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\$40 with registration is nonrefundable. This is approximately 10 % of the total cost of the program and will be put toward your "Promise to Pay" amount.

Cost: Contribute whatever amount you can afford. The cost to the Bridges Foundation per participant is approximately \$425.00. A payment schedule can be arranged. One person's contribution helps another and no one is turned away for financial reasons.

The amount I promise to pay for the 2019-2020 Magis Program is

\$ _____**

**this is needed for budgeting purposes.

Registration begins on May 1, 2019

Registration Deadline: September 1, 2019

Check One for Small Group Participation

___ 1. Being Christ Today in The Form of Compassion.

___ 2. Inner Compass: Finding Our Creativity in the Spiritual Exercises

___ 3. Integrating Various Resources in Companionship Retreatants

___ 4. Dynamics of the Spiritual Exercises

___ 5. Prayer Companion Training

___ 6. Interfacing the Spiritual Exercises with 12 Step Spirituality

Morning Schedule:

- 8:45 a.m. - Refreshments
- 9:05 a.m. - Opening Prayer
- 9:10 a.m. - Presentation I
- 9:35 a.m. - Standing Break
- 9:45 a.m. - Presentation II
- 10:10 a.m. - Announcements
- 10:15 a.m. - Break
- 10:30 a.m. - Small Group Participation
- 12:00 p.m. - Meeting Adjourned

Dates and Topics

Saturday, September 21, 2019

- Purpose of the Spiritual Exercise (annotations)—
Danielle Harrison
- Images of God
Danielle Harrison

Saturday, October 19, 2019

- God's Love and My Reaction
Sr. Madeleine Lane, SSND
- Effects of Sin in the World
Sr. Madeleine Lane, SSND

Saturday, November 16, 2019

- Inner Awareness of God in Daily Life-Examen
Steve Givens
- Entering Jesus' Life through Ignatian Contemplation
Rev. Mr. Dave Harpring

Saturday, January 18, 2020

- Election
Fr. Anthony Wieck, S.J.
- Three Classes of People
Fr. Anthony Wieck, S.J.

Saturday, February 15, 2020

- Discernment of Spirits: First Week
Fr. Chris Collins, S.J.
- Discernment of Spirits: Second Week
Fr. Chris Collins, S.J.

Saturday, March 21, 2020

- Eucharist: Jesus' Gift of Self

Fr. Michael Dooley, S.J.

- The Cross
Fr. Michael Dooley, S.J.

Saturday, April, 25, 2020 [4th Saturday]

- The Resurrected Christ
Sr. Carla Mae Streeter, OP
Contemplatives in Action
Sr. Carla Mae Streeter, OP

Descriptions of Small Groups:

1. Being Christ Today in The Form of Compassion Ignatius experienced the Resurrected Christ as consoler. The structure of Christ's apparitions shows us that this new love is a mission in the world and often shows itself as compassion. Joyce Rupp writes, "Compassion is a way of life – an inner posture of how to be with suffering both our own and others, and a desire to move that attitude into action." We cannot really be compassionate to others until we have rediscovered our personal authority and have been compassionate to ourselves. We will explore how the movements of the Four Weeks of the Spiritual Exercises accompany us on this journey. We will share our explorations.

Open to all, 5 minimum, maximum 15 participants.
***Required text: Boundless Compassion** by J. Rupp
 **Facilitated by *Miriam Wesselmann, SSND*

2. Inner Compass: Finding Our Creativity in the Spiritual Exercises This group will be part book study and part writer's experience. Using the 10th Anniversary Edition of Margaret Silf's book on the dynamics of the Spiritual Exercises, "Inner Compass," as a guide, participants will be encouraged to journal the book's exercises and, as they feel comfortable, to share their journaling or other creative writing during the group sessions. Through the book and their own writing, members will explore the intersection of creativity and Ignatian spirituality.

Open to all, 5 minimum, maximum 10 participants
***Required text: Inner Compass** by Margaret Silf
 **Facilitated by *Steve Givens*

3. Integrating Various Resources in Companionship The purpose of this group is for prayer companions to share resources and

experiences in companioning retreatants through the 19th Annotation Retreat. Each session will be focused on the Week and topics of the Spiritual Exercises. While the facilitator(s) will offer information on various resources, the expectation is that each participant will bring his or her own experiences and resources to share with the group. The group will provide an opportunity for participants to ask questions of others and receive the benefits of valuable insights of fellow prayer companions. ***Open to Prayer Companions Only; minimum 5; Limited to 12 participants**
**** Co-facilitators: Joan Kletzger and Laurie Hannigan**

4. Dynamics of the Spiritual Exercises

The main focus of this group is an in-depth study of the psychological/spiritual dynamics and graces of the Exercises. Participants will review their own experience of the Exercises and gain increased self-awareness and understanding of how the movements in each Week of the Exercises take place in their personal spiritual journey, leading to a deeper relationship with God. **Participation in this group is required for all those who wish to enter the Prayer Companions Training Program.** These people are accepted before others. ***Open to all, maximum 15 participants.**
*** Required text: *Draw Me into Your Friendship* by David L. Fleming, S.J. ** Facilitated by Hsin-Astin Huang, Ph.D. and assisted by Linda Leib.**

5. Prayer Companion Training Entry into group requires admission into the Prayer Companion Training Program and is preparation for leading others through the Spiritual Exercises. Specific requirements: a thorough knowledge and love of the Spiritual Exercises, full participation in the Magis program, evidence of a discerned call, obvious intention for helping individuals grow in their relationship with God using the Spiritual Exercises, and willingness to be a listener and to practice growing in these gifts with others in this group. ***Minimum of 4 Applicants**
**** Co-Facilitated by Marian Love and Rosemarie Parsons**

6. Interfacing the Spiritual Exercises with 12 Step Spirituality

By exploring certain similarities of the Spiritual Exercises and the 12 Step Approach participants

will increase their self-knowledge and get in touch with attitudes, actions, and habits that deter or block their relationships with God. With this awareness they will be empowered to make more healthy choices. It will also help prayer companions understand experiences and orientations of retreatants who have been through 12 Step Programs and 12 Step Spirituality. Required book: *A 12-Step Approach to the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius* by Jim Harbaugh, S.J. ***Open to all; minimum 5 maximum 12 participants**
****Facilitated by Rick Lageson, J.D.**

NOTE Qualifications for entry into small groups: Small groups #1, 2, 4, & 6 are open to all Magis participants. Small Group #3 is designed for Prayer Companions while Small Group #5 is specifically for Prayer Companion Training and requires admission with application which is due by June 1, 2019.

You may register on-line at <http://bridgesfoundation.org/magis-registration/> or detach the contact information form and mail with the registration fee mail to:

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Magis – Greater Understanding, Love, and Service

Text: DRAW ME into YOUR FRIENDSHIP by D. Fleming, S.J.

The objectives of the program are four-fold:

1. Deepening the prayerful experiences of participants in the Ignatian Way.
2. Facilitating a sense of connection and community through a monthly gathering and small group sharing.
3. Enhancing the learning and understanding of the spiritual and psychological movements of the Spiritual Exercises.
4. Discerning, learning, and practicing to be prayer companions (for those called to be companions).

Program Requirements:

Completion of the Spiritual Exercises to include the 18th, 19th, or 20th Annotation

