

Holy Spirit Center

News

CATHOLIC RETREAT HOUSE MINISTRIES, INC.

Fr. Vince Beuzer, other Jesuits leave rich legacy

By Theresa Knickrehm

Fr. Vincent J. "Vince" Beuzer, S.J., has been a Jesuit for 65 years. He has spent the last twenty-four of those years serving people at Holy Spirit Center. When Fr. Beuzer says goodbye to the Center this July, he will add to an amazingly rich legacy of service to the Center, begun in 1973 by his fellow priests of the Society of Jesus.

Like the Jesuits before him who shared their considerable gifts with the Center, Fr. Beuzer's hard work, prayer and great faith helped lay and strengthen the foundation for adult faith formation and lay ministry in the Archdiocese of Anchorage. This August, an Anchorage-based diocesan priest, Fr. Dan Hebert will begin helping Holy Spirit Center continue its mission and unique ministry.

Fr. Beuzer became Executive Director of Holy Spirit Retreat House (renamed Holy Spirit Center in 1997) on September 8, 1986. He succeeded the first director, Fr. Vince P. Kelliher, S.J. When Fr. Paul B. Macke, S.J. followed Fr. Beuzer as director in 1998, Fr. Beuzer remained at the Center, offering spiritual direction, the Sacraments and ministry programs, including leading

retreats. His focus has been to help those seeking to find God in all things.

"The challenges at Holy Spirit Center have been many," Fr. Beuzer says, "managing personnel, finances, building maintenance, and, of course, spiritual ministry. I have learned to trust in God's presence and timing. I have learned of prayer and discernment of spirits (good and evil) at work in the inner life of persons. I have learned the power of prayer in Jesus' Name. I have also learned to interpret better how God and Satan are at work within each of us and how to help others to respond to these spiritual forces.

Fr. Beuzer is planning the next phase in his life. "I see the great need for an Apostolate of Healing," he says, "and I would like to participate in that work."

Fr. Beuzer has impacted tremendously the work of Holy Spirit Center and the Archdiocese of Anchorage. He will be missed by all who know him, especially those who have been transformed by his witness, spiritual counsel, and daily walk with Jesus Christ.

Help say goodbye to Fr. Beuzer on July 15 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Details in calendar inside.



Fr. Vince Beuzer provides individual spiritual direction for a Holy Spirit Center participant.



Fr. Dan Hebert to serve at Holy Spirit Center

Fr. Dan Hebert, a priest of the Archdiocese of Anchorage since 1979 and the pastor of Holy Cross Parish in Anchorage for the last nine years, will begin living and working at Holy Spirit Center in late August. Fr. Dan looks forward to arriving at the Center after he participates in a 30-day Ignatian Spirituality retreat and witnesses the wedding of his niece in Chicago this summer. More about Fr. Dan and his work at the Center will appear in the next issue.

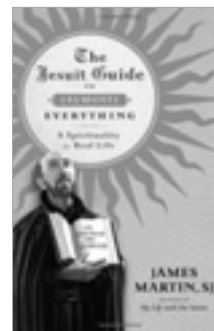
Fascinating Reads

A Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything

By James Martin, S.J.

(HarperOne, 2010)

Author of the bestselling *My Life With the Saints* and sought-after speaker, Fr. James Martin, S.J. offers this helpful, insightful guide to “finding God in all things.” In March of this year, this book appeared on the New York Times bestseller list and has received extensive acclaim. Fourteen chapters—covering such topics as letting God find you, prayer, love and work—include personal stories and background information on the Society of Jesus. A Publishers Weekly review says, “Martin has done a creditable job of making the Ignatian way relevant to a contemporary audience.”



The Future Church: How Ten Trends Are Revolutionizing the Catholic Church

By John J. Allen, Jr.

(Doubleday Religion, 2009)

John J. Allen, a journalist and veteran Vatican analyst, puts forth 10 trends he believes will transform the Church—including the influence of Catholics in Africa, Asia and Latin America, the impact of globalization, the aging Catholic population, and biotechnical advances like cloning and genetic enhancement. A Booklist review says, “Like Thomas Friedman’s *The World Is Flat*, *The Future Church* establishes a new framework for meeting the challenges of a changing world.”



Upcoming at the Center

Eight-day Ignatian Retreat

This July 7-15, Holy Spirit Center is offering an eight-day Ignatian Retreat with Fr. Armand Nigro, SJ and Fr. Vince Beauzer, SJ. The theme of the retreat will be “Live in Me, as I live in you” (John 15:4), and be a summary and adaptation of the exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. This retreat costs \$650 (\$300 due with registration) and includes:

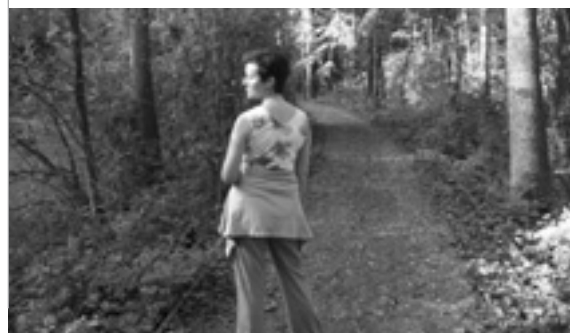
- A private bedroom with three daily meals
- Sacred Silence
- Daily preparation for praying with Scripture
- Spiritual Direction (optional)
- Adoration of the Holy Eucharist
- Sacraments of Forgiveness & Healing

For additional information and to register, call Holy Spirit Center at 907/346-2343 or email hsc@holyspiritcenterak.org.

Free Tuesday Evening Programs

Starting this fall, Holy Spirit Center will offer monthly evening programs addressing aspects of the liturgy. To be presented the third Tuesday of each month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., the evening programs will be free of charge.

Look for details of topics and speakers in the next issue of this newsletter!



Center Calendar

Please register using our online form at www.holyspiritcenterak.org if you wish to attend an event. You are not officially registered until your deposit is received. If you wish to pay by credit card, please call 907-346-2343. If you are paying by check, please make payable to Holy Spirit Center and mail as soon as possible to: Holy Spirit Center, 10980 Hillside Dr., Anchorage, AK 99507. Please note: Deposits are non-refundable.

July 7 – 15

8 Day Ignatian Retreat

Please see the details on page two.

July 15

Help Say Goodbye & Thanks to Fr. Vince Beuzer!

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Loyola Conference Room

Email hsc@holyspiritcenterak.org to RSVP or for more information.

August 6-10

Centering Prayer Retreat

This silent retreat will be led by Kess Frey and Fran Victor. Featured will be communal Centering Prayer sits, readings from the book Open Mind, Open Heart and video presentations by Fr Thomas Keating, a Taizé Service, Lectio Divina, quiet time and opportunities for sharing and discussion. Fee of \$195 for three days/\$325 for five days includes private bedroom and three daily meals.

September 10-12

12-Step Serenity Retreat

Fr. Dick Dunphy, S.J. will return to lead another retreat based on the 12 Steps, with a special emphasis on the ways they present a spiritual solution to addiction. The weekend includes conferences, quiet time for reflection and rest, sharing, a healing service and the opportunity to participate in 12 Step meetings. Fee is \$185 for single occupancy, \$165 for double occupancy, \$145 for commuters, and includes meals. Partial scholarships are available.

Thank You, Ignatian Circle Donors!

Our sincerest thanks to the Holy Spirit Center donors who made pledges totaling more than \$12,000 during this spring's Ignatian Circle Campaign. Ignatian Circle Donors help make possible the one-of-a-kind ministry programs presented by the Center, and help fund partial scholarships for people who otherwise would not be able to attend a retreat.

Many Ignatian Circle Donors contribute by arranging monthly charges to their credit cards. This is an easy way to become a part of the Center's unique mission and programs.

If you are interested in becoming a Monthly Donor to the Center's Ignatian Circle, please call Alan Muise at 346-1243.

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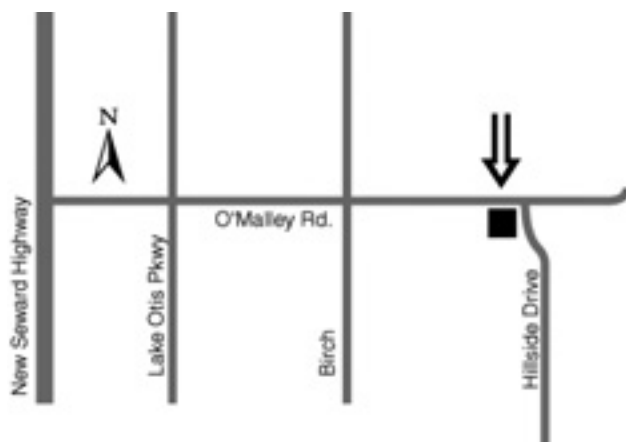


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Vision Statement

Alaskans transformed by their relationship with God.

Mission Statement

To provide a sacred place and to accompany people as they seek to find God in all things.