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## REFLECTION

Gratitude remains the foundation and source of our spiritual lives. The second half of life is an especially good time to grow in awareness of the gift of life itself, of health, friends, vocation, and ministry. It is a time to remember and savor all the other gifts we have received – looking back on our lives, we recognize the many times when we have taken things for granted, and claimed things as our own that were clearly gifts. Our later years are a time to acknowledge and cherish the gifts that have been given to us, and the wonders that God has worked in and through us during our lives. It is a great temptation to devalue what we have done in life, to compare our achievements with those of others whom we admire or with the great dreams of our youth. We begin to ask questions. What difference have I made? What have I done of lasting value? How have I responded to the graces given to me? We may fail to celebrate and treasure the everyday but extraordinary moments of friendship, ministry and prayer. The second half of life calls us to true humility, and to the recognition of our gifts as gifts from the hands of a loving God.

*The Spiritual Exercises and a Spirituality for the Later Years  
Gerald M. Fagin, S.J*

## WELCOME TO NEW VOLUNTEERS, SPIRITUAL REFLECTORS, AND PARTNER AGENCIES

Let me introduce our new volunteers, some of whom you may know, some of whom may belong to your parish, some of whom may live near you. Today, you are just learning of their joining IVC. In September at the orientation/retreat, you will have the opportunity to get to know them. New volunteers from Maryland include Pat Paxton, Mike McCarthy, Linda Wells, and Karen Nolan. Velma Martin joins us from the District. Virginians joining IVC include Michael Perri, Lois Bundschuh, John Enzmann, Pequette Schwerin, John Rausch, Mary Lee, Frieda Toner, and Mona Peglow.

New spiritual reflectors include Jesuit Fathers Rich McCouch and Gene Linehan (Georgetown Prep), Jim Bellafiore (in residence at Gonzaga), Frank Kaminski, Bob Braunreuther, and Gerry Fitzpatrick and St. Pat McDermott, IHM (Loyola Retreat House, Faulkner, MD).

The new service project agencies with which we are planning to partner include:

Agency	Location	Ministry
Bethlehem House	NE Washington	Group Home for Adults With Disabilities
L'Arche of NoVA	Clarendon, VA	same
Campus Kitchens project	1328 16 <sup>th</sup> St., NW	Prepare & deliver meals to agencies & individuals
Cornerstone Community	2720 Ontario Rd. NW	Assist r3esidents in healing & interdependent living
Community Ministry of Montgomery County	Silver Spring	Requests for facilities maintenance instructor
Project Northstar	2437 15 <sup>th</sup> St., NW	Tutor elementary school kids
LETC	2200 California St. N.W.	Improving lives of immigrants through education

# IVC WASHINGTON,DC/NORTHERN VIRGINIA 2006-7 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Loyola Retreat House, Faulkner, MD

Orientation: Sept. 11-12, 2006—Loyola Retreat House, Faulkner, MD

Retreat: Sept. 12-13, 2006—Loyola Retreat House, Faulkner, MD

## REV. GASPER F. LO BIONDO, S.J., PH.D.: RETREAT MASTER

Father Gasper (Gap) Lo Biondo is a Jesuit priest from Rosenhayn, New Jersey. He was ordained in 1968, and



trained as an economist. He currently serves as Director of the Woodstock Theological Center, a Jesuit center for theological reflection on the human problems of today, located at Georgetown University. Prior to becoming Director, he was a senior research fellow at Woodstock, and directed the Center's Global Economy and Cultures project. His areas of expertise include economic globalization and grass-roots research in developing countries, based on his seven years' experience in Chile. His personal interests include cooking, gardening, and opera.

## Monthly City Group Meetings

### Washington, DC – Josephite Seminary

October 10, 2006  
November 14, 2006  
December 12, 2006  
February 13, 2007  
March 13, 2007  
April 10, 2007

### Northern Virginia -- St. Anthony of Padua

October 12, 2006  
November 9, 2006  
December 14, 2006  
February 8, 2007  
March 8, 2007  
April 12, 2007

Day of Reflection: January 23, 2007 -- Washington Retreat House

Retreat: May 14-16, 2007 — Loyola Retreat House, Faulkner, MD

June End-of- Year Event: Type, Date, Venue -- TBD

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## JULY 31 FEAST OF ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

O Lord our God, you poured forth into your Church a spirit of renewal in prayer and life through the work of Saint Ignatius and the Society of Jesus. Grant us the spirit of discernment so that we may hear the still, small voice of your Word speaking in the depths of our heart, and hearing, may obey. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.