



December 5, 2024

Dear Friends,

The basis of the Spiritual Exercises is the story of *imago Dei* because it answers the questions: Why am I here? What is my purpose? What is my story? We are all created in God's image and likeness. So, what is holding us back from living into our God-given wholeness and authenticity? What are we waiting for? Our world needs to recognize and respond to God's love now more than ever. Loyola Institute for Spirituality (LIS) offers the space and opportunity to make this recognition and response a reality. Individually and collectively we can do this together. We have no better time than now to heighten our awareness.

For more than 27 years, LIS has lived out its mission as a sponsored ministry of Jesuits West Province, to offer a creative and transformative approach to mindfulness through the lens of Ignatian spirituality. We invite, accompany, and empower individuals and communities to deepen their self-knowledge and awareness of God's active, loving presence in their lives, in the lives of others, and in the world.

Due to your continued support, the 2023-2024 fiscal year was a purposeful one for LIS. We have strategically expanded our offerings to meet people wherever they are. Our reach has grown coast to coast and internationally with additional online programs. We are accompanying adults from their 20s to their 90s in a broad cross section of industries from education to health care, technology, and government. Participants are sharing that LIS offerings "help recalibrate life," and have been, "the shot in the arm I needed to reinvigorate my spiritual life." Our attached annual report provides details about our most recent year.

Please consider making a tax-deductible year-end gift to Loyola Institute for Spirituality. Your partnership will support our mission to transform lives by inviting people to know they are beloved and live out their lives from that place of wholeness in Christ. As a sign of our gratitude, those who are able to contribute \$100 or more or who commit \$10 or more per month will receive a LIS journal and pen.

I pray this Advent brings you hope, peace, love, and joy. May you know the gift you are to the world!

With deep gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori Stanley", written over a circular stamp or seal.

Lori Stanley
Executive Director

A Year in Review...

Significant participation in English and Spanish-language programming from July 2023 - June 2024 included:

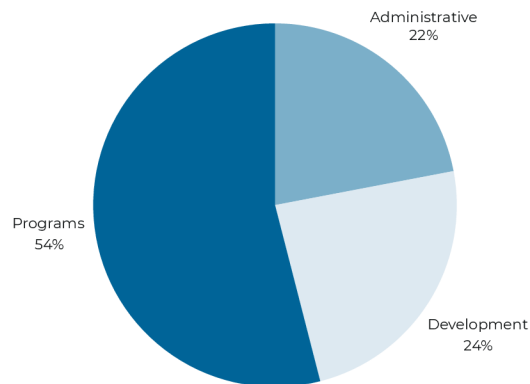
- 800+ participants across all programs and events (a 50+% increase over the previous year).
- 375+ retreatants encountered Ignatian spirituality through the Spiritual Exercises (18th & 19th annotations).
- 47 active associates volunteered more than 1,800 hours to make our programs possible.
- 25 associates accompanied retreatants as spiritual companions. These associates deepened their companionship through required monthly peer-supervision offered by LIS.
- 20 pilgrims walked in the footsteps of the saints through Italy in the Summer of 2024.
- 74 diaconate candidates, aspirants, and their wives participated in spiritual formation with LIS.
- 150+ people Celebrated Hope at our 2024 Hearts on Fire awards celebration.
- 170 participants discerned their spiritual charisms through Called & Gifted; found God in creative ways through our Saturday Series and Finding God in the Dark; and gathered for spiritual conversations with Companions on the Way.
- 14 collaborations with Jesuit and Diocesan ministries on spirituality, social justice, and discernment.
- 5,000+ followers across social media platforms.

Financial Overview

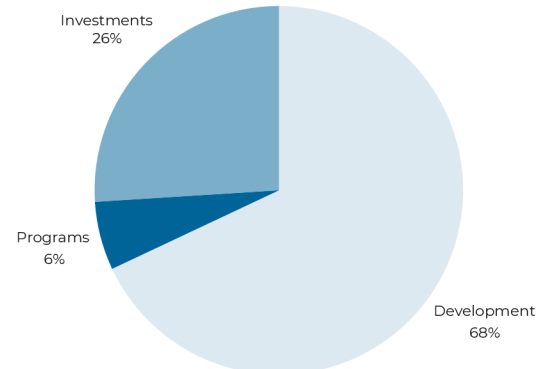
(Numbers represent fiscal year 2023 - 2024)

This most recent fiscal year reflects the continued progress of a long-term strategy aimed at building a solid foundation for sustainable growth. We added two new positions in programs development and resumed offering more in-person experiences. While program income decreased compared to the previous year, even with the additional staff, this shift was intentional. Our team has focused on designing programs that are interconnected, allowing participants to deepen their engagement with Ignatian spirituality over time. With this approach, LIS will relaunch its formation programs in English and Spanish this coming year.

Allocated Expenses \$461,203



Revenue \$1,040,376



The remarkable generosity of two donors resulted in a combined contribution of \$600,000, designated to support the organization through this strategic phase and to explore innovative and impactful ways to deliver Ignatian spirituality. As we move forward, we remain committed to the responsible and thoughtful stewardship of our finances, ensuring that decisions are guided by wisdom and purpose, aligning with our core values and mission to foster spiritual growth and deepen the experience of Ignatian spirituality.

What Your Gift Will Do

Your gift enables us to continue to offer a range of programs both online and in person in English and Spanish at modest prices, where individuals are invited to grow in self-knowledge and deepen their awareness of God's presence in their lives. Program evaluations reflect that we are meeting the spiritual needs of people who are eager to share their transformative experiences. Loyola Institute for Spirituality cannot exist without your benevolence. As the numbers show, the generous financial support from our community is essential to our ministry, as is the contribution of thousands of hours from dedicated volunteers. Your gift helps us to expand LIS's reach and offer excellent programming that meets the spiritual needs of Christians today.



LIS Board Retreat 2024



LIS Team at Hearts on Fire 2024



Jesuit Spiritual
Ministries Gathering



2023-2024 SEDL retreat



Saturday Series: Celebrating Advent



Parish Lenten Retreat



Pilgrimage to Italy:
In the Footsteps of the Saints



2023 Homeboy 5k



Hearts on Fire Award 2024: JRJI



2024 LA Religious
Education Congress