

# CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY



WELCOME TO OUR

## May 2026 Newsletter



Alleluia! The Spirit continues to renew us as we move through this season of hope and mission. This May newsletter highlights how our CLC-USA community is praying, discerning, and accompanying one another across regions. South Florida reflects on Ignatius' Spiritual Diary, and communities prepare for upcoming retreats, formation workshops, and our fall assembly. The Global Formation Team offers DSSE workshops in three languages, strengthening our shared way of proceeding.

Nationally, we hold in prayer our nominees for President-Elect and At-Large Members as the NCC prepares to discern. We join the UN Migration Team in gathering migration stories from our members. Dong Hanh reps gathered in Houston for Mini-DHDH 2026, supported by the Office of AAA, ExCo President Chris Cichello, and Ignis members—a weekend of grace and community. We also look ahead to the 8-Day Ignatian Silent Directed Retreat at Bon Secours this July.

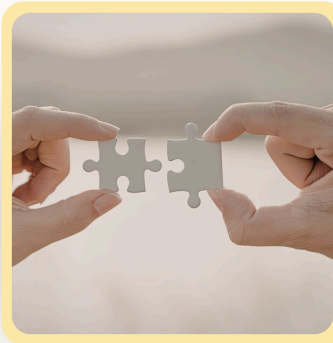
May the Spirit guide our communities, our leaders, and our mission with wisdom and joy.



In this newsletter you will find:

**Regional, National, Frontier News, Events & Happenings**

# UPCOMING *Events*



## *Globalization & Poverty Team*

🙏 Monthly Virtual Prayer Gathering  
We'll pray together and briefly share what's on our hearts, guided by our Frontier themes: Peace, Human Dignity, Race, Migration & Poverty

*May*  
**18**

8:00 PM ET



## *Young Adult Summit*

Ignis Ministries is hosting a Young Adult Summit. Experience a weekend of fellowship and visioning as we build the faith community we dream to have.

*August*  
**28-30**  
2026

# 19<sup>th</sup> Annotation of the Spiritual Exercises

Dear CLC Member,

The CLC USA Leadership and Formation Team are offering again the 19th Annotation of the Spiritual Exercises. The retreat will begin this August 2026 and run until May 2027. It is open to any CLC or Pre-CLC member who wishes to make the full Spiritual Exercises. Watch for specific information and the date for a 'Come and See' on the CLC Website under Resources

<https://clc-usa.com/19th-annotation-program-resources>.

To register for the 'Come and See', please follow this link

<https://forms.gle/998rCT1HRsYXqNZu8>

Every retreatant will be assigned a prayer companion with whom the retreatant will meet weekly, in your preferred language (English, Korean, and Vietnamese). They will also be in a small group that will meet monthly for two hours for some instruction on the Exercises and for faith sharing. The cost will be \$300 for the full program. Some scholarships will be available.

At the 2019 CLC National Assembly in Pittsburgh, we agreed to make the Spiritual Exercises more available. We wanted to have many more CLC USA members have the experience of the full 19th Annotation retreat. This experience will be the third time that CLC USA is offering the 19th Annotation to its members.

Fr. Sosa reminded us to continue "to allow the Lord to work on our conversion. We ask for the grace to be renewed by the Lord. We wish to discover a new apostolic enthusiasm inside ourselves, a new life, new ways to follow the Lord." (Message of Fr. Sosa, July 30, 2020).

We want to continue to open ourselves to the Holy Spirit, so that our members deepen their relationship with Christ.

Christine Cichello, CLC-USA President

Click here for the [\*\*Invitation Letter in English - Korean - Vietnamese\*\*](#)

# CLC IN USA ANNOUNCES THE 2026 MINISTRIES GRANT CYCLE

## What are the Ministries Grants?

CLC-USA has set aside a modest amount of funds (**total** of \$5,000 for 2026 cycle) to make available to local communities. It is the hope that these funds will assist in the execution of projects consistent with our mission and purpose. This year's funding will continue to seek to meet the challenges that our communities identified in response to the priorities established at the 2024 National Assembly. Specifically, we ask that you concentrate your efforts in one or more of these key areas:

1. Developing Ignatian informed programs that are directed at the spiritual needs of our community along the continuum of life. Programs that read the signs of the times in our current world and minister insightfully to young adults (ages 25-35), families and/or older adults. Collaborative programs with the Jesuits and other Ignatian (or non-Ignatian) organizations are highly encouraged.
2. Implementing programs aimed at increasing the number of community members under the age of 35 (young adults). This could include enhanced opportunities and pathways to incorporate the CLC college alums into regional and cultural groups.
3. Creating programs that celebrate our diverse communities, across the spectrums of age, region and cultural group. These could include creative modes of experiencing formation in the CLC charism including the practices of discernment and the Spiritual Exercises.
4. Enhancing the goals of the frontiers identified at the last Assembly: Family, Globalization and Poverty, Youth and Young Adult, and Ecology.
5. Improving local communities' sense of connection to Regional, National, and World CLC.

## What should we do now?

**This is the time for dreaming.** We ask that you pray over the key areas above and consider what you and your community might be called to address. **We also encourage discussions across regions and cultural groups** to enrich the project outcomes through our blessings of diverse circumstances and cultures. Now is the time to PRAY, dream, envision and DISCERN!  
**What are YOU called to do?**

## Do you have Questions?

Contact Al Yarzebinski, CLC Treasurer, at: [yarz1@verizon.net](mailto:yarz1@verizon.net)

## What happens next?

Keep tuned to e-mail! A tentative timeline looks like this:  
Applications and instructions e-mailed **May 15<sup>th</sup> to NCC**  
Applications due by **June 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Awards Announced by **July 15<sup>th</sup>**



# South Florida Region

## *The Spiritual Diary of Ignatius of Loyola*

### Reflection on the April 11 Workshop

To reflect on *The Spiritual Diary of Ignatius of Loyola* always feels like a bold undertaking. Yet because Ignatius opens his soul and allows us, in some way, to “navigate” alongside him, our workshop on Saturday, April 11—guided by **María Teresa Montero**—became an invitation to *duc in altum*, to go into the deep.

Together, we were able to glimpse, even if only slightly, the experiences that shaped Ignatius’ dialogue with the Lord and the ways God guided him through discernment.

*(Reflection shared by Argelia Carracedo, from Pascua.)*

### Upcoming Events

- **May 22–24, 2026 | Spiritual Exercises** | At the Centro de Espiritualidad Ignaciana, guided by our special guest from the Dominican Republic, José Ramón López, SJ
- **June 2026 | Formation Workshop** | Ongoing formation opportunity for our community
- **October 17, 2026 | Regional Assembly** | Gathering of our South Florida region
- **November 5–9, 2026 | National Coordinating Council Visit** | We are preparing to warmly and joyfully welcome the NCC

# South Florida Region

## April 11 Workshop

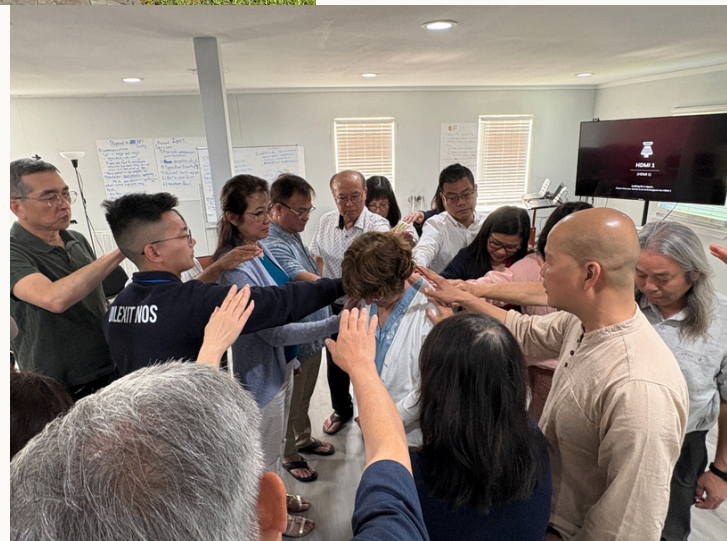


# Mini-DHDH 2026 – Houston Gathering Recap

Dong Hanh regional reps and ministry reps gathered in Houston from **April 30 to May 3, 2026** for **Mini-DHDH 2026**. It was a grace-filled weekend of sharing graces and blessings, naming challenges, and discerning together how to move forward with hope and unity.

We were especially grateful for the presence of representatives from the **Office of AAA**, **ExCo President Chris Cichello**, and members of **Ignis**, who came to offer support and to journey alongside the community. Their accompaniment added depth, encouragement, and a sense of being held by the wider CLC family.

The weekend was full of **community, collaboration, and the joyful work of building our home**—a time of listening deeply, supporting one another, and strengthening the bonds that sustain our mission.



# PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR EXCO CANDIDATES AND FOR THE NCC

Please pray for our ExCo candidates for **President-elect** and **At-large Member**, and for the National Coordinating Council, which will meet in May and June to discern whom God is calling to elect.

*Dear God, We give thanks for those you have called through our nomination process, and we speak their names in prayer, asking for their continued patience, guidance, and grace as they await the discernment of our NCC to elect new members of our National Leadership Team (ExCo).*

Cong-Anh Pham | Lily de Leon | Frank Vuong | Minh Thủy Lê | Chieu-Lan Nguyễn | Laura Molina | Liem Le

*We ask for the guidance of your Spirit when our NCC members meet to discern who is called to serve at this time on our leadership team. Guide them in their prayer, sharing, and listening, so that together we may hear the voice of your Spirit and respond to your will for our community.*

*In love and gratitude we pray, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen*



# DSSE WORKSHOP HOSTED BY THE GLOBAL FORMATION TEAM

Dear CLC Companions, We have an opportunity to deepen our CLC way of proceeding. The CVX-CLC Global Formation Team is hosting a workshop on **DSSE (Discern, Send, Support, and Evaluate)**. All CLC members are welcome to attend. Each session is offered in **English, Spanish, and French**.

Please register for the session you wish to attend. Once registered, you will receive the Zoom link to join.

**Registration remains open until 24 hours before each workshop begins.**

## Workshop Dates & Registration Links

**May 9** | Spanish | 10:00 AM–12:00 PM Eastern

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/n8tNOcdAR8-K0g8BJtBinA>

**May 23** | English (Session 1) | 4:00–6:00 AM Eastern

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/67yomXFfQIKvlaGUBv--Cg>

**May 23** | French | 12:00–2:00 PM Eastern

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/3djiKn-ySJyfusmoPbWCLQ>

**May 30** | English (Session 2) | 12:00–2:00 PM Eastern

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/d9M54VsmSBI6ZiuJg0Q5Fw>

More details are provided in the PDF [here](#).



# Horizons No. 187 – Here We Are Lord, Show Us Your Way (April 2026)

We are excited to share news from our **World Leadership Team**. In this latest issue of Horizons, they offer photos and the fruits of their recent in-person meeting held in Hong Kong this past February. As we continue journeying with the CVX-CLC world community, we invite you to prayerfully read, reflect, and share the fruits of your prayer within your local community.

**Your ExCo Team:** Christine, Deb, Lily, Al, Helen, JP, and Fr. Dave

## From the World Secretariat

Dear community,

I am sharing with you the 187th issue of Horizons, entitled “*Here we are, Lord, show us your way,*” which recounts the experience of the World Council’s Annual Meeting held in Hong Kong last February.

We invite you to read it carefully and to share it with the community, as an opportunity to continue deepening the life we share and to strengthen our common path.

We also join together in prayer for all that we have experienced and for the fruits that this meeting may continue to bear in each of our contexts.

Fraternally,

**Manuel Martínez A.**

Executive Secretariat

**[Link to English](#)**

**[Link to Spanish](#)**

**[Link to French](#)**

# WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR MIGRATION STORIES!

The **CVX-CLC United Nations (UN) Migration Team** would like to hear the migration stories of CVX-CLC in USA members. Their purpose is to gain a better understanding of what CVX-CLC is doing around migration and to support future planning for their work with the UN.

If you have a story to share—your own, your family’s, or your community’s—please send it to:

**UN@CVX-CLC.net**

Your experiences help illuminate the reality of migration within our community and strengthen our collective voice in global advocacy.



# 8-Day Ignatian Silent Directed Retreat

All CLC in USA members are invited to participate in this 8-Day Ignatian Silent Directed Retreat.

**July 25–August 1, 2026**

**Bon Secours Retreat & Conference Center – Marriottsville, MD**

Cost: \$860 (includes meals and lodging)

Deposit: \$150 to reserve your space

This retreat offers privileged time to deepen your relationship with God through the Spiritual Exercises. Participants meet daily with a trained spiritual director and enter into a rhythm of silence, prayer, and attentive listening to the movements of God.

## **Retreat features include:**

- Daily spiritual direction
- Daily Mass
- Adoration & Confession
- Private room with ensuite bathroom
- Peaceful grounds: labyrinth, reflecting pond, peace garden
- Outdoor pool
- Delicious meals
- A fully silent environment (no other groups in-house)

Registration is open: [www.BonSecoursRCC.org](http://www.BonSecoursRCC.org)

**(See full announcement in the PDF.)**

SAVE THE DATE



CLC IN THE USA | IGNIS MINISTRIES

# ★ YOUNG ADULT SUMMIT

*Save the Date!*

Experience a weekend of fellowship and visioning as we build the faith community we dream to have.

**28-30 AUGUST, 2026**

Friday 12 PM – Sunday 3 PM  
Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos  
300 Manresa Way Los Altos, CA 94022-4659

★ **REGISTRATION DETAILS COMING SOON!**



# PRAYER FOR PROTECTION AND MERCY

God of life and mercy,  
today I lift my heart for all your sons and daughters who are trapped in the midst  
of conflict, without choosing it, without provoking it.

You who know every tear before it falls, draw near to those who live in fear, to  
those who have lost their homes,  
to those searching for their loved ones,  
to those who simply hope to survive one more day.

I pray especially for the families who right now are under the thunder of  
bombings:  
for the mothers holding their children close to protect them, for the fathers  
seeking shelter without knowing where to go, for the grandparents, the young,  
the babies, for every household trembling, unsure if dawn will come.

Cover them with Your protection.  
Be a shield for the defenseless, comfort for those who weep, light for those  
walking in darkness.

May Your peace, the peace the world cannot give, break through the noise of  
weapons and touch hardened hearts, so that dialogue, justice, and respect for  
every human life may rise again.

Lord, stop the violence.  
Heal both visible and invisible wounds.  
Strengthen those who work for peace, and renew our hope so we never grow  
numb to the suffering of others.

Stay close to every victim and every family, like a whisper that embraces, like a  
refuge that cannot be shaken.  
Amen.

