

Rockies Region

We are blessed to have four communities in the Rockies Region- one on Vancouver Island and three in Vancouver. There has been considerable growth recently in CLC the Vancouver area. This has been the work of the Holy Spirit and we are truly grateful. The three Vancouver communities have been coming together periodically- for Christmas, the Feast of St. Ignatius, and when “CLC ambassadors” from other parts of Canada come to visit us- such as Elaine and Peter Nightingale and most recently the Honourable Graydon Nicholas. These contacts with elders from other parts of Canada have been especially fruitful and help the Rockies CLC communities to experience the wider CLC.

In the Vancouver area, there are a number of lay Ignatian communities that we are increasingly interacting and collaborating with, such as JSAV (the Jesuit Spirituality Apostolate of Vancouver which has the apostolate of giving the Exercises) and of course the Jesuits. With many of our members having links to Hong Kong, our communities have been especially concerned about recent events there and have been praying for a peaceful resolution to the unrest.

We are looking to renew CLC again in Alberta, perhaps starting with young adults. Please pray with us for this intention!

One of the challenges we have in the Rockies region is that we do not have many CLC members with a long experience in CLC (apart from our community on the Island). As such, there is a need for training in leadership and for guides. That said, we are graced with communities possessing many leadership qualities and spiritual depth.

With both Fr. Charles Pottie Pate SJ (our Ecclesial Assistant) and I in Calgary and all of the communities in BC, this poses a challenge. However, I am grateful to Fr. Charlie for all of his work in guiding communities by Skype and his many visits to BC. I am also very grateful to Pat Bremner for all of her faithful work with the Rockies Region as former rep.

As regional representative, my goal is to encourage each of the communities in their CLC formation and community growth, to identify and respond to needs as they arise and to encourage greater interactions amongst our communities and other Ignatian family organizations and with the larger CLC.