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# EAGLE'S WINGS HAPPENINGS

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## THE GREENING OF EAGLES WINGS

It is often said that you will know you have found a new home when you find yourself digging a hole to plant trees. There is something about a tree that points to the future, a sense of hope and commitment. The planter rarely stands in the shade of the tree he or she puts into the ground. I have planted a few fruit trees and some shade trees with moderate success. For me it's been a learning process. Between drought and the hungry deer, it's a real challenge to find the right combination of soil, nutrition and water to make it happen.

Mother Nature planted all the old mature trees that we have now on our retreat acreage long before the dry years and our increased deer population. Also, there are no trees, or very few, on the land that had been previously cultivated for crops. If we want shade trees in certain areas we will have to plant and care for them until they get big enough to protect themselves.

When I celebrated my fiftieth anniversary last year I was offered the opportunity to suggest that a gift could be made to me to fund the planting of shade trees along the entry way, volleyball court and bonfire site here at Eagle's Wings. Since then we have installed a

29,000 gallon tank that collects the rain water from the 4,000 square foot roof of our sports pavillion. Our tank was filled by the generous rains we received this spring. So an automated watering system has been installed for the initial planting of seven, twelve-foot trees. So far they like their new digs (no pun intended) and seem to be happy to put their roots down in their new home. This success is encouraging and we will plant more trees this fall and again in the spring. Forty trees in all are scheduled to be planted.

So as the song goes, "We Have Only Just Begun." Everyone has an opportunity to contribute and get their hands dirty. So far we have been very fortunate to have the services of Kerry Blackmon, a landscape architect, who plotted out the placement of the trees, taught us how to plant them and designed an automatic system that will keep them watered. My thanks and appreciation goes also to Joe Noonan who headed up the project, and for Jim Welch who did a lot of tilling and prep work as well as putting the trees in the ground and providing a lot of after care. Mike Winkler and Jerry Castillo from our EW staff, got into the mix installing the irrigation

plumbing.

In his latest Encyclical "*Laudato Si*", Pope Francis invites us to consider the relationship of God's divine nature with our humanity and along with all living creatures. He writes, "*Our insistence that each human being is an image of God should not make us overlook the fact that each creature has its own purpose. None is Superfluous. The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains; everything is, as it were, a caress of God.*"

*Chapter Two, IV. THE MESSAGE OF EACH CREATURE IN THE HARMONY OF NATURE.*

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# EW Employee & Wife Receive the Lumen Gentium Award!!



This year Mike and Lynn Winkler were nominated by their pastor at Our Mother of Sorrows parish in Burnet. Mike and Lynn are quick to volunteer there and they have become an integral part of their parish. Mike started volunteering at Eagle's Wings over 9 years ago. He joined the staff taking the position as the Director of Facilities as a full time employee in 2013. His reliability and dedication to Eagle's Wings is shown in so many ways especially if something should go wrong on a weekend. All we need to do is give Mike a call and he drops whatever is going on in his personal life to take care of Eagle's Wings' pressing needs. Congratulations to Mike and Lynn!

Over the last eleven years, over 900 outstanding Catholics have been recognized in our diocese who have exemplified the spirit of Christ with the Lumen Gentium Award. Each pastor has an opportunity to select one individual every other year.



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A thank you to Catholic Life for their generous donation of \$1000.

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## Projects Requested.

Looking for a project to fulfill your Eagle Scout or Gold Award? Here are some projects that have been accomplished at Eagles Wings:

- Outdoor Chapel
- Rosary Garden
- Picnic Tables
- Climbing Wall
- Cross



# Recent Retreats & Events



Marble Falls Project Graduation

## “The Greening”...

P.S. - I would like to start a group with an interest of planting and caring for our new trees and related landscapes here at Eagle's Wings. I would imagine us meeting quarterly on weekends beginning with Mass and a reflection on Franciscan spirituality; I can see that working well in our new outdoor chapel. Bring the family and we will make it a great picnic. INTERESTED? Contact me at [elmer@ewrc.org](mailto:elmer@ewrc.org). If I get a positive response from at least twelve people I will set up a date for our first meeting and workout/picnic.

## Join Us on December 5th at Eagle's Wings' unBEARable Fun! Run!

We are seeking sponsors, both private and corporate, to help underwrite this event. This is a wonderful opportunity to honor or remember your loved one with a message on our runner's t-shirts. Simply return the form below with your payment or call 512-715-0017.



**2015 Eagle's Wings  
unBEARable Fun! Run  
Sponsorship Form**



**When :** December 5, 2015  
Race starts at 9:30 a.m.

**Where :** Eagle's Wings Retreat Center  
2805 Ranch Road 2341, Burnet, Texas

**Special guest appearance by  
2012 Olympic Silver Medalist  
Leo Manzano!**

Eagles Wings Retreat Center is seeking corporate and private sponsors for its upcoming 5K run. All proceeds from the event will benefit operations and programming at the retreat center. We thank you for your support.

**Our Mission:** To enrich the lives of Catholic and other Christian youth and their families by providing a Christ-centered environment with retreats and facilities in a natural setting.

Sponsorship Levels

**Goldilocks - \$2,500 Level**

- Same as Papa Bear PLUS:
- 2 verbal advertising during race
- Ability to give a short promo prior to race start

**Papa Bear - \$1,000 Level**

- Same as Mama Bear PLUS:
- Your website link affixed to our digital advertising
- Prominent advertising of your company logo on tee shirt

**Mama Bear - \$500 Level**

- Your logo on our Starting Line banner and race t-shirt
- Information about your business or "freebie" items included in our runner's bag
- Table at Starting Line for you to meet and greet and promote your business

**Baby Bear - \$200 Level**

- Your logo on our race t-shirt
- Information about your business or "freebie" items included in our runner's bag

**Other Opportunities (inquire for pricing)**

- We are seeking cash or in-kind sponsors for Water Stations, Finish Line, Fruit or Drink Stands, Runner's bags, Paper goods, First aid supplies

Donor Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Electronic Logo will be provided to Eagle's Wings Representative



# Upcoming Events

Please plan to join us for our Day of Spirituality  
Fall Schedule  
Register at [www.ewrc.org](http://www.ewrc.org)

## Sept. 15, 2015: Ancient Art, Symbols and the Soul: An Introduction to Religious Art

Artists have long been using natural and ordinary objects as signs and symbols to communicate attributes of the saints, as well as heavenly realities. Join us for a discussion of the symbols commonly used in art and you will uncover and appreciate the Biblical and cultural sources of this visual language.  
Presenter: Karen Rhodes Ochoa, MA in Fine Art, DIEM in Liturgy

## Oct. 13, 2015: God Forgives Me, Why Can't I Forgive Myself

Forgiveness is a powerful and affirmative part of our humanity yet there are times that we find it difficult to forgive. Come and explore the obstacles in life that keep us from accepting God's mercy and love.  
Presenter: Cheryl Maxwell "Max": Former Director of the Office of Worship and Secretariat Director for Formation and Spirituality at the Diocese of Austin.

## Nov. 17, 2015 Prayer and Personality Types

Have you ever struggled with your prayer life? Do you ever wonder why some people seem to have it so easy when it comes to prayer? Join us for a presentation on Prayer and Personality Types and discover how your personality can enhance your Spiritual life. Discussion will include an understanding of the four basic personality types and the varying prayer styles that accompany each one.  
Presenter: NoIa Flores; MA in Theology with over 20 years of experience in a wide variety of ministries. Gifted presenter at both the parish and Diocese level.

## Dec. 8th, 2015 When Two Seasons Collide: Grief and the Holidays

Join us for an in depth understanding of grief and how it affects the whole person: physically, spiritually, emotionally, family dynamics and socially. We will review the stages and/or the feelings of grief; how the holidays can trigger grief and how you can use the holidays for healing.  
Presenter: Lori Burdick; MA, Over 22 years as a Licensed Professional Counselor in Private Practice and an accomplished Retreat Facilitator.

**All Days of Spirituality are from 9:30AM – 2:30PM. \$35 per person and a light breakfast and lunch is included. To register visit [www.ewrc.org](http://www.ewrc.org). Preregistration required.**

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