



# SOUTHERN IGNATIAN NETWORK NEWSLETTER

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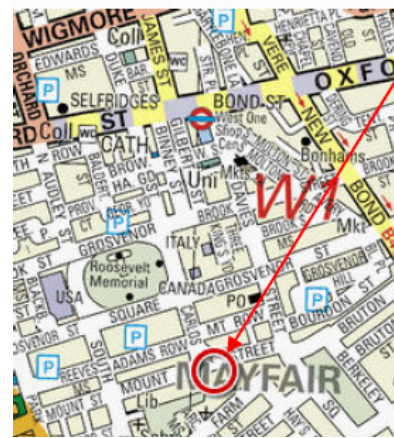
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## SIGN 'Post Conference Autumn Gathering' 11am on Saturday October 16th 2010 At Mount Street Jesuit Centre, London.

Our Autumn Gathering will be facilitated by members of the Core Group to give a flavour of the conference. There will also be an Open Forum during the day to give members an opportunity to look at the focus for future gatherings and future ideas etc.



**The Autumn Gathering on Saturday October 16th is at Mount Street Jesuit Centre. Doors open at 10.30am. The Nearest Tube - Bond Street**

The Gathering is from 11 am until 4.00 pm Please bring a packed lunch; coffee and tea will be provided. Donation\* for the day is £10 for members and £15 for non—members.

\* The cost of the Gathering is to cover materials and expenses. It is important that no one is prevented from coming because of financial hardship therefore a donation that is less (or in some cases more!) is acceptable.

## SIGN Conference "Seeing with New Eyes - the group as the source of Spirit-filled ministry"

This second SiGN Conference comes at an exciting time for the network as we are beginning to see our members beginning to network more locally in the times between the Spring and Autumn gatherings. Our conference theme will seek to support and enable these groups to flourish and grow. Our speakers, from their different perspectives will help us to focus on some of the important aspects of working together in groups. With their experience and expertise they will inspire and suggest 'tried and tested' along with new insights. There will be time to network and explore with one another to make connections and to challenge each other. In between there will be times of personal and group reflection to deepen and sustain the life of the Network within each one.

*Tue 12 October – Thu 14 October 2010 at High Leigh Conference Centre, Hoddesdon, Herts EN11 8SG. **Application enquiries to The Conference Secretary (SIGN), 11 Wintergreen Close, Becton, London E6 5UQ***



## Seeing with New Eyes The group as the source of Spirit-filled Ministry

Details of our residential conference facilitated by  
**Una Buckley – Lindsey Goodhew – Kathleen McGhee – Gero McLoughlin**

With times of reflection led by  
**Members of the Core Group**

**Una Buckley—‘What does Ignatian Spirituality have to offer young people?’**

*Una will reflect on the recent growth of Christian Life Community among young adults and what we can learn from their experience of Ignatian Spirituality*

Una is president of Christian Life Community (CLC) in England and Wales. CLC is an international lay Ignatian movement present in 64 countries throughout the world. A member since 2000, Una has been particularly involved in the growth and formation of Young Adult CLC groups. She is also involved with the Jesuits in preparation for Magis 2011 the Ignatian encounter prior to World Youth day. She lives in London and works in Organisational Development.

**Lindsey Goodhew—‘Praying together in the company of Ignatius’**

*Lindsey will help us to explore what happens when we pray together in groups and how such groups might be used effectively in our desire to help others to follow Christ in daily life*

Lindsey is an Anglican Priest and currently serves as part-time Associate Minister at St Nicholas’ Church, Durham. Before this she lived in York where she developed a parish based Ignatian prayer course. In the last few years the course has been used by a number of different groups /parishes in the York Diocese. Lindsey has wide experience working in Spiritual Direction, Retreats, Quiet Days, Weeks of Guided Prayer and small groups. She completed the Ignatian Spirituality Course in London in 1999. Lindsey is married to David, also an Anglican Priest, and they have two boys, Aidan (11) and Benjamin (9). Amongst other things she enjoys drinking coffee, reading, walking, wild places and Lord of the Rings.

**Kathleen McGhee SND—‘It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves’: Discerning in groups**

*Kathleen will engage participants practically in the experience of discernment and seek to help us to reflect not only on possible limitations in the process but to consider the benefits gained from good and effective decision making*

Kathleen McGhee is a Sister of Notre Dame de Namur who has been active in the works of Ignatian spirituality for many years. Having trained with the late John English, SJ in Canada, she spent several years as a team member at St Beuno’s Spirituality Centre. Later involved in the Dympna Centre, she has long experience in consultancy to and facilitation of religious leadership teams in Britain and Overseas. She has continued with this ministry following several years as province leader in Britain of her own congregation.

**Gero McLoughlin SJ—‘A not insignificant harvest’: Co-operation in early Ignatian Ministries**

*Gero’s presentation will focus on the co-operative aspect of early Ignatian ministries and their purpose of reform of life.*

Gero worked for more than 15 years in Jesuit spirituality centres and has devoted the last 12 years to developing and running training courses in Ignatian spirituality in the west of Scotland, Edinburgh, Perth, Aberdeen and Inverness. He is also the Jesuit Province Promoter of Ignatian spirituality, assisting people across Britain, who are working outside institutional settings, to develop their ministries of Ignatian spirituality. For the last ten years he has been a member of the Jesuit community in central Edinburgh.

### Conference Facilities & Cost

The cost of the conference is £120.00 in total and reflects the generous support SigN has received from the Society of Jesus and the value we see in enabling as many of our members as possible to attend these conferences.

The conference begins on Tuesday 12 October with registration from 2.30pm onwards. There will be afternoon tea and time to settle in before supper and our first session. The conference will close with lunch on 14<sup>th</sup> October. **Application enquiries to The Conference Secretary (SIGN), 11 Wintergreen Close, Becton, London E6 5UQ**

### RECOMMENDED READING:

1. Scott Wright: Oscar Romero and the Communion of the Saints. Orbis. 2010. ISBN 1570758395
2. Denise Levertov: The Stream & the Sapphire: Selected Poems on Religious Themes. New Directions. 1997. ISBN 0811213544
3. Denise Levertov: The Life Around Us: Selected Poems on Ecological Themes. New Directions. 1997. ISBN 0811213528
4. Book review: Joyce Rupp, OSM : Little Pieces of Light... Darkness and Personal Growth (Paulist Press) ISBN 0809135124  
Joyce Rupp provides us with a deep reflexion on difficult, “dark” times which we might call desolation in Ignatian terms. She distinguishes a type of darkness which is destructive that we must avoid and a kind of darkness that we do not want to have which is essential for our growth which she calls “holy dark”. I quote : “It stands in the way of our comfortableness, our convenience, our familiarity, our security, our desire for control and our need to “have it all together”. This “holy dark” consists of those life opportunities which bring gloom, struggle, and depression. They feel like a curse but are really a blessing. These “holy dark” experiences bear the touch of God’s grace and wait to transform us if only we will open up to their gifts. (p.21) We are naturally afraid of these situations because it taps into our natural instinctive fear (fear of the dark as a child, fear of suffering, fear of being lost or misunderstood etc...) Joyce explains that in the midst of these dark times where we feel somewhat lost, there is the yet invisible presence of something to happen, which is good and which will make us grow. In other words, at the same time as we feel that we are lost because we have the impression that we re “losing” a part of ourselves, there is a part of ourselves which longs to be born and beckons. This is a “small” and readable book smaller than A5 and 70 pages. *Nicole Paice*



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