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Building a New Manresa. How *urgent* is it?

Your prayers are asked as we ponder this question for our mission. There has been a surge in requests for retreats, days of recollection, individual three and five day guided retreats. These are the run of the mill requests. However, with many retreat houses closing because of costs or lack of personnel, Manresa Spirituality Centre in Pickering has become more and more attractive.

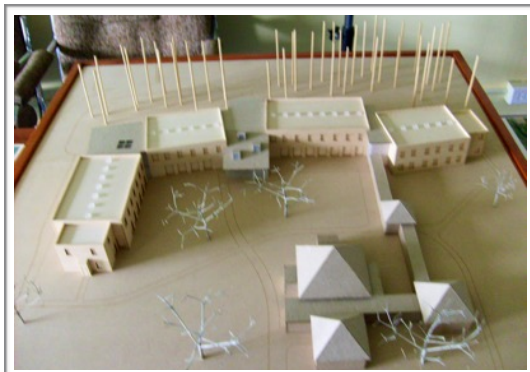
Our clientele is not merely from Jesuits: who have annual retreats, meeting of Jesuit superiors, meeting of Jesuit apostolates, formation days for Jesuits.

We now have requests from other religious orders like the Redemptorists, the Scarborough Missionaries, the Spiritans, and the most recent, were the Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

Other Christian groups who enjoy the peace and quiet of Manresa have requested time and space at Manresa. They appreciate the sacred space in a way that is amazing and edifying to us Catholics. Sometimes as Director, I say to myself, if we could only learn from them and follow their wonderful example of silence.

We have currently the weekend Ignatian retreats. This includes four talks, two Eucharistic celebrations, Reconciliation and Counsellors. Besides that, we have two night stay, five hearty meals, which everyone says are both delicious and plentiful.

The urgency for Manresa in Pickering is visible. We've been here for over 70 years, and we're looking forward to many more.



Weekend Retreats: March & April, 2017 Change of Retreat Masters.



Fr. Philip Shano

Fr. Phil Shano has been a popular **Retreat Master** at Manresa. He has been a part of **Jesuit Retreat Team** that serves the retreatants over the years. However because of ill health, Fr. Shano will not be able to give the Retreat Weekends for which he has been scheduled.

These two weekends, are the last in March and the first in April. The later coincides with Palm Sunday weekend. Taking his place will be two of the veteran Retreat Masters.

24th – 26th March, 2017:

This retreat will be given by
Fr. Con Mulvihill. S.J.

The theme:

**“It All Started On A Sick Bed”
Rules of Discernment in the
1st & 2nd weeks of the
Spritual Excercises of St. Ignatius**



Fr. Con Mulvihill. S.J.



Fr. Michael Coutts S.J.

7th- 9th April, 2017:

This retreat will be given by
Fr. Michael Coutts S.J

The theme:

**“Taking Care of Business,
the Christian Way”**



The Chalice and Paten

The Chalice Programme: Praying for Vocation.

This is a prayer tradition for an increase of vocations to priestly and religious life. Each week, one of the families takes a “Chalice and Paten” Set, home. The mandate is to pray for vocations. The family keeps the Chalice and Paten at a central place in the home. Each morning or night or both, the family prays for vocation. The “sending forth” of the Chalice each week is a solemn and impressive one. It reminds one of Jesus sending his disciples to go and proclaim the good news.

The Charismatic Prayer Group meets every week in Fleming Hall. They have taken on the responsibility to hand over the chalice faithfully each week. This prayer tradition has been going on for over six months.

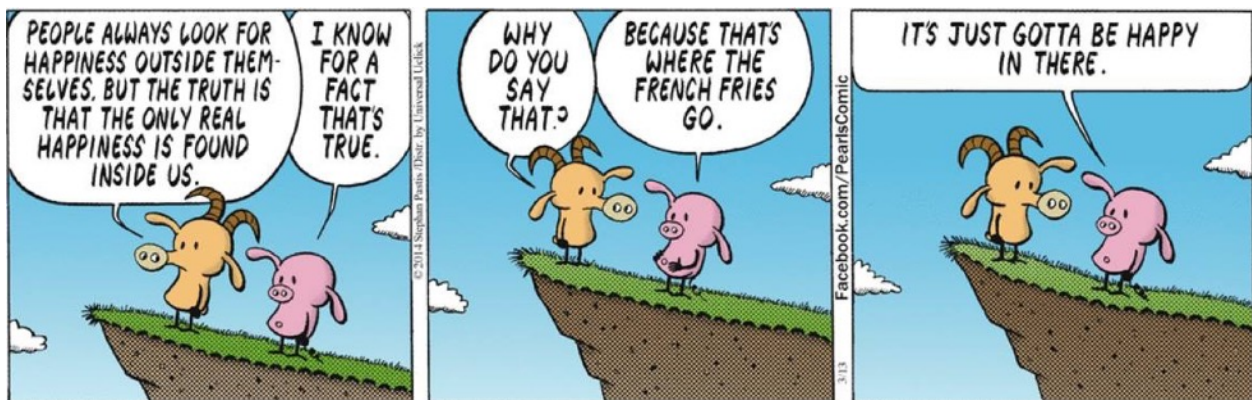


Problems Galore...

Since Manresa Manor and Fleming Hall are both in their 80's, for as long as they have been used, problems with the buildings are part and parcel of each weekend, it sometimes seems.

However, added to that are the some rambunctious youngsters in the neighbourhood. Over the Christmas holidays, some of them drove at full speed around the Manor, over the grass, in front of the LaStorta residence, nearly taking down the stone monolith, and finally over the lawn. The marks on the lawn were clearly visible through the snow. Thank God no one was hurt. We had one death from similar circumstances just outside the front gate in 2009, one serious injury two years ago.

Besides that, the dish washing machine apparently blew a gasket. There was a leak in the basement below. However, Br. Bob assures me there was not major damage. It was quickly repaired and is now running well.



Manresa Memories

Manresa, Spain: 19th- 27th June 2017

Last years pilgrimage to the original Manresa in Spain by our Pickering staff proved so successful and enriching that we are taking a second trip this year, with a new group.

-We will spend four days of prayerful reflection in Manresa.

-We will visit the Hospital where St. Ignatius worked as a pilgrim.

-We will stay at the Retreat House built over "Cova Ignasi" the Cave of Ignatius as it is called.

-A trip to Montserrat is scheduled for the third day of our stay. Our tickets have been bought, all that is left is booking our hotel in Barcelona.

-Here we will spend four days of sight seeing and visiting places of interest as selected by the group. We will visit Gaudi's La Sagrada Familia and share our exciting adventures at a meal each night.



The Small Cave at Manresa



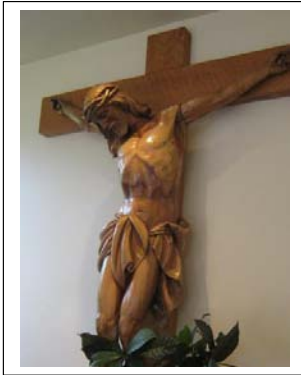
Cova St. Ignasi



The Chapel of the Rapture



Food at Manresa, Spain



EASTER TRIDUUM RETREAT

APRIL 13th – 16th, 2017

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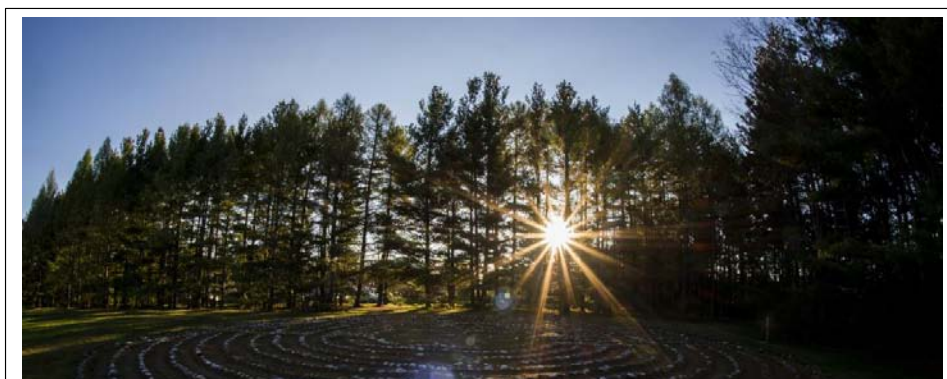
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These days of retreat provide silence and solitude for entering more deeply into the mystery of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection.

This retreat begins on Holy Thursday evening and concludes Easter Sunday morning. The suggested offering is \$ 245.00 per person. OPEN TO MEN & WOMEN.

It includes 3 night's accommodation, meals, retreat program and the opportunity for reconciliation, spiritual direction as well as our Triduum services.

Holy Thursday	-	April 13 th	8:00 pm	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday	-	April 14 th	3:00 pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday	-	April 15 th	8:00 pm	Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	-	April 16 th	8:00 am	Mass of the Resurrection



RETREAT SEASON the rest of 2017

FEBRUARY 2017

03rd - 05th: Women
"Are You Kidding? Remembering and Reclaiming the Gifts of the Child."
Fr. Philip Chircop, S.J.

24th - 26th: Men
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MARCH 2017

10th- 12th: Women
"A Journey of Discovery with Christ."
Fr. Michael Knox, S.J.

17th - 19th: Men
"We too can be transformed – Oscar Romero."
Fr. Robert Foliot, S.J.

24th - 26th: Men/Women **"It All Started On A Sick Bed" Rules of Discernment in the 1st & 2nd weeks of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius**
Fr. Con Mulvihill, S.J.

APRIL 2017

07th - 09th: Women
"Taking Care of Business, the Christian Way"
Fr. Michael Coutts S.J.

13th - 16th; Men/Women
Holy Week Triduum – an Invitation to Spend This Graced Time on Holy Ground.
Our Retreat Team

28th - 30th; Men/Women
"Resurrectionis Gaudium! Living the Joy of the Resurrection."
Our Jesuit Scholastics with Fr. Gilles Mongeau, S.J.

MAY 2017

05th - 07th; Men **"Prophet Daniel's Short Stories."**
Fr. Joseph Schner, S.J.

26 - 28 Women
"We too can be transformed – Oscar Romero."
Fr. Robert Foliot, S.J.

JUNE 2017

02th - 04th; Men/Women
"The Name of God is Mercy."
Fr. Scott Lewis, S.J.

09th - 11th; Men/Women
"As a deer longs for running streams, so longs my soul for you, my God."
Fr. John Sullivan, S.J.

RETREATS FOR MEMBERS OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (A.A.) AND OTHER SIMILAR GROUPS

These retreats explore the Spirituality of the 12 Step Program and of each of the 12 Steps.

MEN

March 03rd - 05th
April 21st - 23rd
May 12th - 14th

WOMEN

February 10th - 12th
June 16th - 18th

MEN/WOMEN OVEREATERS

February 17th - 19th

Please note the Retreat Leader changes for April and May, as noted on Page 2 of this newsletter, for further details, and information please contact us at... (please see the footer addresses:)