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Ignatius House Jesuit Retreat Center and Catholic Foundation of North Georgia Partner in Bringing “Life and Legacy Workshop” to the Archdiocese of Atlanta

Ignatius House Jesuit Retreat Center, in partnership with the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia, is proud to announce an event open to the entire Archdiocese of Atlanta.

The “Life and Legacy Workshop” is an informative discussion where parishioners from across the Archdiocese can learn about important estate planning and charitable giving techniques. Fr. Joe Ligan, SJ will discuss Catholic teachings on advanced directives and cremation. Trusts and Estate Planning Attorney Stephen Weyer of Cohen & Caproni LLC will discuss the importance of a Will for both you and your family. Finally, Juliet Greco from the Catholic Foundation will discuss how you can leave a Catholic legacy to the causes you care most about, while still providing income for yourself and your loved ones now and later.

The event takes place on Monday, March 30, 2020 at Ignatius House Jesuit Retreat Center in the dining room. The event starts with refreshments from 6:30-7:00 p.m., followed by the speakers from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Anyone can register online at <http://bit.ly/my-life-legacy> or www.cfnga.org/events. The event is free to attend, and you are welcome to bring a guest or your family members.

The panelists include:

- **Fr. Joe Ligan, SJ:** Fr. Joe is the associate director of Ignatius House Jesuit Retreat Center.
- **Stephen Weyer, JD,** trusts and estate planning attorney at Cohen & Caproni LLC and parishioner at Our Lady of Lourdes.
- **Juliet Greco,** director of major and planned gifts at the Catholic Foundation. Juliet is a parishioner at Our Lady of the Assumption and a parent at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School and Marist School.

Bios for the speakers are below.

The Catholic Foundation is encouraging anyone interested in learning more about the mission of Ignatius House Jesuit Retreat Center or those wanting to work with their family on end of life or charitable gift planning to attend.

“We are so blessed by our circle of families which have left lasting gifts that built this Catholic mission across six decades into what it is today,” said Maria Cressler, executive director of Ignatius House. “We are hopeful that this event will help both our supporters and the greater Catholic community to begin having the important conversations about planning now for issues they will face later in their lives.”

Ignatius House is about to open a Columbarium for the deceased and offers this workshop especially for those who are beginning to make end of life arrangements now.

“One of the unique benefits of this workshop is that we are excited to share a prayerful, Jesuit exercise about how to begin recording your personal journey for your loved ones to know and remember about you,” Maria added.

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About Ignatius House Jesuit Retreat Center

Ignatius House Jesuit Retreat Center is a faith-based, non-profit organization dedicated to spiritual growth, walking with the excluded, and care for our common home. With 20 wooded acres along the Chattahoochee River, the north Atlanta retreat house welcomes 3,000 individuals each year for silent prayer, healthful meditation, rejuvenating meetings and conferences, and joyful religious services.

OUR MISSION

Ignatius House Jesuit Retreat Center provides a sacred place of peace and quiet and offers the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola to facilitate an encounter with God that leads to a willing and loving service of the least of our brothers and sisters. (Matthew 25:31-46)

Learn more about Ignatius House Jesuit Retreat Center at www.ignatiushouse.org.

About the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia

The Catholic Foundation of North Georgia helps Catholics make a lasting difference in the community. We attract, professionally manage and invest gifts to support the long-term financial needs of parishes, schools, charities, and other ministries.

Our vision is to ensure the Catholic community and its ministries have the financial resources to serve and make a difference in the lives of current and future generations. More information is available at www.cfnga.org.

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Fr. Joseph Lingan, SJ

Fr. Joe was raised in Alexandria, Va., attended Gonzaga College High School and Virginia Tech, earning a degree in Public Administration. Following his graduation, he entered the Society of Jesus in 1979 and pronounced his first vows in 1981. He continued his studies at Creighton University, St. Louis University, Weston School of Theology, and Boston College. Ordained to the priesthood in 1990, he has served in the ministries of Secondary Education, Higher Education, Spiritual Formation, and Vocational Development.

Joe's ministry has included serving as Rector/President of St. Michael's Institute (Spokane, WA), Executive Assistant to the Provincial of the Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus (Baltimore, MD), Rector at Loyola Blakefield (Baltimore, MD), Novice Master for the Maryland, New England, and New York Provinces of the Society of Jesus (Syracuse, NY), and President of Gonzaga College High School (Washington, DC). In June of 2018, he completed a seven-year term as Rector of the Jesuit Community at Georgetown University (Washington, DC). In addition to these positions, he has served as a member of several Boards of Directors and currently is a member of the board at Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School.



Stephen D. Weyer

Stephen, a native of Kentucky, is a graduate of Emory University where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in English in 2002, a Master of Theological Studies in 2010, and a Juris Doctor 2010. While attending law school, Stephen was the Executive Administrative Editor of the Emory International Law Review, president of the Emory Public Interest Committee, and recipient of a Woodruff Fellowship.

After completing his graduate studies, Stephen began his law career in New York City where he worked for over five years at a litigation firm that specialized in aviation matters. He then decided to return to the Atlanta area, where he transitioned into the estate planning area by opening a solo law practice. Believing that "estate planning is for everybody", Stephen built a practice that endeavored to accommodate clients of all backgrounds and to help them create estate plans reflecting their values. With his background in theology, he is especially committed to helping clients create end-of-life plans that incorporate their religious beliefs. In late 2018, Stephen decided to join the law firm of Cohen & Caproni in order to further expand his capabilities for advising clients in the areas of estate planning and estate administration.

Stephen is a member of the bar in Georgia and New York. He is also a member of the Fiduciary Law section of the State Bar of Georgia, the Probate and Estate Planning section of the Atlanta Bar Association, and the Emory University Planned Giving Advisory Board. He is a graduate of the Lawyers for Equal Justice incubator, and in 2018 was named a "pro Bono All-Star" in the Georgia Bar Journal.

Stephen and his wife live near Decatur. He presently serves on the pastoral council at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in the Old Fourth Ward of Atlanta.



Juliet Greco

Juliet serves as the Director of Major and Planned Giving at the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia and has been with the Foundation for four years. Juliet works with Catholics across the archdiocese to navigate the process of making a planned gift to Catholic causes they care deeply about. Before joining the Catholic Foundation, Juliet worked in software sales as a National Account Manager at Wren Solutions, among other organizations. Juliet holds a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and Public Relations from the University of Georgia.

Juliet is also very involved at her parish, Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church in Brookhaven, as a member of the parish Finance Council. She is also a servant leader as a member of the Catholic Charities of Atlanta Leadership Class, and continues to support Catholic Charities Atlanta in many volunteer capacities. She also volunteers and advocates as part of FARE – Food Allergy Research and Education.

Juliet and her husband Matt have three boys who attend Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School and Marist School.