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MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Spirituality Center provides spiritual direction in the Roman Catholic tradition to men and women with a special emphasis on vocational discernment for young adults.

We foster a love for Mary in school children through the Our Lady of Grace Rosary Workshop and with presentations on topics pertinent to the pursuit of holiness in youngsters.

Foundational to the work of the Center is the unsurpassed Ignatian scholarship of the late Reverend Jules J. Toner, S.J. We are the first Catholic Spirituality Center in the world dedicated to promoting his writings and life of holiness.

From the desk of Mary...

Warm greetings from Our Lady of Grace Catholic Spirituality Center!

Today, July 6th, 2015, we joyfully celebrate our 5th Anniversary of Incorporation. These have been incredible years of grace. Beyond any doubt, as we labor daily to be faithful to the mission of the Center, we find the work to be blessed over and over again by God.

For so many graces, we are very, very grateful. Our most special way of collectively expressing this gratitude is in planning our annual **Holy Hour and Ice Cream Social**. This year it will take place on **Sunday, August 16, 2015 at 3:00pm at Christ King Church** in Wauwatosa. We have enclosed an invitation with this newsletter. Please join us and bring your family and friends along to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and to give thanks to God for favors received in your own life over the past year through the intercession of Our Lady of Grace. The music will be exquisite. We are delighted that newly ordained Fr. Dennis Saran, M.D., will preside. He will also be available at the Ice Cream Social to bless the children's rosaries. Be sure to mark your calendar now so you won't miss this wonderful event.

We hope you enjoy the photo gallery we included in this issue highlighting the events we have hosted over the past five years. For years to come may the Center always be for all a place of hospitality and joy in the Lord!

Together, let us strive for holiness and inspire others to do the same. As Pope Francis reminds us, "It is by living with and offering one's own Christian witness in our everyday occupations that we are called to become holy; each person in the condition and in the state of life in which he finds himself." (General Audience, 19 November 2014)

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Spirituality Center, from our hearts to yours, to all of you who have supported the Center in any way over these past five years, we thank you so very much.

Let's celebrate together on **Sunday, August 16th!**

About Spiritual Direction...



Spiritual direction helps a person grow in holiness not only through prayer, but by learning how to deal with situations in life that bring us down. It can be a powerful instrument for healing or of discerning God's will in everyday life. It also helps young men and women who arrive unsettled discern their state in life vocation whether to the priesthood, consecrated life, married life or dedicated single life, and bring them to a place of much interior peace and joy.

"Spiritual direction meets people where they are and helps them on their journey to the Lord. It's a safe place to be." Mrs. Patti Hughes, Wauwatosa

"There are so many souls that would attain sanctity if only they were well directed." St. Therese

K-5 and Grade 2 Rosary Makers

The week of May 26th was a busy one for the Center as we expanded the Our Lady of Grace Rosary Workshop to also include the Christ King School second graders this year who had just made their first Holy Communion in the weeks before. Volunteer teacher, Mrs. Nicole Sayas once again did a marvelous job presenting the workshop to all of the students in both grades. She explains, "For young children, I think the most important thing is to teach them to have deep affection and love for God and the Blessed Mother who loves them so much and to educate their hearts in the joy and beauty of the faith". With the help of her two oldest children, David and Daniel, and Our Lady of Grace Board member Mrs. Patti Hughes and her daughter, Anna, the children excitedly and diligently participated in the project.

Memorials and Honoraria

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Spirituality Center gratefully acknowledges the following gifts:

- In loving memory of Paul J. Jakubovich (Mrs. Anna Jakubovich)
- In honor of Miss Samantha Ann Vosters on the occasion of her Profession of Private Vows (Mr. and Mrs. David Klingbeil, Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Skiff, Mrs. Sherry Hermann, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Hodzinski)

ND Women Connect Event

On Wednesday, March 22nd, the Center hosted Milwaukee area University of Notre Dame and St. Mary's College alumnae for an evening entitled, *A Celebration of the Universal Call to Holiness*. Peggy LeBrun, ND '78 coordinated the event. Mary DeSantis, ND '79 shared the history of the Center and the meaning of The Universal Call to Holiness. Guests saw three first class relics and heard how the Center obtained them. They also shared from their own spiritual journeys and enjoyed visits and refreshments with new and old Notre Dame friends. The evening concluded with a gathering around the statue of Our Lady of Grace and the singing of the Notre Dame Alma Mater. A huge thank you to volunteers Shelley Harrington, Ann Murtha, Fran Clemens and Ray Gerner for their help in making the evening so special.

Speaking of Notre Dame...



We gratefully acknowledge Notre Dame senior, Miss Nicolette Bardele, for volunteering her time and talent again this summer in the layout of our newsletter. Nicolette recently returned home from a semester in Greece. Thank you, Nicolette, for this kindness and for your great work. Have a wonderful senior year!

Five Years of Blessings



1st Board of Directors' Meeting, 2010



Wine and Cheese Reception, 2010



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Our Lady of Grace Statue Blessing, 2013



Ice Cream Social, 2014



Our Lady of Grace Rosary Workshop, 2015



ND Women Connect Event, 2015



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