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From the Director...



Dear Friends of LIS,

I hope that you are having a **good summer** so far, with some time for rest, recreation, and rejuvenation. Several of the LIS Staff members are away on their own retreats and vacations, while others are catching up on various things around the office.

Early July found Americans celebrating Independence Day, while at the end of this month, **July 31**, the Church celebrates the **Feast Day of St. Ignatius of Loyola**, the founder of the Jesuits. If you are in or near Orange County, we hope you can join us for a special Mass and Lunch. If you live further away, then please remember us on July 31 and pray that our Ignatian spiritual ministries may continue to thrive.

This summer has also brought us some sad and unexpected news: After 14 years with LIS, our own **Cindy Guzman** has decided to accept new employment with the Institute for Pastoral Ministry (IPM) at the Diocese of Orange.

While we are very disappointed to see her leave the LIS Staff, we are also very happy that she wants to remain active with us as an LIS Associate, especially assisting our growing Hispanic programs. We wish her well in her new position, and we look forward to continue working with her in the future, since LIS regularly collaborates with the IPM and other diocesan offices.

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Our Mission

In the Ignatian tradition, Loyola Institute for Spirituality accompanies people on their journey toward a life-giving relationship with God, self, and others, through experiential formation to help transform the world.

The values of collaboration, ecumenism and cultural diversity guide the programs and services of Loyola Institute for Spirituality

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You can use the LIS Amazon store to purchase anything available on Amazon, not just the books we recommend.

<http://astore.amazon.com/ignatian-20>

So, we are now seeking a new "**Administrative Assistant**" for LIS, to be hired as soon as possible. If you know anyone who might be qualified and interested, please see the official **Job Description** on the homepage of the LIS website: www.loyolainstitute.org. The **application deadline** is **Tuesday, July 21**.

Peace and blessings to you, and enjoy the rest of the summer!

Fr. Felix Just, S.J.
Executive Director of LIS



July 31: St. Ignatius Loyola

Please join us in celebrating the feast day of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus.

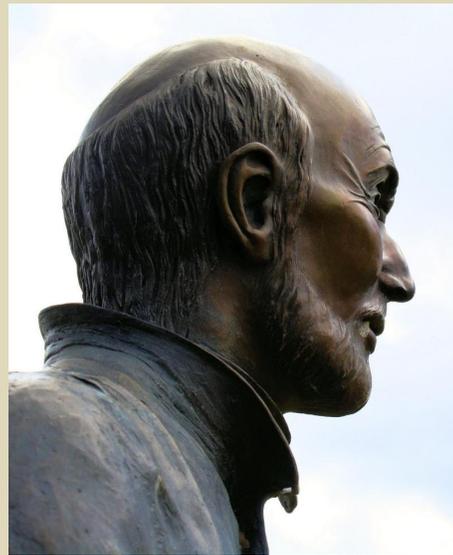
Friday, July 31, 2015

10:30 a.m. Mass

(in the Sacred Heart Chapel;
followed by lunch)

St. Joseph Center

480 S. Batavia Street
Orange, CA 92868



No charge (but donations will be gratefully accepted)

Please RSVP for lunch by July 22;
call 714-997-9587 ext. 10 or email office@loyolainstitute.org

My Personal Journey

by Carlos Obando, Program Director

Last Wednesday was my first anniversary with the Loyola Institute. Even though I have been associated with LIS since 2008, I completed my first year as a full-time member of the staff on July 1.

Ignatian spirituality places great emphasis on gratitude -- and I really feel grateful for this past year. It has been a very busy year for me. Although I don't think I have ever worked as hard as I have in the past year, I don't feel tired. Rather, I am grateful to be in this place that many fondly call LIS, while I call it my new spiritual home.



I have learned many things about Ignatian Spirituality; but even more important than learning "new things," I have learned and experienced first-hand a few important things regarding what Ignatian Spirituality is all about:

- It sees our world charged with the grandeur of God, and with God's love for humankind.
- It fosters an active attentiveness to God. Discernment is an intrinsic part of our life. We cannot make a move without making sure it leads us to pleasing God.
- It emphasizes interior freedom. This is such an invigorating feeling! Ignatius calls it "indifference." A total detachment from whatever does not allow me to be my true self!
- The Daily Examen is a powerful that which allows you to detect God in your life.
- It is practical. Father Arrupe used the phrase "men and women for others." It is not a spirituality to be lived behind closed doors/walls. Rather, it is a "spirituality of engagement."
- I especially like the idea of being "contemplatives in action." Even though we are very active, we are called to spend time with our Beloved, so that we can grow intimately in our relationship with Him.
- Last, but not least: the Spiritual Exercises. For the first time in the 12 years, 24 Hispanic men and women have experienced the full Spiritual Exercises through LIS. Their testimonies are amazing. Everyone I have spoken to says the same thing: "The Exercises are about conversion, renewal, healing, transformation, and a deeper love for the Scriptures."

I have also been blessed to work with some wonderful people:

- Fr. Steve: a humble and gentle soul;
- Fr. Bob: a man who taught me to be patient;
- Fr. David: a man with a passion for life and knowledge;
- Fr. Felix: an excellent preacher and with a passion for the Scriptures;
- Sr. Barbra: a woman dedicated to her ministry;
- Sr. Jeanne: a woman with a heart of gold;
- Br. Charlie: a man with a passion for teaching and bringing Ignatian Spirituality to others;
- Lupita: a woman who has zest for life and justice;
- Cindy: our well-spring of knowledge, always with a friendly disposition;
- Ryan: a very transparent and humble person;
- Chelo: an unpretentious human being always willing to help;
- Magdalena: a generous woman totally dedicated to LIS;
- and last but not least: all of our Associates.

Every our organization has its hidden treasures... ours are our Associates. During the last five months I have had the opportunity of getting to know many of them, and frankly, I am impressed and honored to work side by side with these wonderful people.

Thank you all. Each of you has taught me many things. May the Lord grant me the grace to continue working with you for a few more years; may God allow us not just to teach others about Ignatian Spirituality, but also to be an example of it in everything we do and say.

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Become a Member of LIS:

LIS Membership is open to anyone who wants to support our vital ministries.

Members not only receive certain benefits, but also provide much-needed financial support on a more stable and regular basis. We have established several categories of LIS Membership, which are renewable annually, on a calendar-year basis:

- **Regular Members** - those who donate **\$100 or more** within a calendar year
- **Supporting Members** - those who donate **\$250 or more** within a calendar year
- **Major Donors** - those who donate **\$500 or more** within a calendar year:
 - Manresa Circle - min. \$500
 - Peter Faber Circle - min. \$1,000
 - Francis Xavier Circle - min. \$2,500
 - Ignatius Loyola Circle - min. \$5,000
 - Magis Circle - min. \$10,000
- **Sustaining Members** - those who pledge to donate on a **monthly or quarterly basis**
 - Your total annual donations qualify you as a regular member, supporting member, or member of one of the Major Donor Circles.

Membership Benefits include:

- **Gifts of Appreciation** - religious bookmarks, calendars, books, pins, and other items
- **Invitations to Special Events** - annual BBQ, Ignatius Day Mass, Open House
- **Discounts on LIS Programs** - members-only rates on select courses and events
- **Public Recognition** - listing on LIS website and in the "Hearts on Fire" program
- **Personal Satisfaction** - knowing that you are helping LIS ministries to grow

How Your Membership Donation Helps LIS:

- Scholarships for deserving people
- Retreats for homeless persons
- Leadership training for young adults
- Expanded programs in Spanish and several Asian languages
- Spiritual direction for individuals
- New staff to help serve more people

With your help, we will be able to meet growing needs fueled by a deep spiritual hunger that so many people are experiencing today. Our program fees are kept as low as possible, and we offer scholarships whenever needed and possible. We are committed to remaining affordable and accessible for all people, especially in these difficult times.

Become a Member of LIS now for the 2015 calendar year.

Membership brochures and return envelopes were mailed to everyone already on our mailing list. Please call our office if you do not get yours.

For more information, please see our website (www.loyolainstitute.org) or call the LIS office at 714-997-9587.

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