

Where & When

We are located at the Ignatius Jesuit Centre, one km north of Guelph, Ontario on 243 hectares of beautiful farmland, rolling hills, woods and wetlands.

Entrance is on Hwy 6 (north-bound extension of Woolwich St. and the road to Fergus), just north of Hwy7-Woodlawn.

Please follow property signs to the Ignatius Ecology Villa.

Please arrive for coffee and registration at 9:30 a.m. We will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 8:00 p.m.

We will spend quality time outdoors. Please bring comfortable walking shoes and all-weather clothing.



Registration

Cost per person: \$85 Cdn.

Please send a \$25 non-refundable deposit along with the completed application form to:

Ecology Project
Ignatius Jesuit Centre of Guelph
5420 Highway 6 North RR 5
Guelph, ON N1H 6J2

The balance is due by August 1st.

We will be pleased to provide information about overnight stays upon request.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions you might have.

Contact the Registrar, Loyola House, at **519.824.1250 ext. 266** or email registration@loyolahouse.ca

Further Information:

Contact Marianne Karsh, the Ecology Project, at **519.824.1250 ext. 257** or email ecologyeducation@ignatiusguelph.ca
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A Place of Peace

A Women's Home-Coming Retreat

August 15, 2009



*Loving Creator,
Be with us on our
journey Home:
Home to Ourselves,
Home to Earth,
Home to You.*

The Retreat

Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts.

Rachel Carson

Come away for a time of healing and inspiration, connected with other women and the Earth.

Our program includes:

- informal presentations
- small-group sharing
- indoor and outdoor contemplative activities
- healing rituals
- ecumenical prayer service
- nutritious and delicious meals



*May all I say and all I think
Be in harmony with thee,
God within me, God beyond me,
Maker of the trees.*

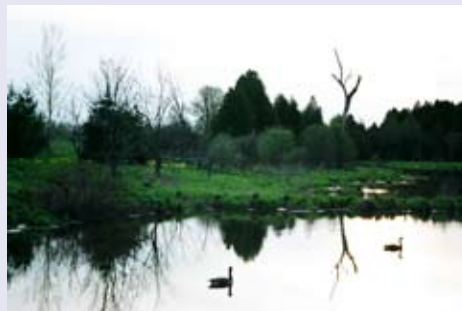
Chinook Psalter

“ We who have lost our sense and our senses – our touch, our smell, our vision of who we are; we who frantically force and press all things, without rest for body or spirit, hurting our earth and injuring ourselves: we call a halt.

We want to rest. We need to rest and allow the earth to rest. We need to reflect and to rediscover the mystery that lives in us, that is the ground of every unique expression of life, the source of the fascination that calls all things to communion.

We declare a Sabbath, a space of quiet: for simply being and letting be; for recovering the great, forgotten truths; for learning how to live again.”

(U. S. Environmental Sabbath Program)



Your Guides



Marianne Karsh, M.Sc.F., coordinator of the Ecology Project and director of Arborvitae, is a senior scientist for Environment Canada specializing in biodiversity and climate

change. With over 20 years of study in science and theology, Marianne brings a wealth of experience in retreat work, group facilitation, writing and speaking. She is especially gifted in leading people through spiritual practices that help them experience a deeper connection to God through nature.



Barbara Sheppard, M.S.W., C.R.D., trained in spiritual direction with Loyola House and Regis College (University of Toronto.) She worked for many years as a

psychotherapist with the Hincks Centre, St. Michael's Hospital, and in private practice in Toronto. Presently Barbara is in novitiate with the Loretto Sisters and offers ecumenical spiritual direction in Toronto, including the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius in everyday life.

