

Our Facilities

The two principal retreat facilities of the Jesuit Spiritual Center are the Arrupe and Loyola buildings. The buildings include air-conditioning, private rooms, common areas, dining rooms, break-out rooms and chapels. The buildings are surrounded by walking paths and 37 acres of beautiful grounds.



Arrupe Building

The Pedro Arrupe Building is the oldest and largest facility of the Jesuit Spiritual Center. Visitors enjoy a large chapel, a main dining room and a conference room. The 61 private, air-conditioned rooms provide the retreatants with sleeping, reflecting and individual space. Around the building, paved walkways meander through gardens and over wide lawns. Located a short distance from the Arrupe building is our simple fitness room which is open for retreatants.



Loyola Building

The Loyola Building sits along a tree-lined drive between the peaceful flow of the Little Miami River. The Loyola Building features 46 private, air-conditioned rooms, a large conference room, five smaller meeting rooms and a large chapel that can be arranged for diverse prayer settings. Both buildings feature a dining room staffed by professional chefs. The grounds include a labyrinth and overlooks of the river.



The Elias Thomas House

The Thomas House caters to smaller retreat groups of between four and eight people, and includes its own chapel, meeting area and full kitchen, so that guests can prepare their own meals. It incorporates the historic "greenhouse," built in the 1890s and is just steps from the Little Miami River; a prayer labyrinth and the Willig Chapel. The Thomas House serves as a residence for day and extended adult retreat groups.



Splain Retreat Cabin

The William Splain Retreat Cabin is on the banks of the Little Miami River and is for individual retreatants seeking a private hermitage atmosphere. The private 500-square-foot cabin offers one bedroom, full kitchen, laundry facilities and a front porch overlooking the river.



Fr. Jim Willig Chapel

Overlooking the Little Miami River, this chapel is available for prayer and quiet reflection. The chapel is named after Fr. Jim Willig, who died of cancer at age 50. In the face of the disease, Fr. Jim was willing to help others, and inspired his friends and family to renovate a former train depot into a memorial chapel.



Schott Pavilion

The Schott Pavilion was part of the estate acquired by the Jesuits in the 1920s. This building is used for day retreats, meetings and groups seeking a special space to gather. The octagonal, stone building can host up to 100 people. The Pavilion contains a dining room and is a self-sufficient venue for day and evening programs.



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Our History

Since 1929, Ignatian retreats have been held on the grounds of what today is the Jesuit Spiritual Center. The retreats have nurtured people from all walks of life throughout the world.

In the 1920s and '30s, the Center became a place for lay people to join with Jesuits in experiencing the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius. In the 1940s and '50s, the Center hosted great numbers of returning World War II servicemen. And in the 1960s and '70s, the Center began addressing the spiritual needs of women, married couples and individuals seeking spiritual direction.

During these periods, the Center has remained grounded in the *Spiritual Exercises* of prayer, meditation and discernment of God's spirit. It continues today to be a sacred place of solitude and peace.

1927

A group of laymen met with the Jesuits at Xavier University to participate in retreats based upon the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius.

1949

Men of Milford was constructed on the Novitiate grounds to meet the needs of World War II veterans. The Men of Milford conference retreat program flourished.

1973

The Jesuit Renewal Center initiated personally directed retreats, internship programs, and 30-day retreats.

1994

The Jesuit Directed Retreat Program, Loyola Youth Retreat Center and the Jesuit Renewal Center combined to form a single 501(c) 3 non-profit retreat center.

2006

The Center name changed to the Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford.

2015

The Arrupe building was renovated.

1929

Conference style retreats moved from Xavier University to the Rockhouse and Barracks of the Jesuit Novitiate in Milford.

1971

The Loyola Retreat House for Youth was constructed to meet the needs of area youth.

1984

Now known as the Milford Spiritual Center, the scope of programs expanded to include women and married couples, who became an integral part of those served.

2002

The Center completed a \$2 million building and grounds renovation including renovation of the Schott Pavilion.

2014

A maintenance storage facility was constructed to house major equipment.



Who We Are Today – An Overview

For almost 90 years, the Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford has enriched the spiritual life of those seeking God through prayer, reflection and quiet discernment. It is here that people come to strengthen their relationship with God, and to experience God's presence in the everyday experiences of their lives.

Today the Center provides spiritual opportunities to over 12,000 people a year. Through diverse retreats, it is offering a wider array of spiritual opportunities than ever before. The 3-day and 4-day Silent Ignatian Weekend Retreats, begun in 1929, continue to offer a traditional, preached experience modeled on the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius. The Personally Directed Retreats, lasting up to eight days, offer retreatants a quiet, solitary time of introspection and prayer guided by an experienced spiritual director. The Center offers a 30-day retreat for those individuals longing to fully engage the *Spiritual Exercise* in their lives and decisions.

The Center also sponsors youth retreats, building on the spiritual formation already undertaken by parents, parishes and schools. Tens of thousands of youth have made retreats at the Jesuit Spiritual Center and upon leaving, many of them voice the same sentiment – they are encouraged that they are not alone, that others think and feel as they do, and encouraged that in all their thoughts, questions and doubts, God is with them.

The Jesuit Spiritual Center offers one-on-one and sometimes multi-day retreats focusing on particular topics. The multi-use facilities provide rental venues for businesses and charitable organizations for meetings or special events. With everything it does, the Center seeks to promote spiritual refreshment for all who come to it, and likewise to impart to every retreatant and visitor that God is all around us, if only we pause a while to listen and take notice.

SILENT IGNATIAN WEEKEND RETREATS

Beginning in 1929 and continuing to today, the Jesuit Spiritual Center offers 3- and 4-day Ignatian style silent retreats. Yearly over 1,000 people participate in these retreats.

PERSONALLY DIRECTED RETREATS

Each year over 150 religious and lay people participate in personally directed retreats. During this time retreatants have an opportunity to meet daily with a spiritual director.

YOUTH RETREATS

Over 6,000 young men and women (grades K-12) attend the Center's one-day and overnight retreats. Retreats are conducted by the youth team on-site, as well as at various schools around Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana.

DAYS OF REFLECTION

Days of Reflection, one-, multi-day or evening events are provided by the Center throughout the year.

KAIROS GROUPS

Kairos is a youth-oriented adaptation of the Cursillo Retreat. These retreats provide an opportunity to examine one's relationship with God through witness, sharing and reflection.

PARISH GROUPS

The Jesuit Spiritual Center is a valuable resource to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and offers a full-range of off-site facilities for parishes.

HOSPITALITY

The Center extends its hospitality to businesses, charitable and religious organizations by providing a reflective and tranquil gathering rental space.

19TH ANNOTATION RETREATS

This extension of the 30-day *Spiritual Exercises* caters to individuals seeking to deepen their spiritual life amid the hustle and bustle of their daily lives.

30-DAY IGNATIAN RETREAT/ SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

30-day Ignatian retreatants are accepted through an application process. Spiritual Direction is offered by appointment.