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Letter from the Director

Dear Friends,

This fall marks the 25th Anniversary of Loyola Institute for Spirituality. Over the years, God's providential graces have been realized through friends, graduates, collaborators and supporters who have continuously responded with unbelievable support of our mission. For every mountain we've had to climb, I'm grateful that we did it together, walking alongside one another. Brand new mercies have generously appeared from all over making "finding God in all things" truly come to life!

As much as we wanted to launch into this special year with an opportunity to host a large gathering, COVID continues to influence how and when we can do that. I hope that in whatever ways we are able to celebrate in the coming year, you will consider joining us.

Finally, as I reflect on my role as Executive Director since September 2018, I'm honored to be at LIS whose rich Jesuit tradition is steeped in the Ignatian principles that highlight courage, adaptability, and love. I'm grateful for being in a position to serve, to be accompanied, and to accompany any and all seeking a personal encounter with God. May we find something to be grateful for each day and hold onto the hope of FAITH that expects God's providential love in all things, at all times and in all people.

Gratefully,



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Associate Spotlight

REGINA HUR



How did you first hear about LIS and Ignatian spirituality?

I was looking for answers to my unquenched thirst to know who God really is and why I am here in this world. When I became an empty nester, one of my friends who was studying at Talbot School of Theology mentioned LIS. I did not have much knowledge of Ignatian Spirituality at that time but I registered for the classes.

What is your current occupation?

I am still a physician, internist, and work as a locum tenens.

How has Ignatian spirituality impacted your relationships with God, self, and others?

It has brought me closer to God, who created me with love and continues to shape me to his liking. I am his co-worker. I appreciate and enjoy all his creations like nature and people around me. His friendship and faithfulness help me to walk bravely in this rough terrain.

Is there a ministry or organization that you affiliate with? Why?

I have been with LIS as an associate, spiritual companion, and board member. LIS is my spiritual home and I spent most of my extra curricular time at LIS prior to the pandemic. I am also involved with the "Apostles of Prayer" group at Korean Martyrs Catholic Church and I am a prayer and financial supporter for the Ignatian Spirituality Project.

What scripture speaks to you most?

Romans 5:3-5

What is your favorite book, podcast, or movie?

So hard to choose one! I would say the biography of Abraham Lincoln by Carl Sanburg. Abe Lincoln is my most inspired person in history.

What are your hobbies?

Walking on the sand, watching movies, reading, and traveling.

Did you Know?

In 1844, Fr. Francois Xavier Gautrelet, S.J., founded a movement in Vals, France, with a circle of young Jesuits in formation that became the Apostleship of Prayer, which promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the practice of a morning or daily offering. Most notably, the Apostleship of Prayer would also share with the faithful the monthly prayer intentions of the Roman pontiff.

In 2016, the Apostleship of Prayer was renamed the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, which in subsequent years became a pontifical work that would later be constituted as a Vatican Foundation. During January 2016, the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network brought the venerable tradition of monthly papal prayer intentions to the world of streaming video and social media with the creation of "The Pope Video." Every month, The Pope Video produces a short video of Pope Francis – usually lasting a minute or two – reflecting upon the papal prayer intention of that month. These short videos are easily shareable on social media and allow the Successor of St. Peter to reach out to and connect with the faithful unlike never before. Over time, the viewer of these videos can develop the sense of a strong personal connection with the pastoral outreach of the Bishop of Rome.

One can find these videos on The Pope Video's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/c/the pope video> as well as the organization's website of <https://thepopevideo.org> and its various social media channels. Check it out and find yourself united in prayer with Pope Francis like you never imagined.



THE POPE VIDEO

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

Associate Spotlight cont'd...

DEVORA BRITO RIVAS



How did you get to know LIS and Ignatian spirituality?

My first contact with Ignatian spirituality was when Challenge was offered at the Institute in 2013/2014.

What is your occupation?

I am a housewife with many occupations. Among them to help support my family, I am a sales agent and caterer. I am also a certified cosmetologist.

How has Ignatian spirituality impacted your relationship with God, yourself and others?

In the smallest details is the presence of, or always seeking, the will of God. Discovering God in the other person makes me aware that He is present in a friend or foe. This allows me to always be aware of my desires and work with them to always give glory to God.

Is there a ministry or organization that you affiliate with? Why?

I am a parishioner of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish (3rd and Grand) in Santa Ana where I am a children's catechist for sacramental preparation and a member of the parish finance group. At the Institute I have been a spiritual companion since 2016 and part of other teams in the programs it offers.

What is your favorite book, podcast or movie?

My favorite book is *The Russian Pilgrim* and books by Fr. Ignacio Larrañaga. One of my favorite movies is "The Cabin" because I got to see a little bit of how the Triune God relates to each other. I liked the image very much and I keep it in my heart.

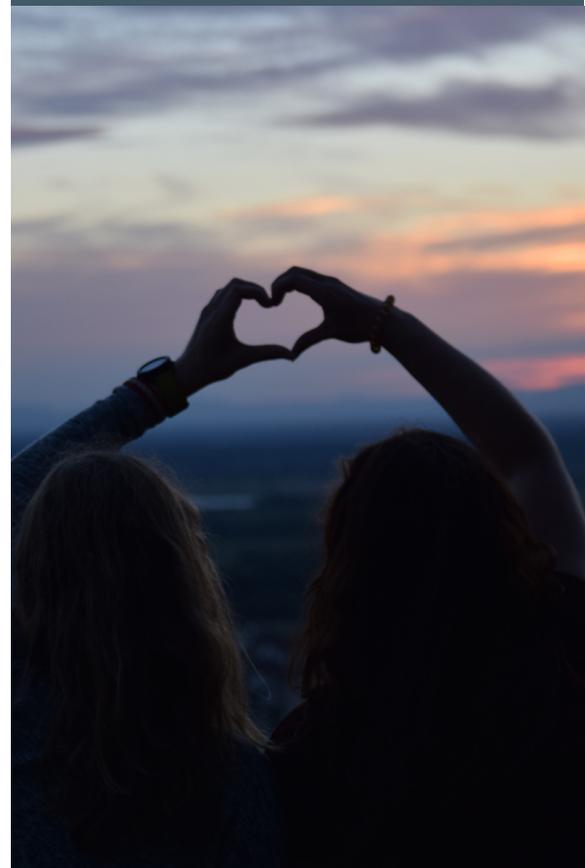
What are your hobbies?

I like to read and knit for my grandchildren and myself. I love to read any Ignatian literature and I also enjoy books on psychology and self-improvement (Cesar Lozano) because I am constantly seeking to understand myself and others. I also enjoy going out with my family, especially with my husband on short trips and having a good meal with him.

About LIS Associates

LIS Associates are graduates of the three-year Ignatian Spiritual Formation Program who regularly collaborate with LIS in varying capacities.

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Silver Jubilee Reflections

A review of the work and achievements of LIS conjures up many wonderful memories and images. The past 25 years demonstrate the great thirst among so many people for spiritual growth opportunities in English but also in Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean and even Chinese—languages in which LIS over the years has provided spiritual ministries in Orange County and beyond! Four Executive Directors—myself, Fathers Steve Corder, Felix Just, and LIS’s first lay director Lori Stanley – have made many contributions to LIS’s progress as have the generous members of the Board of Directors, the staff, and associates over the years. Hundreds of donors have provided financial and moral support to the organization without which it would never have lasted. The Western Jesuits Province which initially funded LIS has continued to number LIS among its keenly favored spirituality ministries.

The idea of LIS was always to make Ignatian spiritual growth opportunities available in traditional ways, for example, in retreats and days of recollection, but also in new or less familiar ways with workshops on prayer, on the daily examen of consciousness, and on other spiritual activities. LIS reached out to local parishes and dioceses with services that include the identification and training of laity called to serve in spiritual ministries. Scores of deacons and their wives throughout Southern California have made the Spiritual Exercises and found ongoing support and renewal for their work in the Ignatian spiritual pathway. Hundreds of laypersons have been formed in Ignatian spirituality and now proudly serve in parishes, schools, and Catholic organizations and movements throughout Southern California. Many hundreds of Catholics including many non-Catholics have been led through the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Countless lives have been deeply impacted forever by their exposure to the Ignatian charism.

The reception of LIS on the part of the Bishops of Orange who have served over the past 25 years has been a source of great encouragement, as has been the ongoing support of many pastors in Orange, Los Angeles, San Bernardino and San Diego. One of the greatest joys has been knowing and working collaboratively with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange on whose beautiful St. Joseph Center grounds LIS found a perfect place to organize itself, grow and flourish, often in close cooperation with the CSJ’s Center for Spiritual Development (CSD).

While the Covid experience and many changes in technology and outreach have brought new challenges and opportunities to LIS as it seeks ways to serve in today’s fluid environment, the consoling memories of its first 25 years fills me with joy. Who knows what our Lord has in mind for LIS as it looks ahead to the next 25 years!

Allan F. Deck, SJ
Founder of LIS in 1997

LIS Putting Contest

Saturday, October 22, 2022
12 p.m.

Recreation Park Golf Course 9
5000 E 7th Street, Long Beach, CA 90804

Entry Fee: \$100
Your entry is fully tax-deductible

Only 60 slots available

There will be prizes, food, raffle,
giveaways, etc.

Don't miss this opportunity to gather
and support LIS!

To register:
www.loyolainstitute.org/puttingcontest

Ignatian Corner

In case you missed it, Lori was invited by Mamas in Spirit, a Catholic podcast for women, to share how her response to God’s unique and personal love for her has been transformative. Head over to www.mamasinspirit.com to listen to this 45 minute conversation!

Season 4 Episode 27
THE HOLY PATH
WITH LORI STANLEY
LOYOLA INSTITUTE FOR SPIRITUALITY

"God, attach my will to yours."

LISTEN NOW AT:
mamasinspirit.com

LIS Arrives in OC

February 27, 1998

Loyola Institute opens in Orange

By Mike Nelson
STAFF WRITER

■ The Manresa Retreat House in Azusa may have closed four years ago, but its spiritual successor lives on — 30 miles south.

Last fall, the Loyola Institute of Spirituality opened in Orange to provide programs in the Ignatian spirituality, just as Manresa had for 47 years. What makes the new facility — officially blessed and dedicated Feb. 7 — particularly unique, however, is its emphasis on multicultural needs.



FACILITY BLESSING — Auxiliary Bishop Michael Driscoll of Orange (left) and Jesuit Father Allan Figueroa Deck participated at the recent blessing for the Loyola Institute of Spirituality in Orange.

Spanish. That's because our own staff reflects the cultural and racial diversity found in many parishes."

The Institute staff includes Father Deck, the Orange Diocese's first director of Hispanic Ministry and more recently a professor of theology at Loyola Marymount University; Jesuit Father Michael Mandala, who has worked in many ethnic communities in parish and social justice ministry; Jesuit Father Joseph Tuoc Trong Nguyen, a noted writer and retreat director in the U.S. Vietnamese community; and Danielle Harper, a spiritual director and speaker on faith and justice.

With its office located near the Center for Spiritual Development in Orange, the Loyola Institute also specializes in mobility, according to Father Deck. To date, more than 30 parishes, schools and other groups have engaged the Institute's services for daylong conferences, weekend retreats and parish missions.

"We are able to come to the parish or school to present our programs," he said, adding that the Institute has worked in all four Southern California dioceses (Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego and San Bernardino).

Ignatian spirituality — in which one tries to utilize the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius to discern and accomplish God's will — is very compatible with the needs of parishes, schools and other in-

Original Staff



The founding staff at LIS was carefully curated. Aside from their qualifications, it was important to reflect diversity in all walks of life. From left to right: Joseph Tuoc Trong Nguyen, SJ, Lupe Amézquita, Allan F. Deck, SJ, Michael Mandala, SJ (RIP), and Danielle Harper.

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Article in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles paper, February 1998.



Together
we make a
difference.

SAVE THE DATE
Nov 29, 2022

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TUESDAY