



Summer, 2019

Bridges Summer Information Sessions

The Bridges Foundation will present a series of summer information sessions for those who are considering enrolling in the Bridges Retreat beginning in the fall of 2019. Several sessions are scheduled on various dates at various locations around the St. Louis area. Each session lasts approximately one hour. There is no cost to attend and no obligation to enroll. Anyone who is interested need attend only one of the sessions but may attend more if so desired. It is suggested to attend one session at the site where one would be likely to enroll, however, a person may choose to attend any session that is convenient, and more than one session if you wish. At the information session, you will have the opportunity to ask any questions you might have about the Bridges Retreat and the application process. The Bridges Retreat will run from September 2019 to May 2020.

The Bridges Retreat is the Nineteenth Annotation Retreat of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. It runs from September through May each year, and in 2019-2020 will be offered at the retreatant's choice of four different locations. One-on-one instruction from a qualified prayer companion is provided in daily prayer and meditation on the Spiritual Exercises each week, and the individual making the retreat would attend group meetings once a week or once a month at the choice of the

retreatant, and participate in two weekend retreats held in the St. Louis area, one each in the fall and the spring. See the accompanying schedule for a list of this summer's information sessions.

Schedule of 2019 Summer Information Sessions

Southwest St. Louis County
Wednesday, July 17, 2019 10 a.m. – noon
Wednesday, August 21, 2019 7-9 p.m.
Webster Groves Christian Church
1320 West Lockwood, 63122

North City
Wednesday, July 17, 2019 7-9 p.m.
St. Matthew the Apostle Catholic Church
Rectory
2715 North Sarah, 63113

West County
Tuesday, July 23, 2019 7-9 p.m.
Tuesday, August 13, 2019 7-9 p.m.
Annunziata School
9333 Clayton Road, 63124

Midtown
Sunday August 4, 2019 following the 8 a.m.
Mass
Sunday, August 11, 2019 following the 10:30
a.m. Mass
St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
Ballroom Lower Level
3628 Lindell Blvd., 63108

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To download a PDF version of the Bridges Retreat brochure, which includes a registration form, go to: <http://bridgesfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/77257-Bridges-Brochure-1.pdf>. For a printed brochure or further information, contact Bridges Executive Director Linda Leib at 314-313-8283 or <linda.leib@bridgesfoundation.org>. Information on the Bridges Information Sessions can be found online at <http://bridgesfoundation.org/information-sessions/>. All information sessions are free, no registration is required for them, and there is no pressure to enroll. △

Magis Begins on September 21

MAGIS

Bridges will once again sponsor its Magis program for those who have a desire to continue exploring topics related to the Spiritual Exercises and who have completed the Exercises in a directed retreat. A series of seven sessions lasting approximately three hours each will begin on September 21, 2019 and continues one Saturday a month (except December) until April 25, 2020. All sessions are held at Webster Groves Christian Church, 1320 W. Lockwood in Glendale.

Speakers scheduled to appear this year include Danielle Harrison, Madeleine Lane, S.S.N.D., Steve Givens, Rev. Mr. Dave Harpring, Anthony Wieck, S.J., Chris Collins, S.J., Michael Dooley, S.J., and Carla Mae Streeter, O.P. Small groups offered this year include Being Christ Today in

the Form of Compassion, Inner Compass: Finding Our Creativity in the Spiritual Exercises, Integrating Various Resources in Companionship, Dynamics of the Spiritual Exercises, Prayer Companion Training, and Interfacing the Spiritual Exercises with 12 Step Spirituality. Registration is open until September 1.

Further information can be found on the Bridges website at <http://bridgesfoundation.org/programs/the-magis-program/>. There is a PDF brochure that includes complete information on the program and a registration form at <http://bridgesfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/2019-20-Magis-Brochure-edited-HH-3-28.pdf>. For those who wish to register online, this can be done at <http://bridgesfoundation.org/magis-registration/>. If you have questions please contact Bridges Executive Director Linda Leib @ 314 313-8283 or linda.leib@bridgesfoundation.org. △

Bridges 30th Anniversary Celebration is on October 4

Bridges is marking its 30th Anniversary with a celebration to be held on October 4, 2019. Special guest Joe Tetlow, S.J. will be honored. The event runs from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the



Faris Hall at the Parish of Annunziata, 9305 Clayton Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63124, and cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Reservations are required by September 15. The cost is \$35.00 per person. Information can be found at bridgesfoundation.org/anniversary. △

**St. Alberto Hurtado Cruchaga, S.J.
(1901-1952)**

St. Alberto Hurtado Cruchaga, S.J. is known for his work with the poor in his native Chile. He is the founder of Hogar de Cristo, an organization which serves the poor in that country.

Alberto Hurtado was born into an aristocratic family in Viña del Mar, Chile on January 22, 1901. He is of Basque origin. His father died when Alberto was four years old, and his mother sold the family's rather large estate but was swindled in the sale. She was suddenly destitute. Alberto and his brother grew up poor. Although his family faced numerous financial hardships, he was able to attain a scholarship to attend a Jesuit school in Santiago from 1909 to 1917. Later he studied law at the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile and wrote his thesis on labor law.



St. Alberto Hurtado Cruchaga, S.J.

In 1923 he entered the Jesuit novitiate. He studied philosophy in Spain and later, after the Jesuits were expelled from that country, in Belgium. Fr. Hurtado spent time in various parts

I hold that every poor man, every vagrant, every beggar is Christ carrying his cross. And as Christ, we must love and help him. We must treat him as a brother, a human being like ourselves. If we were to start a campaign of love for the poor and homeless, we would, in a short time, do away with depressing scenes of begging, children sleeping in doorways and women with babies in their arms fainting in our streets.

— St. Alberto Hurtado, SJ

of Europe and was ordained in 1933. Even before he had entered the Jesuits, he had an interest in studying labor law as a means of helping the poor. He returned to Chile in 1936 and began to teach at the Pontifical Catholic University where he was an alumnus. He maintained his strong, lifelong interest in helping the poor, especially those who were young.

Padre Hurtado, as he is known in his native country, started an organization to serve poor and abandoned young people called Hogar de

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Cristo (Home of Christ). In short order Hogar de Cristo shelters were established throughout Chile. In addition to providing shelter, these centers taught Christian values as well as technical skills. Thousands of young people in need have been served.



Padre Hurtado's Green Pickup Truck

In 1940 he began working for Catholic Action. The young Jesuit priest was made director of the youth organization the following year. He received criticism when he published a book that challenged some long-held conservative tenets titled *Is Chile a Catholic Country?* The book stirred up controversy and some characterized Fr. Hurtado as a communist. Often seen wearing Jesuit robes and driving an old green pickup truck, Fr. Hurtado was ever mindful of his upbringing in a poor environment and grateful for the assistance that his family had received from others. He was anchored by his solid faith and had a profound interest in effecting social justice. He published three books on the labor movement and started a magazine he called *Mensaje*, which features the social teachings of the church and is still published by the Chilean Jesuits today. He also founded the Trade Union

Association of Chile, which sought to indoctrinate Christian values in the labor unions.

Fr. Hurtado suffered great pain on one occasion in the early 50's. He was hospitalized in Santiago, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and died a short time later on August 18, 1952 at age 51, a death that was national news in Chile. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1994, and in 2005 was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI. His feast day is August 18.

The Society of Jesus today operates Alberto Hurtado University in Santiago. St. Alberto Hurtado Cruchaga, S.J. continues to be very popular in Chile, where he is regarded as a national hero. △

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The deadline for submissions to the next issue of the Bridges Newsletter is September 15, 2019. Please send articles, letters, mailing list additions and deletions, and other correspondence to: Tom Simon, Editor, 1730 Derrynane, Manchester, MO 63021, or by email to tsimon@tsimon.com.