



THE JESUIT  
RETREAT CENTER  
OF LOS ALTOS

# Annual Report for 2020

## Message from the Board of Directors Chair

Hello Friends,

As I sit here in September 2021, I am so proud of the year-plus the Jesuit Retreat Center has just completed. In 2020 our last face-to-face meeting was on Monday March 16. We had just heard about the Bay Area shelter-in-place order that was to begin at midnight. To say we didn't know what was coming is an understatement. The enormity of the pandemic was not evident to us at the board meeting on that day. So much sickness, death, fear, sadness, isolation, and exhaustion was to follow, and is still partly with us. But as a community, the staff, members of the Jesuit Community, volunteers, and friends of the JRC were able to continue on our mission of Finding God in All Things. Through the videos provided by Father John Auther and the pastoral staff, the outside Masses, and the virtual retreats we continued to provide Ignatian spirituality to all who came to us, either virtually or in person. In fact due to our digital offerings we were able to reach people across the state, nation, and even to other continents. I hope now that our doors are fully open again, you will take the time to schedule your next retreat. *Continued on page 2*



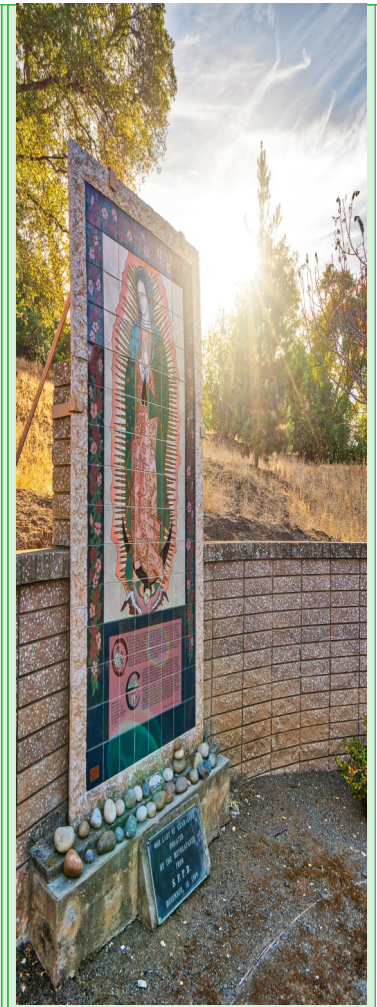
## Message from the Executive Director

Greetings and Peace from JRC Los Altos!

At long last we seem to be making genuine progress against the pandemic, which has so altered our lives and our world! The gradual return to normalcy allowed the Retreat Center to open its doors fully to retreatants this past summer, and many have taken advantage of the opportunity to spend days of peace, quiet and contemplation here at El Retiro.



Although the Retreat Center was closed for fifteen months, it was not a place of idleness. As you are no doubt aware, the pastoral staff shifted quickly from in-person retreats to a wide array of virtual retreats, online spiritual direction and daily video reflections. While these creative ventures were surprisingly effective, they could scarcely compare with time spent in prayer and reflection at the Retreat House on Manresa Way! *Continued on page 2*



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## Message from the Board of Directors Chair

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As I look back, there are many moments of thanks and gratitude that have kept us going along the way. Thank you to the board members who have served, especially John Gemello, a founding board member and board chair. To Dyane Hendricks our Development Director, and her team for continually working on fundraising and building strong relationships. To the leadership of Father Chi and the JRC staff for adapting their work to keep the administrative and physical grounds of the Center in order. To the pastoral staff led by Father Kevin who went above and beyond their missions during the pandemic, learning new skills and sacrificing in order to bring both spiritual and physical enhancements to the Center.

And to you reading this, my heartfelt thank you and appreciation for all you do to make the Jesuit Retreat Center so special. As we move to the end of 2021 and anticipate the new year of 2022, let us continue to spread the word about a place that means so much to all of us.

Warmly,

Kim Manca, Board Chair  
The Jesuit Retreat Center

## Message from the Executive Director

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In order to make time at the Retreat Center more comfortable and pleasant for our retreatants, the staff and Jesuits took advantage of the downtime to do some facility renovations, especially on our main building, Loyola Hall. The grounds and gardens have also been well-cared for and are in beautiful shape. Retreatants have commented on how nice room renovations and grounds look as they come on campus. All this and we have barely begun our preparations to celebrate our Centennial in 2025!

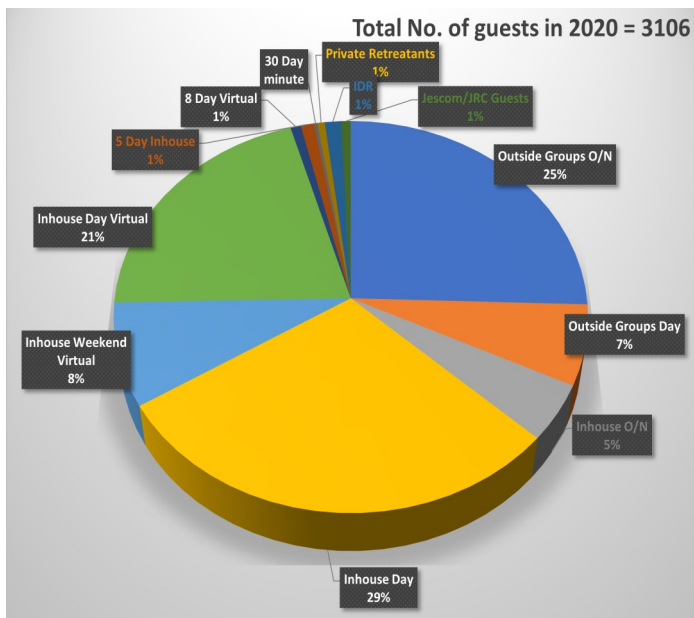
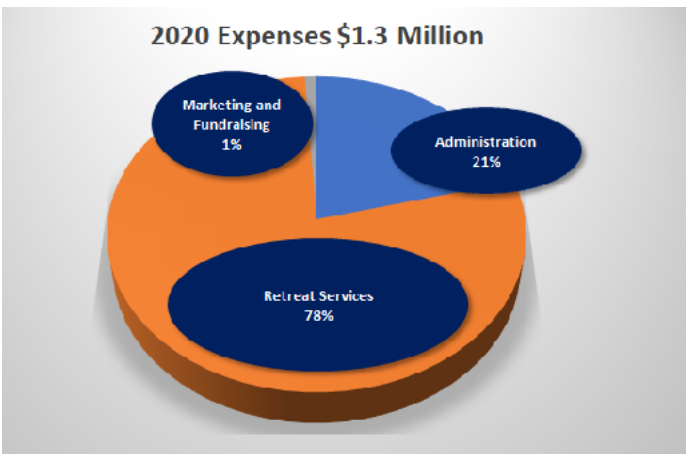
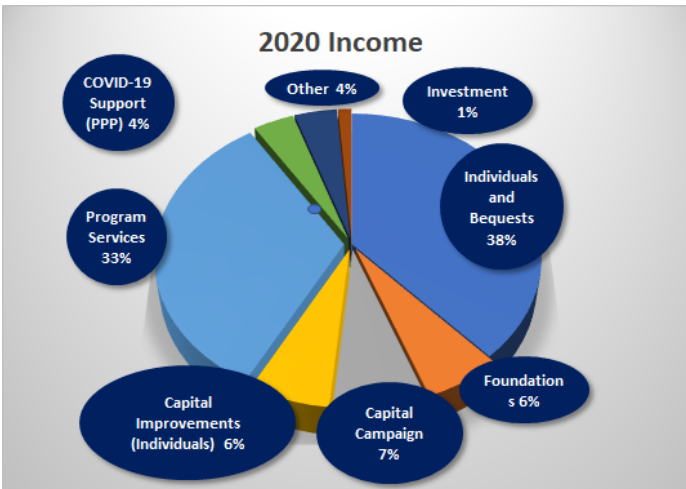
The 2021 Autumn Retreat Season is filled with a variety of retreat offerings, both in-person and online. As has been the case for many enterprises, our Retreat Center suffered a severe financial impact due to losses in revenues caused by the pandemic. It is no exaggeration to state that the outpouring support from friends and supporters like you have made it possible for us to continue to offer *The Spiritual Exercises* and Ignatian spirituality at the Retreat Center. We remain eternally grateful.

Please join us for a retreat, a workshop or spiritual direction when you are free and able to do so. We are carefully following all health protocols mandated by Santa Clara County to ensure the safety of all who come to this special place.

Please know that you are in our prayers and we continue to count on your support for us. May God continue to bless you and those you love.

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Chi Ngo, S.J.  
Executive Director



#### Balance Sheet as of 12/31/2020

Total Assets	\$3,951,597
Total Liabilities	\$ 316,809
Net Assets	\$ 3,634,78

#### The JRC Fiscal Portrait

During the 2020 pandemic lockdown, over one-third of our financial support came from donors and foundations.

There was almost a \$1.5 million revenue loss due to the COVID crisis. JRC shifted to virtual retreats which created a growing interest throughout the United States in *The Spiritual Exercises* at the Retreat Center. Virtual retreat fees are substantially less than onsite retreats, but expenses did not decrease. Costs for administration, facilities maintenance, daily operations and spiritual direction remained and, in some cases, increased. Support from our donors was crucial during this time and contributions exceeded expectations.

We are grateful for all the support The Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos receives.





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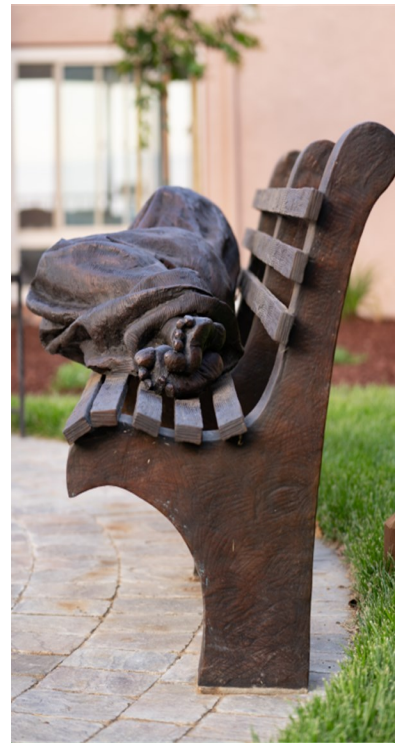
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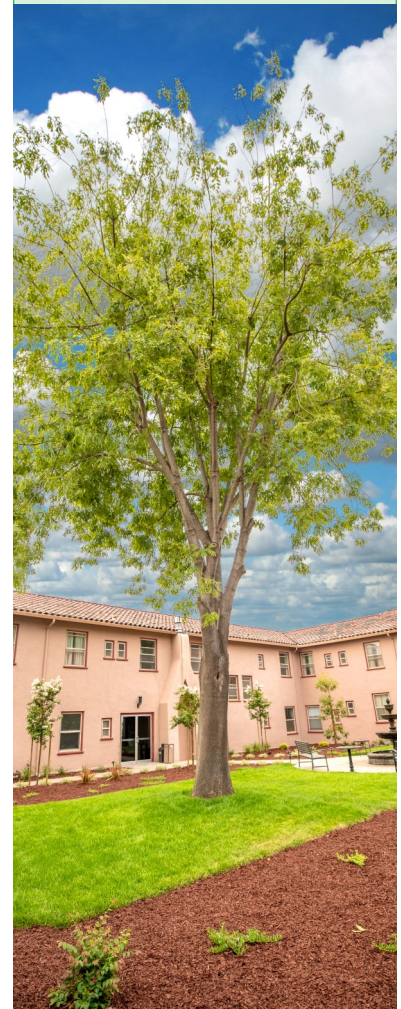
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As we plan for the second 100 years, the Jesuit Retreat Center is pleased to announce the formation of the El Retiro Society. By joining, you will join a community of donors who remember JRC through their planned giving.

We are grateful for the gifts that come after the donors' lifetime, bearing witness that the Retreat Center that they supported and cherished does indeed change lives.

Your legacy of support makes the Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos stronger, sustainable and better equipped to reach future generations with our message to live by the Ignatian norm that calls us to find God in all things; to discover where God will best be served and where people will best be helped; to show love in deeds and not just in words.

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- ◇ Charitable Remainder Trust
- ◇ Charitable Gift Annuity
- ◇ Retained Life Estate
- ◇ Life Insurance Policy

### You may choose your Fund Designation

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- ◇ Capital Improvement
  - Example: a specific building, such as the Rossi Chapel, or a Grounds Feature, such as a garden or pathway
- ◇ Centennial Capital Campaign
- ◇ Scholarships
- ◇ Religious Sisters
- ◇ Recovery
- ◇ High School
- ◇ Homeboys, Homegirls
- ◇ Jesuit Community
- ◇ Endowment
- ◇ A JRC program or project of your own choosing.

The El Retiro Society will gather each year for Mass and a dinner.

For more information about the El Retiro Society visit

<https://www.jrclosaltos.org/elretirosociety>

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Fr. Bernie Bush, S. J.

Born: September 13, 1934  
Died : December 7, 2020  
Jesuit for 69 years.  
Missioned at JRC in 1993



Fr. Joseph J Fice, S.J.

Born : March 9, 1938  
Died: December 13, 2020  
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JRC Tenure: 2000—2014

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## The Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos

The Retreat Center of Los Altos believes that “**Retreats Change Lives.**” We live by the Ignatian norm that calls us to find God in all things, discover where God will best be served, people will best be helped, and to show love in our deeds and words.

### Mission

Through our sharing of the Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola, 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.

We fulfill our mission of bringing people closer to God by providing numerous retreats, workshops, training programs, and individual direction to thousands of individuals who come to the Jesuit Retreat Center each year.

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## A NEW LOGO FOR A NEW CENTURY



The Jesuit Retreat Center will be celebrating 100 years in 2025. In preparation for this wonderful Centennial, our look and logo have been updated. We wish to thank Mr. Joe Guido, who recently retired from the Board of Directors, for spearheading and underwriting our new design

## JRC RETREATS AND PROGRAMS

JRC offers various virtual and in-person programs including:

- ◆ Weekend and 4-Day Retreats and Workshops
- ◆ 8-Day and 30-Day Retreats (*The Spiritual Exercises* of Saint Ignatius)
- ◆ Individually Directed Retreats of varying lengths (overnight to 30-Day)
- ◆ 19th Annotation Retreats — a form of *The Spiritual Exercises*
- ◆ Annual 8-Day Retreats for the Jesuits West Province
- ◆ Summer Internship — a five-week summer program training Jesuits to give 8-Day retreats
- ◆ Spiritual Direction — individual direction by a member of the Pastoral Staff of the retreat center
- ◆ Pierre Favre Program — a three-year course that trains participants to give the 19th Annotation Retreat of *The Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

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