





### Automatic Door Openers.

You will be pleased to know that we have two sets of electronic door openers at the entrance of Fleming Hall. This will be helpful for retreatants with mobility devices, and for the Jesuits from Rene Goupil Infirmary who attend the funeral of one of their fellow Jesuits who have preceded them into eternal. Fr. Mike Hawkins will be delighted at this new installation. He has been a faithful counsellor to the retreatants at all our 33 weekend retreats.

Manresa Grounds have been blessed with the sight of a red fox. This renard has been "sunbathing" on the lawn between Manresa Manor House and the LaStorta Residence. This has been a mild winter, and he/she? has sprawled on the grass, paying no attention to the passers-by. Unfortunately the fox was not in a healthy condition. Animal



control came and picked it up. We were assured that the fox could be salvaged. After treating it for mange and malnutrition, it would be released back in the Duffin Creek moraine. The rabbits and squirrels which cause considerable havoc to the flower beds have diminished in numbers since the arrival of "Brer Fox."



**The Red Fox**





**Trusting God**

## tidbits from manresa

Back home at Pickering, we had two Twelve Step retreats given by Kathy Dempsey and Aysun Kuck.

There were two Ignatian Retreats given by Fr. Joe Schner S.J. and Trevor Scott S.J (from the Maritimes.).

We had many first timers over these four retreats. They were impressed by the professionalism and the high quality of the presenters of the retreat. As usual they said the thing they valued most was the silence on the retreats. They have promised to come back.



**Journeying together**



### **Our financial portfolio.**

The loonie has dropped. This is no new information, but as a result the contribution on the weekends, has also taken a dip. We have completed two thirds of the weekends for the year 2015-2016. Although we are keeping our heads above water and managing to pay our bills, the average of every weekend except one, has been lower than it was on the corresponding weekend last year.

We will be asking for a voluntary donation of \$185.00 instead of the present \$175 per weekend. This is the first increase in eight years. Trusting in the Lord has been a way of continuing this Retreat Ministry. Every now and then a sizeable and unexpected donation has validated this trust. It sometimes makes up for the shortfall from any given retreat.



**“In need of a helping hand”**



### A Sad Note. 陳小明

Siuming (Vicky) Chen, one of the board of directors, has tendered her resignation. She has received the news of an illness which would make her partially immobile. We pray this illness will not cripple her and that she can still come and visit us all the way from Burlington. Please keep her in your prayers. She is responsible for the four beautiful, large frames depicting the Gospels. These can be seen just outside the lobby of the Retreat Chapel.

Thank you, Siuming (Vicky) Chen for your generous service to the Retreat Apostolate at Manresa

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A note from: 陳小明

..."You can also say that for about nine months I have been suffering from a degenerative nerve disease which impairs my mobility. Recently this has been found to be an unusual manifestation of a blood cell malignancy for which I will be receiving chemotherapy and subsequently autologous stem cell transplant. Ongoing prayer support will be much appreciated.

And yes, I am hopeful to eventually recover enough to return for the occasional retreat in Manresa again.

Blessings for this Holy Week!"

Vicky

