Kearns Spirituality Center

July 1, 2016–June 30, 2017

Annual Report

Theme: “Embracing Change with Open Hearts”

Mission Statement

Kearns Spirituality Center invites people of all faiths searching for a deeper meaning in their lives to experience an environment dedicated to the renewal and revitalization of the human spirit. A Catholic retreat center sponsored by the Sister of Divine Providence, Kearns Spirituality Center shares in the mission of the Congregation “to make God’s Providence more visible in our world.”
November 2017

Dear Friends of Kearns:

Our Provident God be with you and yours, especially in this month of Thanksgiving. This year we have chosen as our theme “Embracing Change with Open Hearts.” The year 2016-2017 has been a year of grace and transition for our ministry here at Kearns. As can be seen in our Center Usage chart we have another year of increased participation in terms of both hosted and program/retreat participants. As a result of this increase in usage, we also show an increase in income. We continue to address vital societal needs in terms of peace and justice as well as a variety of healing, meditation and wellness opportunities. Our hosted groups continue to grow; we welcome many diverse groups from the stillness of meditation to the blazing of gospel hymns from our various church groups.

We have experienced some significant staff changes in the past year Sister Agnes Raible CDP and Sr. Mary Joan Coultas CDP have decided to retire as Director and Program Coordinator, respectively, after many years of great service to the Kearns Ministry. We congratulate and thank them both for their time here at Kearns. They have graciously become members of our volunteer team. Peggy Huwe, CDP Associate accepted the position of Director and Shelley Johnsen, CDP Associate accepted the position of Program Coordinator/Hospitality Coordinator. Kathy Nellis our Housekeeper/Environmental Specialist continues to keep our center clean and creates a welcoming ambience of beauty and serenity. As a result of a close staff working relationship over time, this has been a smooth transition.

We are grateful for the gifts and service of the members of the Advisory Council and volunteers. It is our pleasure to announce that we have a new Chair of the marketing committee, Mrs. Ann Vinski. Under her direction, we sent out our first annual appeal. It was focused on how the relationship between Sr. Anne Winschel and Ann Vinski blossomed from Ann’s sessions of spiritual direction at Kearns. Our hope is to continue this appeal each year focusing on “Right relationships with one another and all of creation” as stated in the Marie de la Roche Province 2016 Directional Statement.

In summary, it has been a year of many changes, we embrace change by opening our hearts as God continues to guide our work in making Providence visible in our lives and in the lives we have touched here at Kearns.

Sincerely in Providence,

Peggy Huwe
Director
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Advisory Council Committees:

Executive Committee:
Agnes Raible CDP                        Ellen Carlins
Barb Konczakowski                        Ellen Lavender
Marilyn Seidel CDP                      Erin Middleton
Pat Tobin - Chair                        Karen Lehman
Peggy Huwe                                Kathy Kozdemba
                                         Mary Ann McCarthy

Finance Committee:
Agnes Raible CDP                        Mary Joan Coultas CDP - Chair
Jay Deily                                 Michele Bisbey CDP
Lew Whitman - Chair                      Patricia Serafini
Marilyn Seidel CDP                      Peggy Huwe
Maura Luffy CDP                           Sally Shamalla
Pat Tobin                                Sandy Stevenson
Peggy Huwe                                Shelley Johnsen

Program Committee:
Anne Winschel CDP                        Ann Vinski - Chair
Bernie Revicky                            Ellen Carlins
David Lavender                            Kathy Nellis
                                         Peggy Huwe
                                         Shelley Johnsen

Marketing Committee

Kearns Spirituality Staff
Director – Agnes Raible CDP until May 6, 2017; Peggy Huwe as of May 7, 2017
Program Director – Joan Coultas CDP until May 6, 2017; Shelley Johnsen as of May 7, 2017
Business/Finance Coordinator – Peggy Huwe
Hospitality Coordinator – Shelley Johnsen
Housekeeping/Environmental Specialist – Kathy Nellis
Housekeeping (Part Time) – Paul Stephany
Spiritual Directors – Anne Winschel CDP, Jean Rene Seiler CDP, Maura Luffy CDP, & Carolyn Bodenschatz CSJ
Summer Help (Part Time) – Emily Huwe & Olivia Nellis

Kris’s Fund:  Kris Rosenberg initiated a fund to enhance the ministry of the Kearns Spirituality Center.  The Labyrinth has been dedicated to Kris, and many services and enhancements to the Center have been made possible through this fund.

Beginning Balance 7/1/16 $ 2,292.81
Flower’s for Center Grounds $ 896.45
Ending Balance 6/30/17 $ 1,396.36
Hosted Groups

Church Retreats
Christ Episcopal Church
*Crossroads Church (3)
Incarnation of the Lord Parish
St. Alphonsus Parish
St. Athanasius Church (2)
St. Killian Parish
St. Mary of the Assumption Parish
St. Sebastian Church
St. Stephens Church
St. Valentine Church
Unity Fellowship Church

School Retreats/Workshops
*Carlow University President’s Cabinet (2)
LaRoche – ESL Clergy Institute
Leadership Team LaRoche College
Mary Anand – Graduation/Reception
Pittsburgh Kids Foundation Youth Ministry
Providence Heights Alpha School
Communion Retreat
Providence Heights Alpha School Forensics
Team Workshop
Vincentian Academy

Hospice & Healing Care
*City of God (2)
*Hospice Massage Workshop (2)
Mercy Parish Nurses Retreat
*Pathfinder Healing Arts Retreat (2)
Safe Place Ministries Retreat
Samaritan Counseling Center

Creative Groups
*American Sewing Guild Workshop (3)
Creative Memories
*Creative Scrapbookers (2)
*North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild (8)
*PD Scrapbookers (3)
*Piano Recital – Beth Leckey (2)
Piano Recital – Michele Scott
Sweat Shop Villa Girls

Meditation Groups
*Bonnie Hassan Reiki Circle (3)
Chi Gong Retreat
Discernment Weekend
Laughing Rivers-Meditation Group
Reiki Class for Practitioners – Bonnie Hassan
Rhonda K Rosen Meditation Group
Share International Midwest
*Vanati – Meditation Group (5)

Women’s Groups
*Emmaus Women’s Group (2)
Ephesus Project Retreat
Journey to Freedom Women’s Conference
Mosaic Women
Women Alive in Christ
Women Faith Keepers Retreat
Women in Pastoral Ministry Retreat
Women’s Retreat

Religious Groups
Catholic & Other Denominations
APP Mountain Top Meeting
CDP Associates
Christian Associates of SWPA
Diocese of Pittsburgh Engaged Encounter
Divine Providence Alumna Association
Gestalt Pastoral Care Association
Korean Community Group
Laudato Si Panel
Leadership Conference of Women
Religious; Region IV
Pittsburgh Presbytery International Partnership
Pittsburgh Study Group
*Providence Connections (3)
Region 7 & 8 DEM’s ELCA
St. Paul Cathedral RCIA
Vincentian Collaborative System

*Group uses center multiple times per year
Programs

The theme for this report period “Embracing Change with Open Hearts” could not be more prevalent in programming than in our APP Speaker Series, beginning with Tony Norman’s talk on “Faith, Fear and Politics: How to keep a clear conscience on Election Day.” This talk was followed by four subsequent speakers on how we must embrace change for our planet, our country and in our church today. Our Ongoing Programs continue to be well attended. These programs enrich the lives of those who attend and deepen their relationship with the God of Providence. Two new programs, a meditation and a Yoga (on the Labyrinth) class were added for those seeking more options for holistic wellness of body and mind. A printing of both the fall and spring program brochures continue to be well received. The costs for these brochures have been kept at a minimum due to David Lavender’s generous donation of time and layout talent. We here at Kearns are very grateful to David for all he does, in applying his gifts to our mission and ministry.

Association of Pittsburgh Priests:
- “Faith, Fear and Politics: How to Keep a Clear Conscience on Election Day”: Tony Norman
- “Ecological Conversion: Developing Virtuous Communities”: Jame Schaefer, Ph.D.
- “The Impact of Pope Francis on the Church in Rome, on Bishops Around the World, and on the People in the Pews”: Robert Mickens
- “Seeing the Other”: Tina Whitehead

Book Discussions:
Facilitator: Joan Coultas CDP, Ph.D.
- Fall: Inclusivity, A Gospel Mandate, by Diarmuid O’Murchu
- Spring: The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation, by Richard Rohr OSF with Mike Morrell

Fall Retreat:
CDP Associate Inquiry Retreat: Learning about the Associate relationship with the Sisters of Divine Providence.

North Hills Chorale Concerts:
- Christmas Concert
- Spring Concert
Ongoing Programs:

- 10 Evenings with God
- Centering Prayer
- Embrace Your Radiance, A Journey through the Chakras: Level 1
- Finding Strength Through Weakness: 12 Step Spirituality and the Christian Perspective
- Meditation Class
- *Near Occasions of Grace*, by Richard Rohr  Book Discussion
- Peace Forum
- Reiki Exchange for Practitioners
- Tai Chi Qigong
- Visio Divina
- Yoga 1 (two classes per week)
- Yoga on the Labyrinth

Busy Women’s Retreat:
“Spirituality & Neuroscience: Living in Awareness & Gratitude.” Speaker: Anne Kernion, M.A.

Centering Prayer Retreat:
“A day retreat for explorers to experience centering prayer and inspiration for experienced centering pray—ers. Presenter: Marian Senish CDP

Christian Contemplation and Meditation:
These two evening presentations addressed the history and practical application of the Christian tradition of Contemplation and Meditation. Presenter: John P. Corcoran Jr., J.D.

Compassion, Empathy and the Challenge of Forgiveness:
These five sessions explored the meaning of compassion, empathy and forgiveness and the implications for us as Christians and followers of the Gospel. Facilitator: Margie Modro CDP M.S., CCORP

Retreats for Sisters/Associates

- Directed Retreats: August and September
- Preached Retreats: June (two retreats) & Holy Week
- Retreats for Individual Retreatants

Services

- Massage Therapy
- Comfort & Hospitality Program
- Spiritual Direction
- Reiki
- Labyrinth Usage
Contributed Services Groups

**CDP Congregation/Affiliation: Non-Contributory**

Alpha School Children’s Rosary  
Alpha School Eighth Grade Retreat  
Alpha School Forensics Team  
Annual Assembly  
Associate Groups  
  - Inquiry Group  
  - Images of Providence Group  
  - Sophia Group  
Associate Leadership  
Catholic Sisters’ Leadership Council  
CDP Circle Groups  
CDP Golden Jubilee  
Community Leadership Board  
Employee Luncheon  
Formation Ministry  
Korean Community Group  
LaRoche College  
Provincial Leadership Team

**Programs: Non/Partial Contributory**

Centering Prayer (Weekly)  
Embrace Your Radiance Class  
Finding Strength through Weakness: 12 Step Spirituality and the Christian Perspective  
Integrative Relaxation Method (Monthly)  
John Corcoran Meditation  
Kendell Romanelli – Yoga (Weekly)  
Nearer Occasions Book Club  
Reiki Exchange  
Tai Chi Qigong (Weekly two days)  
Visio Divina (Monthly)  
Yoga 1 (Weekly two days)

**Congregation Sponsored Ministries:**

**Partial Contribution/Discounted Pricing**

Associates Retreat  
Divine Providence Alumnae  
General Chapter  
LaRoche College  
Providence Connections  
Providence Heights Alpha School Communion  
Providence Heights Alpha School PTA

**Congregation Family Members:**

**Non/Partial Contributory**

CDP Family Members & Friends of Congregation

**Peace & Justice/Community Service:**

**Non Contributory**

City of God  
Greater Pgh Literacy Council – monthly  
Immigrants’ Rights Movement  
International Day of Peace Committee  
Martin Luther King Breakfast Planning Meetings  
North Hills Chorale Practice Group-Weekly  
Peace Forum – monthly  
Pittsburgh North People for Peace  
Renew Group  
Stress Reduction Group  
Vineyard Guild – monthly

**Temporary Housing:**

**Non/Partial Contributory**

UPMC Passavant Patients Families

**Internal Administration:**

**Non Contributory**

Retreat Ministries Advisory Council Meetings:  
  - Advisory Council  
  - Executive Board  
  - Finance Committee  
  - Marketing Committee  
  - Program Committee  
Miscellaneous Group Meetings  
Volunteer Dinner
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*Calculation of Sponsored includes: Congregation: Sponsored Ministries Partial Contribution/Discounted Pricing

*Calculation of Contributed Service includes: Peace & Justice/Community Service: Non-Contributory; Temporary Housing: Non/Partial Contributory, & Internal Administration: Non-Contributory
Kearns Income vs. Expense Chart

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