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February 2025 Newsletter

A double-sided flyer for the Spring 2025 semester. The front page features the text 'SPRING 2025' at the top, followed by 'FOREVER LEARNING INSTITUTE' in large, bold, blue letters. Below that is the subtitle 'THE PREMIER SCHOOL FOR SENIORS'. Underneath is the 'SCHEDULE OF CLASSES AND REGISTRATION GUIDE'. At the bottom, it says 'Registration Opens February 10th' and 'Classes Begin March 3rd'. The back page is a solid blue vertical bar with the white text 'Course Guide' running vertically down its center.

SPRING REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 10th!

Greetings from FLI!

Spring 2025 registration will open in a few days on February 10th on our [website](#). Course guides can be found on our website as well as at many local businesses, libraries, and our FLI office. We have many exciting updates in this month's newsletter, so please take time to read it closely. We look forward to seeing everyone back for the beginning of the spring semester on March 3rd!

Warm regards,

George, Toni, and the Board at Forever Learning Institute

Forever Announcements

South Bend Alumni Association Community Hall of Fame

The South Bend Community Hall of Fame is now accepting nominations! The South Bend Alumni Association honors individuals who have made a significant contribution to our local community and beyond. Members of the Hall of Fame set an example for all of us, especially the students who benefit from the support of the SBAA, by modeling what it means to be a civic-minded individual, dedicating their lives to service and betterment of the whole community in the following categories: Arts, Athletics, Business and Industry, Education, Public/Community/Government Service, or Science & Technology. For 2025 Selection, nominations are due by March 1st, 2025. For more information on eligibility requirements and to submit nominations, please visit the website at: southbendalumni.com/sbaa-hall-of-fame/.

Forever Events

FLI Trivia 2025 Tables available but filling up quickly!

When:

Friday, February 21, 2025
6:00 PM – Doors Open
6:30 PM – Contest Begins

Where:
Forever Learning Institute Gymnasium
54191 Ironwood Road, South Bend

Featuring:
8 people per team
10 Rounds of 10 Questions
General Knowledge Trivia
Bring Your Favorite Snacks
Cash Bar (Beer, Wine, and Soft Drinks)
Prizes for the Top Three Teams

[Register Your Team of 8 Here!](#)

Team registrations must be completed by Friday, February 14. For questions, please contact our office at [574-282-1901](tel:5742821901).

We look forward to seeing you there for a fun-filled evening of trivia!

We are still looking for sponsors and gift cards for our annual trivia night. If you are interested in more information on either, please reach out to george@foreverlearninginstitute.org.

Oak Street Health Lunch and Learn

Join us to meet Oak Street Health and learn the benefits of specialized care for older adults. We will meet at FLI room 2-3.

Chick-fil-A Box Lunch Provided for those who RSVP by 2/24/25.

Call to save your spot [\(574\) 666-2575](tel:5746662575).

[See Flyer Here](#)

How Native Plants Bring LIFE to our Landscapes

Jan McGowan, Interpretive Naturalist, MLS on behalf of Wild Ones South Bend

Native plants are finally getting the recognition they deserve as beautiful, at-home, can-do solutions to supporting our natural environment. Learn what native plants are; how



they are a win-win for gardeners and land managers; why they are essential for supporting biodiversity, soil health and our climate; how beautiful they are; and lastly, a brief bit on how people can find them and learn more.

Monday, April 7 at 1-2:30 PM @ FLI

Call [574-282-1901](tel:574-282-1901) to reserve your spot!

Forever Travel

Owners Suite Experience with the South Bend Cubs

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Enjoy a great American pastime with a day at the ballpark cheering on the South Bend Cubs. Forever Travel is offering an owners-suite experience complete with prime indoor seating, a full buffet lunch, refreshments, and lots of goodies and memorabilia. Trip includes optional bus transportation from Forever Learning and back. Skip the long walk to the stadium and the hassle and cost of parking.



Tickets are:

- \$130 per person including the game, memorabilia, buffet lunch, and transit from FLI
- \$100 per person without transportation

[Register Here!](#)

An advertisement for a Portugal and Douro River cruise. It features a scenic view of a colorful town built on a hillside overlooking a river with a cruise ship. A circular badge in the top left corner says "FREE AIRFARE LIMITED TIME OFFER". The text "PORTUGAL AND THE DOURO RIVER CRUISE" is prominently displayed in the center, with "TOUR DATES: JUNE 17 – 27, 2026" below it. At the bottom, it says "Forever Learning Institute: George Azar (574) 282-1901 george@foreverlearninginstitute.org".

Portugal and the Douro River Cruise Join Forever Learning Institute in 2026!

A symbol of Portugal's birth and growth as a nation, the Douro has long been the country's lifeline. Spend two nights in the cosmopolitan capital of Lisbon, Portugal with a tour showcasing the famous sights of this remarkable city. Enroute to Porto, visit the pilgrimage site of Fátima and the university town of Coimbra. Navigate a path through Portugal's enchanting countryside while cruising along the dramatic Douro River. Terraced vineyards rise from the river banks, historic landmarks pepper the distant horizons and charming towns lay hidden in the rural hillsides. From Spain's walled city of Salamanca to the charming baroque village of Lamego, enjoy a new perspective of Europe as you sail the along the Douro.

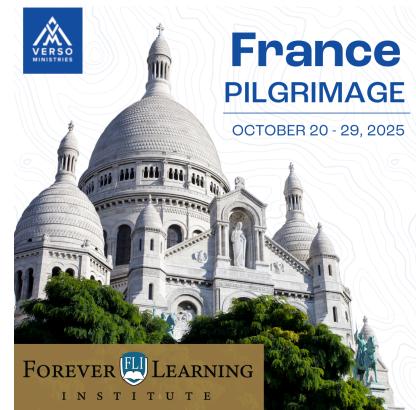
[Flyer](#) [Registration Form](#)

Sneak Peek Friday, February 28 at 10 AM at FLI.
No registration needed.

Forever Learning Pilgrimage to France

Join Verso Ministries and the Forever Learning Institute on a pilgrimage to France from October 20-29, 2025!

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



Forever Learning

Spring Session 2025

Registration Opens on Monday, February 10.
Classes Begin on Monday, March 3.

Get ready for an exciting spring semester!

***Course Change:

Augustine of Hippo will no longer be offered in the spring, but it hopefully will return in the fall.

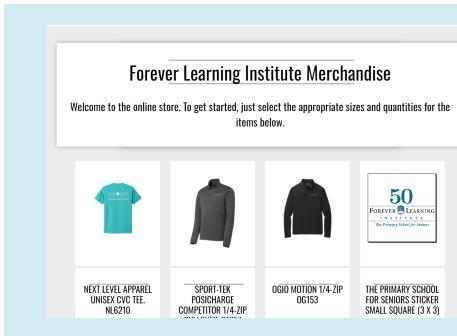
Forever Upcoming Dates

- Monday, February 10 – Registration Opens
- Friday, February 21 – FLI Trivia Night. [Register Teams Here.](#)
- Thursday, February 27 – Spring Instructor Luncheon
- Friday, February 28 - 10 AM Forever Travel Portugal and the Douro River Cruise Sneak Peek
- Friday, February 28 - 1 PM Oak Street Health Lunch and Learn
- Monday, March 3 – Classes Begin
- Thursday, March 20 – Forever Travel Beautiful the Musical Day Trip to Drury Lane Theater. SOLD OUT
- Monday, April 7 – 11 – FLI Spring Break (No Classes)
- Monday, April 7th – How Native Plants Bring LIFE to our Landscapes with Jan McGowan
- Friday, April 18th – Good Friday (FLI Closed & No Classes)
- Friday, May 16 – Last Day of Classes
- Tuesday, May 20 – Spring Festival, Forever Learning gymnasium. Enjoy performances, classroom displays, and a potluck luncheon celebrating the end of the semester.
- Wednesday, May 21 – Forever Travel South Bend Cubs Game Owner's Suite Experience. [Register Here.](#)
- Saturday, June 14 – 24 – Forever Travel Danube Delights River Cruise
- Monday, October 20 – 29 – Forever Travel Pilgrimage to France - [Register Here.](#)



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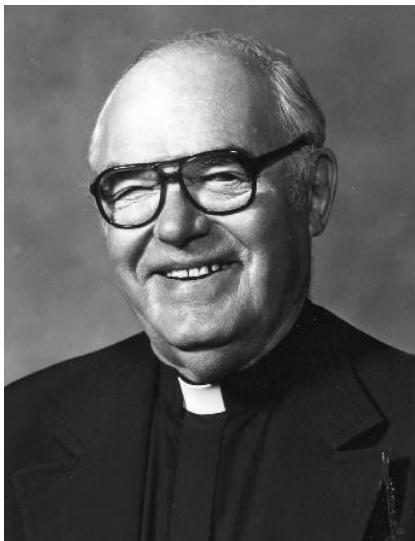
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Forever Learning Institute hosts an online store where you can purchase t-shirts and jackets with our logo. Show all your friends your love of lifelong learning!

[Forever Store](#)



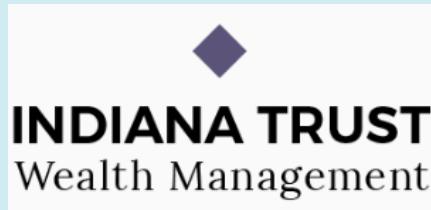
Our Founder, Fr. Louis J. Putz, C.S.C.

Fr. Putz viewed life as a chain with three distinct links: the age of learning, the age of earning, and the age of returning. As he approached retirement in the early '70s, he envisioned a school for the "third-agers," where students returned to share their collective experience, knowledge, and talent in service to others. As Fr. Putz often said, "Service adds years to your life and life to your years." He envisioned a school for seniors who would come together for the pure joy of learning and social interaction, as well as personal and spiritual growth. On September 27, 1974, that vision became a reality.

Improving the quality and dignity of senior adult life through continuing intellectual challenge, spiritual reflection, and social interaction for 50

years.

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