning more the two groups we have worked with both have websites – www.familiesatthedump.org and www.childrenofthedump.org. We have found that our day with the poor in the



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