



# The Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos

## *El Retiro San Iñigo*

### 2011~2012 CALENDAR

Dear Friends,



Tom Powers  
Executive director

It is a joy to greet all of you – retreatants, benefactors, and friends – and to introduce you to the 2011-2012 offerings

of the Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos. I have spent many an hour in silence here myself and I know the grace and the peace of *El Retiro San Iñigo*.

The Ignatian spirituality that is the foundation of the JRC has been a vital part of my life for many years. I was honored to be the founding director of The Center for Ignatian Spirituality at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. I spent many years as the Director of the Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministries at Santa Clara University where I taught, among other subjects, the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.

Recognizing the difficult economic times we are experiencing, I have reduced our fees in order to assure that as many people as possible may be enriched by the retreats we offer.

I encourage you to examine our many offerings including the possibilities of 8-day, 30-day, and individually directed retreats.

As the new executive director, I look forward to the opportunity to meet many of you in the coming months. I thank you for your support of this important ministry. Please pray for all of us who work here at the JRC. I assure you that you will be in our intentions, especially at our Wednesday Eucharist.

Christ's peace,

Dr. Tom Powers

#### Mission Statement

*The Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos, a community of prayer, offers the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola to all. Through our sharing of the Exercises, rooted in the Word of God and in the Catholic tradition, the Spirit frees minds and hearts to mature in friendship with Christ, to find God in every aspect of experience, and to live Gospel values.*



## AUGUST

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### 12-14 Breaking the Ties that Bind

Silent Retreat for Men

*Fr. Bernard Bush, SJ and Ms. Leelamma Sebastian*

Who makes your decisions for you? How much are you influenced by our culture, media, advertising, peer pressure — and spirits other than God? How truly free do you consider yourself to be? Do you consult and listen to God before you make a choice?

### 26-28 Keeping the Promises

Non-Silent Recovery Retreat for Women

*Sr. Stephanie Still, PBVM and Sr. Patricia Galli, RSM*

A retreat designed for women in recovery that highlights the Promises and Prayer in an imaginative environment. Join us as we journey together on the Road to Happy Destiny.

## SEPTEMBER

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### 9-11 Breaking the Ties that Bind

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Who makes your decisions for you? How much are you influenced by our culture, media, advertising, peer pressure — and spirits other than God? How truly free do you consider yourself to be? Do you consult and listen to God before you make a choice?

### 16-18 Get Up and Go!

Silent Retreat for Men

*Fr. Kevin Ballard, SJ and Sr. Patricia Galli, RSM*

In the Scriptures, God's message often encourages us to *get up and go*. Our own callings often send us on adventures where we need to find the courage and grace to start moving, keep going, and persevere.

### 30 - The Faith That Moves Mountains

Oct. 2 Silent Retreat for Men

*Fr. Duc Vu, SJ*

Jesus says, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, nothing will be impossible for you." (Mt. 17:20) Yet our lives are often full of obstacles seemingly impossible to overcome. Meditating on biblical stories of faith we learn to grow in the faith of possibility and empowerment.

## OCTOBER

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### 7-9 Let's Celebrate! The Saints of October Come Marching In

Silent Retreat for Men & Women

*Fr. Gerald Hudson, SJ*

The lives of the October saints (for example: Thérèse of Lisieux, Francis of Assisi, and Teresa of Avila) inspire us by their service to God and neighbor. This retreat will use their good example and the wisdom of the Spiritual Exercises to help us on our own spiritual journeys.

### 14-16 The Healing Touch of Christ

Silent Retreat for Men & Women, including the St. Vincent de Paul Society

*Fr. Joseph Specht, SJ*

The Scriptures present many episodes of healing. Our reflections will explore the fact that Jesus went far beyond the curing of physical problems in order to heal the heart. We also need healing: as he did then, he does today in our lives.

### 19 The Prophets of Israel - Part III

(Wed.) Non-Silent Bible Day of Prayer for Men & Women

*Fr. Joseph Fice, SJ*

Throughout Israel's history, divine guidance typically came through the prophets. From the great lawgiver-prophet Moses, the Lord sent His chosen prophets to speak to His people. This day will conclude our study of Israel's prophets and the effect of the exile on Jewish religion and messianic expectations. Be sure to bring your Bible!

### 21-23 Getting Better Acquainted with Powerlessness

Non-Silent Recovery Retreat in the Language of Al-Anon for Men & Women

*Msgr. Terrence Richey*

"Controlled controlling is no more possible than is controlled drinking," says Dr. Enid Young. The Al-Anon member goes just as deep into the Steps as the alcoholic must in order to 'go sane.'

### 29 Halloween: Ghosts, Goblins, Spirits and Angels (or Saints)

(Sat.)

Non-Silent Day of Prayer for Men & Women

*Fr. Bernard Bush, SJ*

The word Halloween means a hallowed or holy evening. It is the evening before All Saints Day, November 1. Much superstition has risen around this day and it has come to be a celebration of death and forces of darkness. To restore the true meaning of Halloween we will consider it to be a celebration of the saints, the angels and the light of Christ.

## NOVEMBER

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### 4-6 Giving Thanks for Our Gift of Marriage

Non-Silent Retreat for Married Couples

*Fr. Robert Fabing, SJ and*

*the Jesuit Institute for Family Life staff*

We will focus on the special gifts that God has given you in your married life. Personal prayer time and the celebration of the Eucharist will be an intimate part of our journey of gratefulness.

### 11-13 Let No One Outdo You in Humility! Becoming Grounded in God

Silent Retreat for Men & Women

*Fr. Gerald Hudson, SJ*

The Latin origin of the word humility simply means being grounded. Our retreat will focus on the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius to help us understand that humility before God is being grounded through appreciating God's steadfast love for us.

### 18-20 Gratitude: The Heart of Prayer

Silent Pre-Thanksgiving Retreat for Men & Women

*Fr. James Flynn, SJ and Mrs. Catherine Collins*

Gratitude is the heart of prayer, intricately woven into our relationship with God. When we gather as a nation on Thanksgiving Day, for what blessings in your life will you give thanks and praise?

### 25-27 It is Good to Give Thanks. It is Good to be Useful.

Non-Silent Recovery Retreat for Men & Women

*Fr. Thomas Weston, SJ*

We will help set a tone of gratitude and service as we move into the season of the holidays with its stresses and strains. We will look at the gifts we have been given and the many ways we can be peaceful, attentive, and of service in our recovery.

## DECEMBER

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### 2-4 We Wait in Joyful Hope

Non-Silent Advent Retreat for Men & Women

*Fr. Richard Chilson, CSP and*

*Mrs. Mary da Silva Abinante*

Take time away from the busy-ness of the season to explore Advent themes of watching, waiting, hoping, and dreaming — through presentations, meditation, sharing, and prayer experiences.

### 7 Maranatha! Come Meet the Lord.

(Wed.) Non-Silent Advent Day of Prayer for Men & Women

*Fr. Joseph Fice, SJ*

Advent is a wondrous season in the life of the church, moving from the glory of Christ the King to the "Maranatha" of his Second Coming to the remembrance of the Nativity. It is a season of wonder, of great hope. Come and "prepare the way of the Lord."

### 9-11 Cheerfulness and Laughter Make for Usefulness

Non-Silent Recovery Retreat for Men

*Fr. Kevin Ballard, SJ and Sr. Patricia Galli, RSM*

Cheer and laughter are spiritual doors to a sober and happy life. Our admission of powerlessness brings us to rooms filled with the sound of laughter. The joyous men and women we join in these rooms share our problem: we are all walking a path that leads to a life of sane and happy usefulness. "Why shouldn't we laugh?"

### 17 Countdown to Christmas — Our Redemption is at Hand

(Sat.) Non-Silent Day of Prayer for Men & Women

*Fr. Gerald Hudson, SJ*

As we approach the celebration of the birth of our Savior, we recognize how much we are loved by God — that He gave His only son — and how privileged we are to share in His work of redemption.

### 30 - Jan. 1 The New Year's Retreat — Gentle and Serene — Celebrate with People in Recovery

Non-Silent Recovery Retreat for Men & Women

*Fr. Thomas Weston, SJ*

Take some time to end the old year and welcome in the new with quiet, peace, and grateful people. We will look at the year past and forward to 2012 examining how the steps and the tools of recovery make this a rich and wonderful experience. (retreat fee: \$340, deposit: \$150)

## JANUARY

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### 6-8 A Vision for You

Non-Silent Recovery Retreat for Women

*Sr. Patricia Galli, RSM and Ms. Mary Peterson*

In an imaginative environment, women in recovery explore the tools that keep us sober and sane. Come celebrate with us in the sunlight of the Spirit with gratitude and joy.

# Retreat Calendar

## 13-15 Women with the Spirit...Women with a Voice

Silent Retreat for Women

*Fr. Kevin Ballard, SJ and Mrs. Helen Bunje*

The Middle Ages and Renaissance brought forth women of mystical grace. They voiced their experience of God and changed the way Christians imagined their relationship to God and to others. We will spend time to see how their graces can inspire our lives.

## 20-22 It's Time to Break Those New Year's Resolutions

Silent Retreat for Men & Women

*Fr. Gerald Hudson, SJ*

The title is ironic; but it has a lesson. Whenever we make resolutions, we are thinking of our actions and ourselves. Instead, let us think about God in our lives. The *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius may help us do just that — gain a God-centered perspective on our lives.

## 27-29 The Healing Touch of Christ

Silent Retreat for Men

*Fr. Joseph Specht, SJ*

The Scriptures present many episodes of healing. Our reflections will explore the fact that Jesus went far beyond the curing of physical problems in order to heal the heart. We also need healing: as he did then, he does today in our lives.

## FEBRUARY

### 4 At Play in the Fields of the Lord

(Sat.) Non-Silent Day of Prayer for Men & Women

*Fr. Kevin Ballard, SJ*

St. Irenaeus said: "The Glory of God is the human being fully alive". When we are fully alive we are enjoying life. We're at Play. Spirituality does not preclude play. This day of recollection will help us to find God's joyous presence and playfulness.

### 10-12 Echoes of Vatican II

Silent Retreat for Men

*Fr. Joseph Fice, SJ*

50 years ago the Catholic Church renewed itself and its posture toward the world. We Catholics are shaped by Vatican II. Let us gather and prayerfully recall where we've been, where we are, and what the future might hold for us as Catholics of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## 22 Repent and Believe the Good News

(Wed.) Silent Ash Wednesday Day of Prayer for Men & Women

*Fr. James Flynn, SJ*

The word "Lent" is an ancient word for spring. The Season of Lent is a time in our personal lives for old attitudes to melt and disappear. We clear the ground; we clear away rubbish to welcome new life. During Lent we sow so that one day, the Day of the Lord, there will be an abundant harvest.

## 24-26 The Shape of God's Heart

Silent Art Retreat for Men & Women

*Fr. Mark Torres, SJ and Mr. Fabian Debora*

Through prayer, presentations, and a shared art activity, participants are invited to take time to quiet down and open up to the Artist within.

## MARCH

### 2-4 This is My Beloved Son — Listen to Him!

Silent Retreat for Men including the Knights of Columbus

*Fr. Kevin Ballard, SJ*

With these words, the Father introduces Jesus to humanity. What son would not love to hear that his father is proud of him and trusts him? Jesus had this experience of the delight of his Father: that IS the Good News! Let's get in touch with this experience of God's delight in us and reflect on its happy consequences.

### 9-11 Witnessing to Jesus Christ

Silent Retreat for the Members of the Legal Profession

*Fr. George Collins, SJ*

Come and explore a variety of New Testament witnesses to Jesus Christ. What can these earliest disciples of Jesus teach us to both embrace and avoid in our attempt to give witness to the significance of Jesus in our daily lives.

### 23-25 The Hope That Shines in Darkness

Silent Retreat for Women

*Fr. Duc Vu, SJ*

St. Paul tells us, "If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all." (1 Cor. 15:19) The virtue of hope responds to the desire for happiness that God has laced in the human heart. It opens up our hearts in expectation of blessedness. Biblical stories of hope teach us to resist selfishness and to yearn for eternal life with God.

### 30 - A Palm Sunday Weekend Retreat

Apr. 1 Silent Retreat for Men

*Fr. Thomas Weston, SJ*

This is a time for us to gather in prayer and meditation to enter Holy Week. We will examine and pray over the rich themes of Lent and the graces of Holy Week.

## APRIL

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### 5-8 He Gave His Life...

Holy Week Silent Retreat for Men & Women

*Pastoral Staff and Guest Directors*

St. Paul tells us that Jesus took on our human condition in every respect except sin. In each event of his passion, he has joined his experience of suffering and death to ours that he might be one in us and we in him. As we contemplate these events, we share in the divine love that embraces us. (retreat fee: \$350, deposit: \$150)

### 13-15 Together for Life: Blessing and Challenge

Non-Silent Retreat for Married Couples

*Fr. Lawrence Percell, PhD and Denise & Paul Paternoster*

Marriage is a visible sign of God's love. It is a life of sharing in God's plan for creation by making Christ present in the world. Jesus who loves perfectly and calls us to growth is our norm. We are invited to find Christ in all the details that constitute the realities of married life.

### 20-22 Breaking the Ties that Bind

Silent Retreat for Men & Women

*Fr. Bernard Bush, SJ and Sr. Anne Hennessey, CSJ*

Who makes your decisions for you? How much are you influenced by our culture, media, advertising, peer pressure — and spirits other than God? How truly free do you consider yourself to be? Do you consult and listen to God before you make a choice?

### 27-29 Ignatian Spirituality for Women

Non-Silent Retreat for Women

*Mrs. Mary da Silva Abinante, Ms. Mary Ahlback, and Ms. Rita Dollard-O'Malley*

St. Ignatius of Loyola, a 16<sup>th</sup> century nobleman and soldier, gave us a spirituality that has spoken to women throughout the centuries. Our retreat will explore key themes of Ignatian Spirituality as they speak to us in our relationship with God and our experience of the holy in everyday life.

## MAY

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### 4-6 The Love That Forgives and Gives

Silent Retreat for Men

*Fr. Duc Vu, SJ*

"Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things... Love never fails." (1 Cor. 13:7-8a) However, our 21<sup>st</sup> century reality gives us a different picture of love: sex and pleasure — plus heartache, betrayal, and despair. Do we have a choice between these two kinds of love? Praying with the stories of Jesus, we grow in authentic love.

### 12 The Song of Motherhood

(Sat.) Non-Silent Day of Prayer for Women

*Ms. Julie Paavola*

Motherhood, the path for many women, is also a divine call to participation in God's creative and redemptive work. Ignatius will accompany us as we explore this grace. (Based on her book, Paulist Press 2011)

### 16 The Prophets of Israel - Part III

(Wed.) Non-Silent Bible Day of Prayer for Men & Women

*Fr. Joseph Fice, SJ*

Throughout Israel's history, divine guidance typically came through the prophets. From the great lawgiver-prophet Moses, the Lord sent His chosen prophets to speak to His people. This day will conclude our study of Israel's prophets and the effect of the exile on Jewish religion and messianic expectations. Be sure to bring your Bible!

### 18-20 A Retreat for Relatives and Friends of Alcoholics and Addicts

Non-Silent Recovery Retreat for Men & Women in the Language of Al-Anon

*Fr. Thomas Weston, SJ*

This is a weekend of re-creation and renewal for those who are relatives and friends of alcoholics and addicts. We will explore the Steps, the slogans, and the tools of recovery with friends, companions, and allies.

### 25-27 A Journey through Grief to Healing

Non-Silent Retreat for Those Grieving

*Fr. Joseph Fice, SJ*

This is a time and a place for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Grief is emblematic of our love for one who is no longer with us. Grief also helps reveal the mysteries and magnitude of all that is foundational to our lives.

## JUNE

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### 1-3 Ignatius Leads Our Spiritual Exercise

Silent Spiritual Exercises Retreat for Men & Women

*Fr. Bernard Bush, SJ and Mr. Michael Cheney*

Ignatius tells us spiritual exercises are like physical exercise. We do them because they are good for us. The *Spiritual Exercises* may help free us from our attachments to seek and find God's will to become what He has created us to be.

### 8-10 We Will Comprehend the Word Serenity and We Will Know Peace

Non-Silent Recovery Retreat for Men & Women

*Fr. Philip Garcia, OFM*

The third promise of our Ninth Step isn't about arriving at a tranquil place of inactivity but about the assurance that if we are painstaking about our development, we won't fall apart! This is an opportunity to reflect on what serenity looks like and appreciate those times when 'we will know peace.'

## 16 Jesus and the Father are One

(Sat.) Non-Silent Day of Prayer for Men & Women

*Fr. James Flynn, SJ*

Fatherhood is an awesome responsibility in any age. As we honor fathers throughout our land, we will look to St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, and others who model the goodness of our heavenly Father.

## ONGOING PROGRAMS

### Evenings of Healing Prayer for Men & Women

*Fr. Bernard Bush, SJ*

Tuesday, November 29, 2011

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

These evenings of healing prayer will be offered throughout the year. We will gather in Rossi Chapel for the Rosary at 7:15 p.m. The Healing Service will begin at 7:30 p.m. There is no fee for these services.

### Silent Individually Directed Retreats for Men & Women

*The Jesuit Retreat Center Team & Guest Directors*

El Retiro retreat directors are available for private, individually directed retreats of three days or more. For information, please contact the Jesuit Retreat Center (650) 917-4000 -or- retreat@jrclosaltos.org

## SUMMER 2012 PROGRAMS

### Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius

Silent 30-Day Retreat for Men & Women plus 3 days of preparation and reflection

June 21 - July 25, 2012

*Pastoral Staff and Guest Directors*

This full experience of the *Spiritual Exercises* includes daily individual direction and Eucharist. The program includes theological preparation for and subsequent reflection on the 30-day retreat. Visit our website or contact the Retreat Center for information about the process of application and acceptance.

(Fee: \$3,400, Deposit: \$500 due with completed application)

### Silent 8-Day Retreats for Men & Women

June 23-July 2

July 3-12

July 13-22

*The Jesuit Retreat Center Pastoral Staff and Guest Directors*

Retreatants are guided individually through days of prayer rooted in the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius. The team of directors is experienced in Ignatian spirituality. Visit our website or contact the Retreat Center for information about the process of application and acceptance.

(Fee: \$900, Deposit: \$200 due with completed application)

## OTHER MINISTRIES

### Spiritual Direction

Well-trained and experienced men and women are available for individual spiritual direction. We are also able to recommend directors in the San Francisco Bay Area. Please contact the Retreat Center office at (650) 917-4000 for information.

### Outside Groups

The Jesuit Retreat Center serves as host to select religious, non-profit, and educational groups that wish to use our facilities for their own programs. We have single and double residential rooms as well as conference facilities that hold up to 100 individuals. For information, please visit our website or contact Ms. Leelamma Sebastian: (650) 917-4042 -or- lsebastian@jrclosaltos.org

## BOOKSTORE

Hundreds of titles in the areas of spirituality and prayer, plus CDs and more, are available in our Bookstore. When buying books on-line, please access Amazon.com through the Bookstore tab on our website — [www.elretiro.org](http://www.elretiro.org)

**Weekend retreats** typically begin with registration on Friday, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., a 6:30 p.m. reception, and then dinner at 7:00 p.m. They conclude with Mass and lunch on Sunday.

**Days of Prayer** begin with registration and a continental breakfast at 9:30 a.m. The first conference is at 10:00 a.m. The day includes lunch and the celebration of Eucharist and concludes by 4:00 p.m.

**Fee:** The fee for weekend retreats is \$250 per person, unless otherwise noted. Retreatant rooms are en suite. Days of Prayer are \$50. For other programs, the fees are listed. A deposit is required to confirm a retreat reservation. Unless otherwise noted, the minimum deposit is \$100 per person and is applied to the total cost of the retreat. You may pay in cash, check, or credit card. (We accept VISA, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express.)

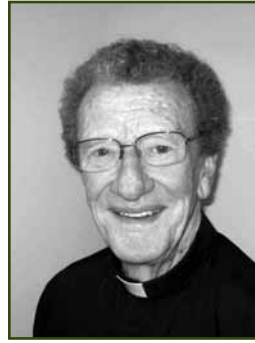
**Refund Policy:** For cancellations received fewer than ten days prior to the start of the retreat, the deposit is not refundable.

Complete and up-to-date information on retreats, directors, fees and more is available on our website. Please visit us at [www.elretiro.org](http://www.elretiro.org)

# Retreat Center Directors



**Mrs. Mary da Silva Abinante** has worked in parish, retreat, and high school ministries in California and the Northwest for over 30 years. She is currently on the Adult Spirituality Team at St. Ignatius College Preparatory in San Francisco. She has a MA in Religious Education.



**Fr. Bernard Bush, SJ, PhD**, worked for 13 years as a therapist for clergy and religious. He has written articles on spirituality, social justice, and child abuse prevention, the book *Living in His Love: Essays on Prayer and Christian Living and Coping: Issues of Emotional Living in an Age of Stress for Clergy and Religious*.



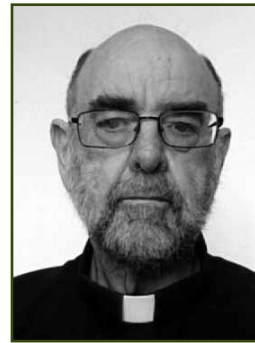
**Ms. Mary Ahlback** has worked in Catholic education for 35 years as a teacher and administrator, the past 20 years teaching religious studies at St. Ignatius College Preparatory in San Francisco. She has an MA in theology and is a trained spiritual director.



**Mr. Michael Cheney** is both a spiritual director and theology teacher. He and his family reside in Sacramento where he teaches at Jesuit High School and serves as the Director of Faculty Development. He was trained in the Pierre Favre Program of the Jesuit Retreat Center to give the Spiritual Exercises.



**Fr. Kevin Ballard, SJ**, was born in San Francisco and raised in a military family. He entered the Jesuits in 1972 and was ordained in 1985. His ministries have included parish work, community organizing, high school teaching, and retreat work. Sober since 1981, Kevin enjoys language study and bird-watching.



**Fr. Richard Chilson, CSP**, a Paulist priest living in San Francisco has been involved in college chaplaincy, Christian-Buddhist dialogue, recovery ministry, and several years as a hospital chaplain at the University of Minnesota Medical Center. He is the author of 17 books on spirituality and Christian initiation.



**Mrs. Helen Bunje** holds an MA in Theology from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. In addition to her 25 years in ministry as a spiritual director, she served as a pastoral minister at Stanford University Hospital. Her husband, Carl, is a permanent deacon in the Diocese of San Jose.



**Mrs. Catherine Collins**, mother and grandmother, graduate of University of San Francisco, earned an MA in Pastoral Ministry from the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley and worked in parish ministry. She was trained in the Pierre Favre Program of the Jesuit Retreat Center to give the Spiritual Exercises.

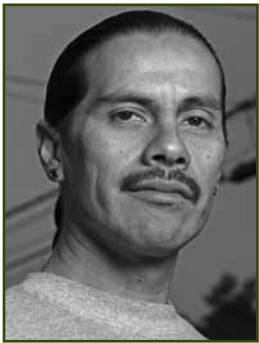
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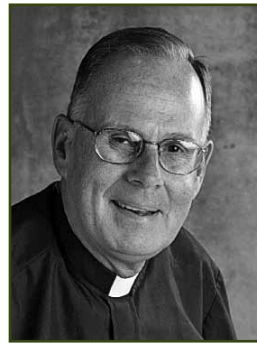
**Fr. George Collins, SJ**, is a priest of the New England Province who entered the Society of Jesus after a career in computer software sales. He was ordained in 2010 and is now completing his studies at the Jesuit School of Theology. He has trained in programs to give the Spiritual Exercises.



**Fr. Joseph Fice, SJ**, has worked in parishes, universities, and high school religious education, mostly teaching Scripture. He directed retreats during the summertime, including the Spiritual Exercises. A member of the Jesuit Retreat Center staff since 2000, he takes great care of the bookstore.



**Mr. Fabian Debora**, raised in East Los Angeles, early discovered a passion for drawing. In juvenile detention, his skill in tattooing led him into gang life. Helped by Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ, Fabian redirected his talent. Five years sober, Fabian continues his artistic spiritual journey and is the primary counselor at Homeboy Industries.



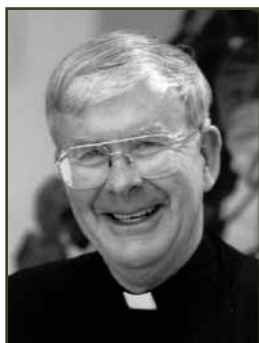
**Fr. James Flynn, SJ**, spent years in administration in Jesuit high schools and at the University of San Francisco. He was Superior of the Jesuit community, counselor to students, and spiritual director for faculty and staff at Brophy College Preparatory, Phoenix and serves on our JRC Pastoral Staff and as the superior of the Jesuit Community.



**Ms. Rita Dollard-O'Malley** is currently the Director of Adult Spirituality at St. Ignatius College Preparatory, San Francisco. She is a spiritual and retreat director for high schools across the country. She is married and the mother of four sons.



**Sr. Patricia Galli, RSM**, graduated from the University of San Francisco. Through the experience of the love of God through the Twelve Steps and the Spiritual Exercises, she became a Sister of Mercy and earned MAs in Counseling and Theology. Her full-time ministry is as a Spiritual Director and Retreat leader.



**Fr. Bob Fabing, SJ**, founded 61 marriage counseling and family therapy centers and the Jesuit Institute for Family Life International Network. He began the summer 30-day program in the Spiritual Exercises at the JRC. He has a doctorate in counseling psychology and ascetical theology.



**Fr. Philip Garcia, OFM**, a Franciscan Friar originally from San Francisco, has extensive experience as a retreat leader and spiritual director. He currently ministers at St. Francis Retreat in San Juan Bautista, CA, and assists at local parishes in the Diocese of Monterey.

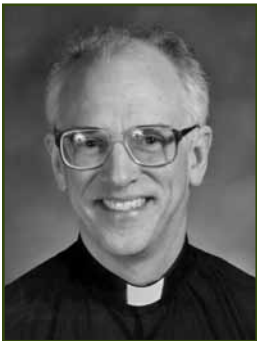
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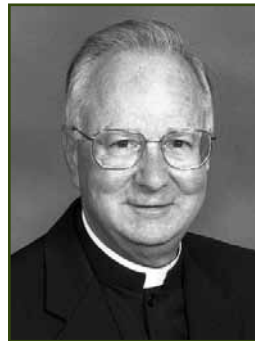
**Sr. Anne Hennessy, CSJ**, from 1989 to 2000, “commuted” between Rome and Israel, teaching at the Gregorian University and ministering in a Jesuit retreat center on the Sea of Galilee. She has written on the New Testament and on the Jesuit origins of her community, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange.



**Denise and Paul Paternoster** are 2009 graduates from the Institute for Leadership in Ministry of the Diocese of San Jose. They are active in the RCIA, Music, and Liturgical Ministries in their parish of St. Nicholas in Los Altos.



**Fr. Gerald Hudson, SJ**, taught mathematics for many years at Loyola High School, Loyola Marymount University, and St. Ignatius College Preparatory. He serves numerous times each year as a director in the 30-day Spiritual Exercises and the weekend retreats offered at the Jesuit Retreat Center.



**Fr. Lawrence Percell, PhD**, was ordained in 2003, after a 30-year marriage that ended with his wife’s death. He has a daughter, a son, three granddaughters and a grandson. His doctorate is in clinical psychology and he is currently the pastor of St. Nicholas Parish in Los Altos – the pastor of the JRC.



**Bro. Thomas Koller, SJ**, served for 12 years at St. Ignatius College Preparatory, San Francisco. Earlier, he was on the staff of the Jesuit headquarters in Rome and spent many years as manager of the Novitiate Winery where, for almost a century, California Jesuits produced sacramental and commercial wines.



**Ms. Mary Peterson** is a wife, mother, grandmother, and artist. She received training as a spiritual director at Mercy Center Burlingame and has a private spiritual direction practice in Santa Rosa. Her own experience in sobriety is the foundation for her work with 12-step retreats at the Jesuit Retreat Center.

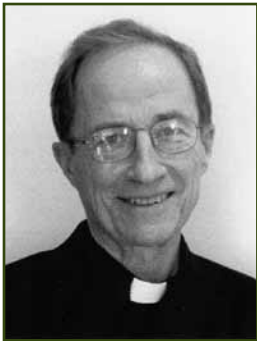


**Ms. Julie Paavola** has an MA in Religion and directs retreats nationwide. She was trained in the Pierre Favre Program of the Jesuit Retreat Center to give the Spiritual Exercises. Bilingual, she ministers to the Hispanic community and published *Mother’s Calling, The Love in the Heart of the World*. She and her husband have two boys.

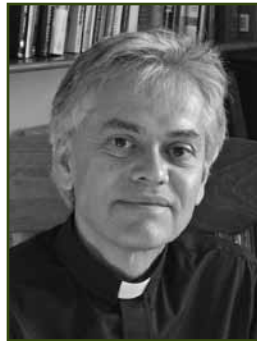


**Dr. Tom Powers** earned his doctorate in sacred theology from the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley after conducting his dissertation research in Peru. He was the founding director of The Center for Ignatian Spirituality at Loyola Marymount University and director of the Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministries at Santa Clara University.

# Retreat Center Directors



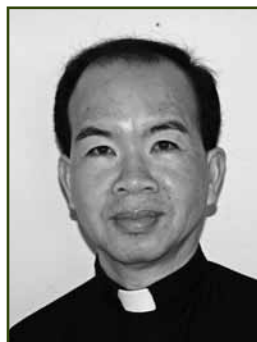
**Msgr. Terrence Richey**, Archdiocese of Los Angeles, has worked in parishes in the L.A. area since his ordination. For 20 years he has chaired a group offering intervention and support to clergy and religious who suffer from substance abuse. A seasoned retreat director, he is in residence at St. Basil Parish in Los Angeles.



**Fr. Mark Torres, SJ**, is a licensed therapist who has worked at Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles for seven years. He provides mental health counseling and retreats for former gang members. He also serves as a spiritual director, mentors young people, and assists families in coping with life challenges.



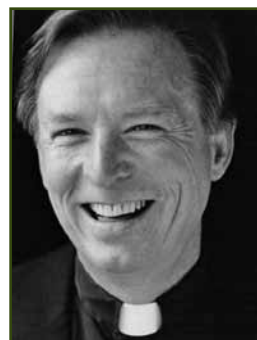
**Ms. Leelamma Sebastian**, JRC Program Director, from Kerala, South India, holds an MS in counseling psychology from Chaminade University, Honolulu. In Hawaii, she worked for Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Honolulu and trained in the Pierre Favre Program of the JRC to give the Spiritual Exercises.



**Fr. Duc Vu, SJ**, a software engineer before joining the Jesuits, was ordained in 2002 and served in a parish until 2007. His MFA in creative writing reflects his interest in life as story. He enjoys exploring the dynamic among stories human and divine.



**Fr. Joseph Specht, SJ**, has spent over two decades in parish ministry and ministered as a healthcare chaplain at two medical centers and a hospice program in Hawaii. He has been privileged to be with people in their happiness of baptisms and weddings as well as the difficult times of sickness and death.



**Fr. Thomas Weston, SJ**, has been involved in I2-step programs since 1976. A former Director of the Jesuit Volunteers Corps and teacher at Loyola High School in Los Angeles, he has degrees in counseling, education, and theology. He conducts workshops and seminars and preaches retreats internationally.



**Sr. Stephanie Still, PBVM**, earned her BA at UC Berkeley and trained at Mercy Center Burlingame. Her early ministry was in high school education and she now serves in leadership for her Congregation, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

# Directions to The Jesuit Retreat Center

The Jesuit Retreat Center is located at 300 Manresa Way (off University Avenue) in Los Altos.

## From Highway 280:

Take the El Monte/Moody Road exit. Proceed on El Monte East (downhill toward the bay). At the third signal, turn left onto University Avenue. Proceed along University Avenue for 0.3 miles. Turn left on Manresa Way (a stone pillar with a brass plaque marks the entrance to the Jesuit Retreat Center). Proceed uphill (bearing left) to The Jesuit Retreat Center.

## From San Francisco Airport: (approx 26 miles)

When exiting the San Francisco Airport, follow the signs to Highway 380. Take 380 to Highway 280 South (left) turnoff. Taking Highway 280 south, follow directions above.

## From San Jose Airport: (approx 18 miles)

When exiting the San Jose Airport, follow the signs to Highway 880 South. Take 880 South to Highway 280 North (right) turnoff. Take 280 North, follow directions above.

## From Highway 101:

Take the San Antonio Road South exit (away from Bay). Proceed on San Antonio for approximately 4 miles. Turn left onto Foothill Expressway (San Antonio ends at Foothill). At the first signal, turn right onto El Monte. At the first signal, turn right onto University Avenue. Proceed along University Avenue for 0.3 miles. Turn left at Manresa Way (a stone pillar with a brass plaque marks the entrance to the Jesuit Retreat Center.) Proceed up the hill (bearing left) to The Jesuit Retreat Center.

## Reservation Form

(If you prefer, you may register on-line at [www.elretiro.org](http://www.elretiro.org))

Retreat Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
month date(s) year

Mr/Mrs/etc. \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix (e.g., M.D.) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
month day year

Have you made a retreat with us before?  Yes  No

Parish/Retreat Group (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Home or Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap or mobility difficulties? Please specify needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to share a room?  Yes  No If so, with whom? \_\_\_\_\_

**Method of Payment:** (If by check, please make check payable to **Jesuit Retreat Center**)

AMEX/Discover Card/MasterCard/VISA # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
month year

Cardholder's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### Amount Enclosed:

Full Retreat Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

or Deposit \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### OFFICE USE ONLY

Amount Received \_\_\_\_\_

Room Assigned \_\_\_\_\_

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## Retreat Center Information

Our offices are open Monday through Friday.

We are closed on legal holidays, Christmas, and Good Friday.

Complete and up-to-date information on retreats, directors, fees, and more is available on our website: [www.elretiro.org](http://www.elretiro.org)

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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300 Manresa Way	Fax (650) 948-0640
Los Altos, CA 94022	<a href="http://www.elretiro.org">www.elretiro.org</a>

### **RETREAT CENTER PASTORAL STAFF**

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Fr. Bernard J. Bush, SJ	Dr. Tom Powers
Fr. Joseph J. Fice, SJ	Ms. Leelamma M. Sebastian
Fr. James E. Flynn, SJ	Fr. Joseph E. Specht, SJ
Fr. Gerald F. Hudson, SJ	Fr. Duc M. Vu, SJ

### **RETREAT CENTER ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

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Dr. Tom Powers	<i>Executive Director</i>
Bro. Thomas Koller, SJ	<i>Assistant to the ED</i>
Ms. Leelamma M. Sebastian	<i>Program Director</i>
Mrs. Kathy Carroll	<i>Administrative Assistant</i>
Mrs. Trinh Q. Lai	<i>Program Assistant</i>
Mr. Leo B. Mitrovich	<i>Chief Plant Engineer</i>
Ms. Idali Santillano	<i>Housekeeping Manager</i>
Ms. Teresa M. Silveira	<i>Food Service Manager</i>
Mrs. Carmel M. Smith	<i>Executive Assistant</i>