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# Calendar of Events

April 13	Conference/Workshop St. Lucy's Parish, Long Beach
April 19	Conference/Workshop NADD, Los Angeles
April 28	Conference/Workshop St. Philomena Parish, Carson
April 28	<b>Hearts on Fire 2007</b> Doubletree Hotel & Suites, Anaheim
May 16	Board Meeting 4:00p.m. to 6:00p.m.
June 8-22	Conference Workshop Fordham University, New York
June 23-28	Conference Workshop Spring Hill College, Alabama
June 29-July 1	Spiritual Ministry Network Retreat Pro Sanctity Spirituality Center, Fullerton
July 5-12	Ignatian Silent Retreat Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center, Sierra Madre <b>*open to public</b>
July 8-14	Ignatian Silent Retreat Mishawaka, Indiana
July 10-17	8-day Retreat Pro Sanctity Spirituality Center, Fullerton
July 31	LIS 10th Anniversary Party <b>*check for details in upcoming issues.</b>



## Loyola Institute for Spirituality

### Mission Statement

The Loyola Institute responds to today's spiritual hungers by enabling people to discover and nurture God's life within them. In response, they are empowered to act on the call of Jesus Christ to communicate and share that life with others. Rooted in the Jesuit heritage, LIS provides services that are mobile, ecumenical and reach out to diverse cultural, language, social and racial groups. It seeks to work in a collaborative and collegial way with all those it serves.

### Nuestra Misión

El Instituto Loyola responde al hambre espiritual de nuestros tiempos ayudando a que las personas descubran y nutran la presencia de Dios dentro de ellos. Como respuesta a este descubrimiento, se sienten capacitados para seguir el llamado de Jesucristo y comunicar y compartir esa vida con otros. Con raíces en la tradición jesuita, LIS ofrece servicios que son móviles, ecuménicos y que abarcan distintas culturas, idiomas, grupos sociales y raciales. LIS busca trabajar en forma colaborativa y mutua con todos aquellos a los que sirve.

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# LIS Cumple 10 Años

Después de muchas reuniones de comité y con el total apoyo de la Provincia de California, el padre Allan Deck continúa con los planes para abrir el Instituto Loyola para la Espiritualidad en julio 1997. Este proyecto surgió como respuesta al esfuerzo de mantener la presencia jesuita en el sur de California después de que el centro de retiros Manresa en Azusa cerrara sus puertas. El equipo de trabajo formado por cinco personas inaugurará esta organización bajo la guía del P. Allan F. Deck, S.J. y cuatro personas más: Rev. Michael J. Mandala, S.J., Rev. Joseph T. Nguyen, S.J., Danielle Harper y Lupe Amézquita.

Al prepararse LIS para celebrar su décimo aniversario este verano, les invitamos a recorrer junto con nosotros el

camino de los recuerdos en este y otros ejemplares de El Ignaciano, al compartir con ustedes fragmentos de ese primer año. El tiempo ha pasado en un abrir y cerrar de ojos y estamos ansiosos de celebrar estos logros, pero no sin pensar y recordar a todos y cada uno de ustedes por estar a nuestro lado apoyando esta organización de tantas maneras.

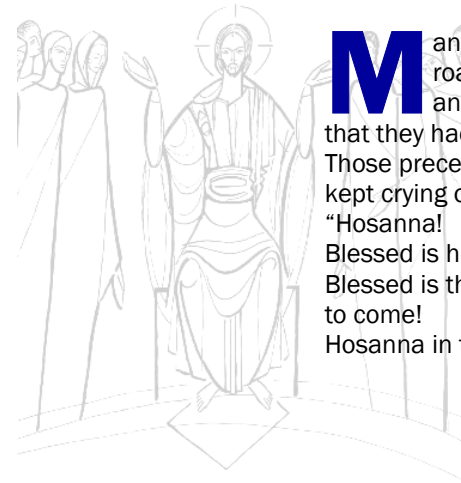
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Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!"

Mark 11: 1-10

## 10 years ago...

After many committee meetings and with the full support of the California Province, Fr. Allan Deck moves forward with plans to open the Loyola Institute for Spirituality in July 1997. This project was in response to an effort to maintain Jesuit spiritual ministries in Southern California after the closing of Manresa Retreat House in Azusa. A staff of five people would inaugurate this organization led by Fr. Allan and four others: Rev. Michael J. Mandala, SJ, Rev. Joseph T. Nguyen, SJ, Danielle Harper and Lupe Amézquita.

As LIS prepares for its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration this Summer, we invite you to walk down memory lane with us in this and the coming issues of The Ignaciano as we share with you brief excerpts of that first year. Time has passed in the blink of an eye and we anxiously prepare to celebrate this accomplishment but not without fondly thinking of and remembering each and every one of you that has stood by our side and supported this organization in so many ways.

## A Year of Service

**A**pril marks the first year anniversary of Sister Barbra Ostheimer's membership on the Loyola Institute team. She has embraced a whirlwind of activities building on Father Chi Ngo's fine work with the Ignatian Spiritual Formation Program. That program continues to flourish with a growing number of students in our

leaders in giving mini-retreats called Days of Prayer in several parishes during Advent and Lent. Father Tacho Rivera, S.J., has supervised the Spanish program which has done the same at several parishes.

What stands out in Sister Barbra's work is her energy and sensitivity to our students and associates. Of particular note is the help LIS has been able to give to Vietnamese and Korean groups in both Orange and Los Angeles Counties. LIS has trained a growing number of leaders from those communities who were able to study with us in English, but minister in their own languages. We are especially proud of LIS's ability to relate to the complicated cultural and language reality of Southern California. Sister Barbra brings many years of experience with international communities in Rome to her ministry and it shows in the results!

As we celebrate Easter and the central mystery of our Christian faith, the Resurrection, my prayer is that we all follow what

gives us life, that is, discern with an open heart and mind where it is that the Lord continues to lead us in His gentle, loving way. Happy Easter!



*Allan F. Deck, S.J.*  
Fr. Allan F. Deck, S.J.  
President

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evening spirituality courses, new recruits for the associates program and a successful year-long program of Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (also called the Nineteenth Annotation Retreat).

But it doesn't end there. Sister Barbra has supervised the English Spiritual Ministry Network (SMN) pilot program that began last September. She and her team of associates have trained parish-based spiritual

## Un Año de Servicio

**E**n el mes de abril se cumple el primer aniversario de que la hermana Barbra Ostheimer sea parte del equipo del Instituto Loyola. La hermana Barbra ha abrazado y continuado con el fino trabajo y una serie de actividades y programas de los cuales el P. Chi Ngo se hiciera cargo, tales como el Programa Ignaciano de For-

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mación Espiritual. Este programa sigue en aumento con un creciente número de estudiantes en nuestros cursos vespertinos de espiritualidad, nuevos miembros para el programa de asociados y un exitoso año del programa de Ejercicios Espirituales en la vida diaria o Anotación 19.

Pero esto no termina aquí. La hermana Barbra ha supervisado la Red para el Ministerio Espiritual (SMN) en inglés.

Este es un programa piloto que dio comienzo el septiembre pasado. Ella y su grupo de asociados han entrenado líderes espirituales para que trabajen dentro de sus mismas parroquias dando mini-retiros llamados 'Días de Oración' durante el Adviento y la Cuaresma. El padre Tacho Rivera, S.J. ha supervisado el programa en español y ha hecho el mismo trabajo en varias iglesias.

Lo que destaca en el trabajo de la hermana Barbra es su energía y sensibilidad hacia nuestros estudiantes y asociados. Un punto en especial es la ayuda que LIS ha podido dar a grupos en las comunidades vietnamita y coreana tanto en el condado de Orange como en el de Los Ángeles. LIS ha entrenado un creciente número de líderes de esas comunidades, los cuales pudieron estudiar en inglés, pero ministran en sus propias lenguas. Estamos especialmente orgullosos de la habilidad de LIS para interrelacionarse con la complicada realidad cultural y variedad de idiomas del sur de California. La hermana Barbra trae consi-

go muchos años de experiencia, resultado del trabajo realizado con comunidades internacionales en Roma, ¡y esto se puede ver en los logros de su ministerio!

Al celebrar la Pascua y el misterio central de nuestra fe cristiana, la resurrección, mi oración es que todos sigamos lo que nos da vida, que es, discernimiento con un corazón y una mente abiertos, mediante los cuales el Señor nos guía en Su gentil y amoroso camino. ¡Felices Pascuas!



*Allan F. Deck, S.J.*  
Pa. Allan F. Deck, S.J.  
Presidente

## A Spiritual Getaway

Situated among chaparral-covered hills in Northern San Diego County exists a non-denominational Christian retreat escape called Questhaven. Located only eight miles from the Pacific Ocean and with grounds encompassing approximately 640 acres of coastal wilderness and nature trails, this peaceful setting is ideal for a personal retreat.

Individuals looking to refocus, renew and transform their lives find that this location offers a beautiful, quiet setting and an atmosphere of devotion. Visitors can lay

aside outer distractions and spend days in contemplation and rededication.

Retreat facilitators are not provided – you would need to come prepared with your own program. It could quickly be filled with regular prayer periods in the chapel located on their grounds, studying, walking the labyrinth, taking nature walks on the many trails of the Elfin Forest Canyon.

Guest facilities are available year-round. For much more information on its founders, activities, principles, accommodations and rates please visit [www.questhaven.org](http://www.questhaven.org) or you can call (760) 744-1500.



## Iraq: Catholic Resources for Discernment

In a time when our nation is struggling to best find peace in war-torn Iraq, our faith calls us to participate in the moral and ethical decisions affecting our nation.

The Society of Jesus in the United States is offering a series of collected materials from various sources that they think helpful in opening up informed dialogue and thoughtful discernment. These materials can be considered individually and in community.

This ongoing series of materials is available at [www.jesuits.org](http://www.jesuits.org) and click on Contemplatives in Action. We encourage you to visit.



## Hearts on Fire 2007

The Loyola Institute for Spirituality Invites you to

### Hearts on Fire Celebration

Saturday, April 28, 2007

6:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception and Silent Auction

7:30p.m. Dinner, Award Ceremony and Live Auction

Dancing until 11:00p.m.

**Doubletree Guest Suites/Anaheim Resort**  
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\$75 per person-\$675 for a table of 10  
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Mr. Thomas J. Tracy  
*Hearts on Fire Award*

Rev. J. Dean Brackley, S.J.  
*Writers Award in Spirituality*

Mr. Reuben Martínez  
*Rosita Day Love in Action Award*

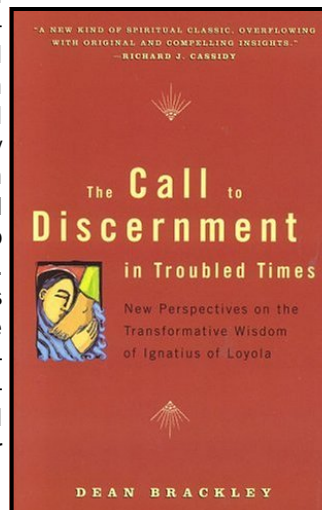
The courtesy of your reply is requested by April 18, 2007.  
For more information and reservations please contact Cindy at (714)997-9587.

## Overview of the Month

**A**s our Lenten journey comes to a close we prepare to follow Christ all the way to the cross and to witness His glorious Resurrection. Hopefully we have sacrificed and prayed so that we are now able to more fully reap the fruits of a well spent Lent. After our solemn commemoration of the last days and death of Our Lord we will spend the remainder of the month celebrating. As Spring breaks forth even nature will join us as buds and blooms begin to surface and we spend this month basking in the joy of the Resurrection. We continue throughout the entire month our cry, "Christ is risen, Christ is truly risen."

## Book Review

**T**he wisdom of St. Ignatius spoken of in the title is, of course, the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius and this book is Dean Brackley's interpretation of them. Jesuits have been writing this kind of book for centuries. Many are pious, run-of-the-mill productions. A few are exceptional; and I believe this is one of them. The "Foreword for Skeptics" alone is worth the price of the book. Ellen Calmus, a friend of Brackley and the copyeditor of the book, was not what you would call a believer and took the job with no real interest in religion. But the text chipped away at her unbelief, and one Christmas eve, when having nothing in particular to celebrate she was working on the copy, the light dawned and her life changed. A year later she was baptized by the author. This will probably not be the average reaction to the book, but it is worth reading. The author is a man of intelligence, learning and insight steeped in Ignatian spirituality and he speaks from a depth far beyond mere words with a new and fresh voice in a way that might be heard by the post-modern seeker. As Professor of Theology and Ethics at the University of Central American since 1990 and a successor of the Jesuits martyred there the previous year, he might be expected to stress the social justice dimension of the Exercises. And he does, but in so gentle fashion that he opens up possibilities without imposing guilt trips on the reader. Brackley is faithful to the teaching of Ignatius, but offers even those familiar with the Exercises new insights and perspectives. The book will be particularly useful for those giving or making or studying the Spiritual Exercises.



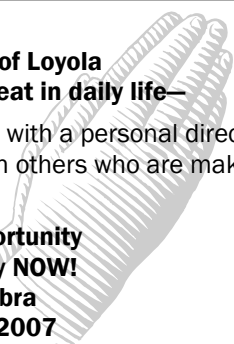
**Available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com), \$16.47**

**Rev. Dean Brackley, S.J. will be honored with the Writers Award in Spirituality at our Hearts on Fire 2007 Celebration.**

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"The Spiritual Exercises" of St. Ignatius of Loyola  
offered in the form of the 19th Annotation Retreat in daily life—**

Daily scriptural prayer for nine months, a weekly meeting with a personal director and a monthly Tuesday evening faith-sharing session with others who are making the 19th Annotation Retreat.

**For information about this annual opportunity  
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(714)997-9587 and ask for Sr. Barbra  
Orientation: Tuesday, September 5, 2007**



## Ignatian Spiritual Formation Program

**T**he Loyola Institute for Spirituality (LIS) recognizes the spiritual hunger of people in search of a deeper and more meaningful faith experience in contemporary times. The Ignatian Spiritual Formation Program (ISFP) provides an opportunity to form lay leaders and LIS associates, who will be lay collaborators working with LIS and/or local faith communities in spiritual ministry. ISFP is not a training program for certifying spiritual directors. Rather, it strives to make spiritual experiences and formation opportunities as practical and accessible as possible for people involved in spiritual ministries.

Please visit our website [www.loyolainstitute.org](http://www.loyolainstitute.org) for more information on the Ignatian Spiritual Formation Program (ISFP) and check for details in upcoming issues of The Ignaciano for the dates to upcoming courses.

**For more information visit: [www.loyolainstitute.org](http://www.loyolainstitute.org)  
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