

# 2022 ANNUAL APPEAL & REPORT

Setting Hearts on Fire with Love of God for the World

## From the Director

Dear Friends,

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones well. You are receiving this mailing because you have participated in, supported, donated, or connected in some other way with Loyola Institute for Spirituality. For 25 years, LIS has made the gift of Ignatian spirituality accessible and affordable to all and it has been what grounds our mission. Like my predecessors, I am grateful for the role you have played in promoting and supporting LIS.

In 2021-2022, we focused on finding stability. We experimented with programming, created channels to share Ignatian spirituality in parishes, online and through social media, all while managing our dedication to accessibility and affordability. This year's exploration confirmed that while we are slowly moving away from the impact of recent years, we are still living with and feeling its effects in all areas. The groundedness Ignatian spirituality offers is needed more than ever and LIS remains committed to adapting and evolving to meet people where they are on their journey.

With your support, we will be equipped to introduce the emerging topics of Catholic Social Teaching, discernment in daily life, and deepen our commitment to the Universal Apostolic Preferences of the Society of Jesus that include walking with the excluded, caring for our common home, and showing the way to God through discernment and Spiritual Exercises.

### Can we count on your financial support?

While I can't possibly quantify the impact of LIS' offerings, there is an exponential impact when you consider the personal invitation Ignatian spirituality makes to deepen one's self-awareness. It transforms lives and fortifies parish communities. Thank you in advance for considering the many lives you'll impact as you plan your end-of-year giving.

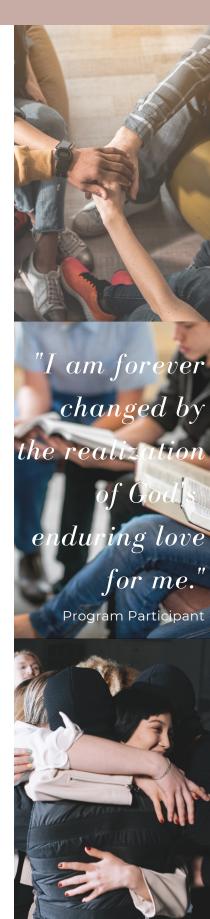
Your sister in Christ,

Lori Stanley

**Executive Director** 

#### Mission and Vision

Loyola Institute for Spirituality works to promote a faith that does justice, in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola. We bring spirituality to life by inviting spiritual seekers to transformation, fostering Ignatian formation and education, and nurturing discipleship.



### A Year in Review...

Fiscal year 2021-2022 was a nice reprieve from the previous year. We added a new staff member, reconnected with Associates at a summer picnic, slated new speakers and instructors, launched two new programs, outperformed previous Hearts on Fire fundraising events, and prepared for a pilgrimage to Spain!

Uncertainty (and the very real *Zoom fatigue*) continued in this year for us which precipitated a decision to offer an abbreviated menu of formation courses. However, this decision did not deter us from continued collaborations and opportunities to network with other ministries to fulfill our mission in creative ways.



- 1,300+ hours of instruction, connection, and spiritual development
- 341+ participants across all programs and events
- 70+ participants in formation courses
- 38+ LIS Associates who helped coordinate, lead, teach, & facilitate throughout the year
- 30 retreatants in Spiritual Exercises
- At least 11 different states and countries represented throughout the year
- 9 collaborations with other ministries on spirituality, social justice, and discernment
- 5 graduates from the Ignatian Spiritual Formation Program
- 3 parish-based retreats

The numbers reflect activity from July 2021-June 2022 in both English and Spanish.

### What Your Gift Will Do

Inherent in Loyola Institute for Spirituality's mission is a resolve to adapt to the spiritual needs of the day.

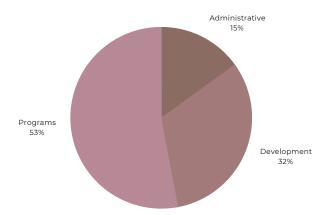
We remain determined to make Ignatian spirituality accessible and affordable and your gift will allow us to maintain modest fees and means to subsidize our programs for individuals and groups.

Due to the pandemic, we have found ourselves heavily reliant on technology to lead effective and efficient online and inperson programming. Because of this, we must upgrade our computers (10+ years old) and invest in hardware, software and services.

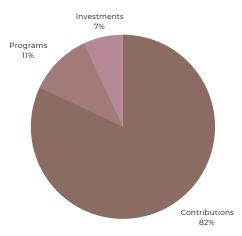
Consider an end-of-year donation to LIS, create a monthly donation agreement, or increase a standing donation by 10%. Whatever you give, however you give, will make a difference!

### Financial Overview

Allocated Expenses \$413,425



Revenue \$413,425



Numbers represent fiscal year 2021-2022.

In 2021-2022, the biggest impact to our expenses was the addition of a new team member with the goal of expanding our reach to the Spanish-speaking community and also streamlining our offerings in all languages. Most other expenses remained the same after judiciously examining our costs in the previous year.

Thanks to supporters like you, the success of our annual fundraiser, and a generous bequest, contributions increased significantly. With a decision to suspend some of the formation courses this year, there was an expected decrease in program income.

Investment funds covered the shortfall between revenue and expenses. Without the bequest, the percentage would have been more significant. While grateful for the safeguard these funds offer, it is not sustainable to rely upon them indefinitely. Both program income and contributions need to increase to balance our income sources.