



Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre Newsletter



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BULLETIN BOARD **Winter 2019 Retreat**

Space is still available for a five-day Winter retreat February 4-8, 2019 (click below.)

http://www.manresa-canada.ca/documents/Manresa_Winter2019Retreat1.pdf

Fr. Doug McCarthy and Mary Bastedo, two retreat directors who are in demand, are offering it.

UPCOMING EVENTS

There are still openings for some of the weekend retreats -- Fr. Robert Foliot, S.J., Fr. Michael Rosinski, S.J. and Fr. Joseph Schner, S.J. Please click on the link below to view the theme of each director.

Perhaps you have friends or family who could benefit from a time of retreat.

Check out our website at:

<http://www.manresa-canada.ca/retreatprograms/retreatschedule.shtml>

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CHANGE OF DIRECTOR

It's Fall! That means plenty of beginnings. Manresa's program year has begun again. This is the first season with Fr. Henk Van Meijel, S.J., the new Director of Manresa. He replaced Fr. Michael Coutts in the spring and was able to experience Manresa in action at the end of last season and during the quieter period late in the summer. He is building a hardworking team at Manresa, leading the way with action.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Two special gatherings took place on the grounds of Manresa during the summer. The General Superior of the Jesuits visited Canada this summer, to coincide with the amalgamation of the English and French-Canadian Jesuits into one organizational province. Fr. Arturo Sosa's visit to this vast country included a whirlwind visit with the Jesuits in Pickering. He took time for a photo with the Manresa team.



Short Bios of upcoming retreat facilitators can be seen by clicking on [URLS](#) of each.

by Fr. Robert Foliot,
<http://www.manresa-canada.ca/about/bio.shtml>
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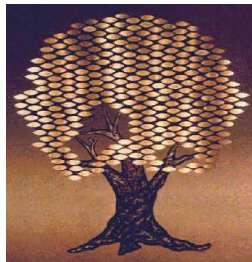
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Then, at the end of July, Jesuits and their friends and colleagues gathered for the Eucharist on the Feast of St. Ignatius Loyola, followed by a picnic under a huge tent on the grounds of Manresa.



THE TREE OF RENEWED LIFE



The Tree of Renewed Life, in the Meditation Room next to St. Ignatius Chapel, continues to attract donors. They wish to have a family member or friend remembered in Masses and prayers at Manresa. To date 280 leaves of the 450 on the Tree have been taken. The income allows Manresa to initiate new projects. So, we take this opportunity to thank all our friends for their generosity, not only those who have taken a leaf but also those who have supported Manresa in any way. May the Lord reward your generous spirit a hundredfold.

MAINTENANCE PROJECTS COMPLETED

There were no retreatants here for the month of August. That allowed us to make plenty of noise and get necessary maintenance projects completed, both indoors and outdoors – a new heating and air-conditioning unit for the St. Ignatius Chapel, electrical work, floors and hallways cleaned, carpets steam cleaned, maintenance projects at Fleming Hall and the kitchen at the Manor, roof repairs, tree-pruning or removal, repairs to the parking lot, fresh line markings in the parking lot, repairs to the fence at Clarendon Cottage, repairs to eaves troughs, and many little projects that most visitors won't notice.



Bro. Bob and Fr. Henk are working on a list of needed work projects for next summer. Maintenance projects are ongoing. Contact Fr. Henk if you or your family would like to contribute to the costs of repairs and maintenance. An obvious area where funds are needed is the repairs to the outside Stations of the Cross. This is a wonderful tribute to a living or deceased family member. Let us know if you have personal skill or a gift that can help Manresa in our mission.

SAINT AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY AT MANRESA

A group of eleven seminarians from St. Augustine's in Toronto stayed at Manresa for several weeks, while necessary renovations were completed at the Seminary. They are in the *spiritual year*, which precedes the actual experience of seminary. It's a nine-month period designed to provide the young men with a solid spiritual formation and is modeled on the Jesuit Novitiate. It will culminate next May with the experience of the complete Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Although they had their own formation program, they were an important part of the Jesuit community, even helping with odd jobs around Manresa. The group comes from three dioceses: Toronto, Ottawa and Regina.



Let's pray for the seminarians who spent several weeks with us.
May their spiritual formation be helped by the spirit they encountered at Manresa!