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## From the Director...



Dear Friends of LIS,

**FALL** is a season of changes, some predictable and others unexpected. The days are getting shorter, but not necessarily cooler--at least here in Orange, CA, where we have having yet another HEAT WAVE!

As the rhythms of nature change, so also our lives face constant changes. As a popular saying goes: "***The only thing constant in life is change.***" Some changes may happen to us and are beyond our control, but other changes we can make with our own free will and determination, especially with the help and cooperation of other people.

On his recent pastoral visits to Cuba and the United States, the words of **Pope Francis** both inspired and challenged us all to see the love of God and the common good of all people as the criteria by which we live. How do we care for ourselves and for others, especially the poor and vulnerable? And how does our care extend to all living beings: plants, animals, and creation itself?

This Fall the Loyola Institute for Spirituality offers you several **opportunities to reflect on your life** and how our merciful God remains so close to us, despite and within the many changes of our lives. Please see the articles below for information about our upcoming days of reflection, weekend retreats, and evening courses, all designed to help you grow in self-awareness and in your relationship with God.

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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

### LIS & Amazon

Anything you buy through our Amazon store provides LIS a rebate of 4% to 8% of the purchase price. You can use the LIS Amazon store to purchase anything available on Amazon, not just the books we recommend.

May God continue to bless you, and may we also be blessings for one another!

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

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



**Sunday, October 11, 2015**

**10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**(followed by Mass at Noon)**

**Mother Louis Room,  
St. Joseph Center, Orange, CA**

**Presented by:**

**Sr. Barbra Ostheimer, S.N.D. and Mr. Bryce Deline, S.J.**

**and LIS Associates:**

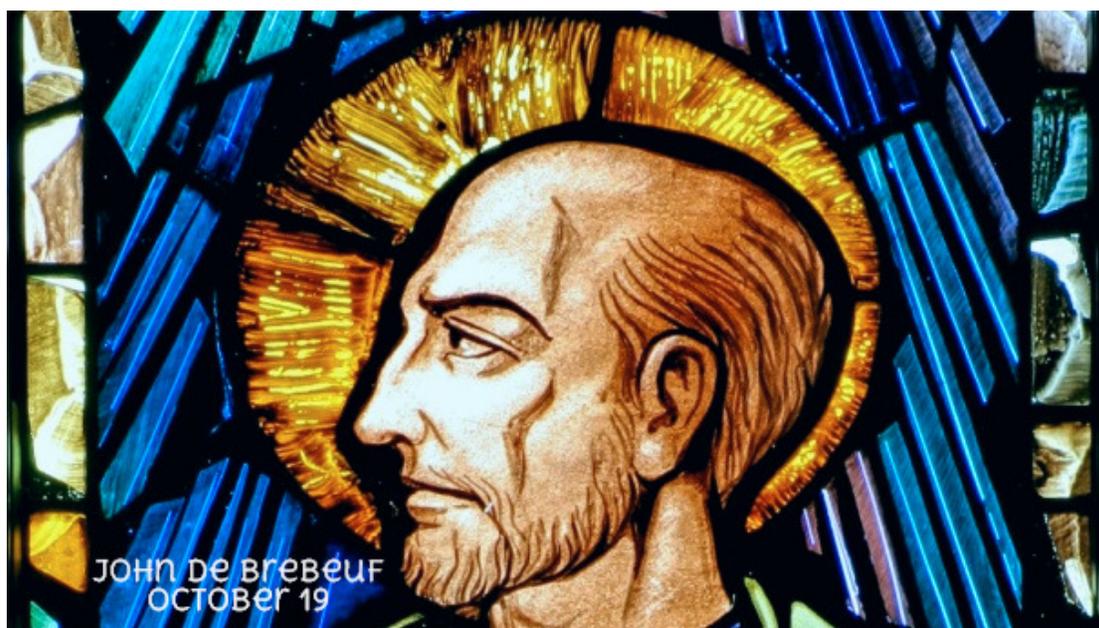
Mr. Jack Gonsalves, Ms. Denise Healey, Mr. Wayne Hubert, Ms. Rosa Lim

**Do you need a little spiritual refreshment and renewal?**

This Ignatian Morning will stimulate participants to gratitude and humility by looking at our past life experiences. There will be time for personal prayer and sharing how we have noted God's activity in our lives, thoughts, and feelings.

Having looked back at our experience, we trust that our commitment to accept God's invitations in the future will bring us to be, most fully, the person God has created each of us to be.

**No charge, but donations will be gratefully accepted.**  
**To RSVP call the office at 714-997-9587,**  
**or email [office@loyolainstitute.org](mailto:office@loyolainstitute.org)**



**John de Brebeuf**, a French born Jesuit missionary and martyr of New France, arrived in America in 1625 to evangelize to Native Americans. He lived among the Huron nation for over 15 years under difficult and challenging circumstances. In 1648, when the Iroquois went to war against the Hurons, Brebeuf and his assistant, Gabriel Lalemant, were captured. They refused to abandon the Huron people and were tortured to death by the Iroquois a year later. Brebeuf was canonized in 1930 with seven other missionaries collectively known as the North American martyrs. He is the patron saint of Canada.

His feast day is October 19th.



## Biblical Foundations in Spirituality

Thursdays, October 29 to December 10, 2015  
7:00--9:30 p.m., St. Joseph Center, Orange, CA  
Instructor: Sr. Barbra Ostheimer, S.N.D.

This course is an introduction to the Old and New Testament and explores its importance in personal spirituality and growth. The relevance of scripture in Ignatian spirituality and in prayer and daily Christian living is highlighted. Participants are invited to a prayerful, meditative reading of scripture.

To register or for more information [please click here](#) or contact Sr. Barbra Ostheimer, S.N.D 714-997-9587 ext. 26 or [ostheimer@loyolainstitute.org](mailto:ostheimer@loyolainstitute.org)

## LIS Biblical Courses

Let LIS help you "fill the gaps" in your understanding of the Sunday Mass Readings. Our team of academic and pastoral teachers offers mini-courses that blend biblical study with practical application for personal reflection, family sharing, and community building.

### Remaining Courses in 2015-2016:

#### *Women in the Old Testament: Models of Faith and Hope*

Instructor: Sr. Christine Hilliard, C.S.J.  
Oct. 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, Dec. 3, 10, 2015

#### *Dialogue in Gospel Ecology: The World around Us as Garden and Desert*

Instructor: Sr. Nadine McGuinness, C.S.J.  
Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 2016

#### *The Bible and Mass: Experiencing the Liturgy More Deeply*

Instructor: Mr. Randy Lopez, M.T.S.

Feb. 25, March 3, 10, 17, 31, April 7, 2016

***The Acts of the Apostles in the Season of Easter and Pentecost***

Instructors: Fr. Felix Just, S.J., and Mr. Randy Lopez

April 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2016

All four courses will be offered on **Thursday evenings**, from **7:00 to 9:30 p.m.**  
at the St. Joseph Center, in Orange, CA

**To make affordable to more people,  
the cost of these courses has been reduced!**

[Please click here to register or for more information](#)

## **Ecclesia: Serving Those Who Serve the Church**

### ***Preparing for the Year of Luke* - Presented by Fr. Felix Just, S.J.**

Pope Francis has referred to the Gospel of Luke as "the Gospel of Mercy." Appropriately for the Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Gospel readings we will hear most Sundays of 2016 are from Luke.

Contemporary Christianity would be startlingly different without Luke's Gospel. We would have far fewer Marian devotions and altered Christmas traditions. We'd be without some very popular hymns and familiar works of art. We might even have a far less inclusive church, with less emphasis on the serving the poor and less awareness of God's mercy.

This series of three workshops will explore Luke's Gospel in depth, preparing for the 2016 Year C of the Lectionary.

The following are the two remaining courses:

#### **Workshop Dates:**

October 24, 2015 - *Praying* the Gospel of Luke

January 23, 2016 - *Living* the Gospel of Luke

#### **Location:**

Donahue Center, Mount Saint Mary's University, Doheny Campus  
(near Downtown LA, on Adams, between Hoover and Figueroa)

[Please visit the MSMU website to register or for more information.](#)

Spring passes and one remembers one's innocence.  
Summer passes and one remembers one's exuberance.  
Autumn passes and one remembers one's reverence.

Winter passes and one remembers one's perseverance.

-Yoko Ono

**Don't miss these retreat opportunities this fall...**



*Ignatian Weekend Retreat*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 7:00 P.M. TO  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2015, 4:00 P.M.  
PRO SANCTITY SPIRITUALITY CENTER, FULLERTON, CA

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Retiro  
Ignaciano

Sábado, 21 de Noviembre

9 AM - 3 PM

AUDITORIUM LOUNGE,  
ST. JOSEPH CENTER  
ORANGE, CA

Instituto Loyola para la Espiritualidad  
www.loyolainstitute.org

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## My Passion for Justice

by Fr. Eduardo Samaniego, S.J.

When we die, a stone will be put on our tomb. Below our name will be two dates: Our date of birth and our date of death. In between is a dash, which stands for our life. It represents all the time that we lived on this earth.



And now only those who love us know its worth.

Material things do not matter: the cars...the house...the cash.

What matters? How we lived and loved between the two dates.

(Paraphrased from: "The Dash", by Linda Ellis, *Simple Truths*, 2005, pg. 38)

Christ's mission was to do the will of the Father and complete his work, to

show how much we're loved and forgiven, by sending Jesus to live, love, and die. Our mission is to do the will of the one who sends us, Jesus, and to complete his work. Christ's whole dash was a dash of love. For those of us who aren't Christian, we all have she-roses and heroes whose dash we have admired and seek to emulate. Since cooks use the term "dash," as a measure, does our life have a dash of love in it, or not?

Pope Francis wants all of us to be missionaries. As missionaries we're called to make something of our dash. When our dash takes on the flavor of God, then our dash lays on top of God's. When our lives give testimony to God's action in our life, then we are modeling for the people of God how to witness. They want what we can give them: peace of mind, a passion for God's Word and will, and the courage to act on it. Do our lives witness to God's thirst for us?

As a Jesuit I am called to promote a faith-that-does-justice. Justice in the Bible does not mean what it does politically here in the USA. Here it means fairness or equality. In the Bible it means "right relationship." The just question, the question that leads to mercy, is: "Is it right to do what I am about to do?" It is not about doing things right! It is about doing the right thing. Ask a mother of six which child she loves the most, and, if she be wise, she will answer: "The one who needs me the most right now." So, who needs us the most right now, here on earth?

I've been with people who suffer, who are considered "have-nots" in this world. I am into advocating for assistance from the "haves" of this world, using our holy writings to help me advocate for justice, for doing what is right.

To be a socially-just person, church, or nation, we need three components, like the three points on a triangle. One is direct-service, like in Isaiah 58 or Matthew 25, which hold up feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and visiting the sick or imprisoned. The second is advocacy, is giving a voice to the voiceless and a defense to the defenseless. This is what community organizations like the Interfaith Council and PICO do. And the third point is empowerment, which is clearly explained by the difference between giving a person a fish, or showing them how to fish. One feeds them for the moment, the other feeds them for life.

My passion for justice is directly proportional to the passion God has for justice in our sacred writings. How can we claim to be Jew, a Catholic, a Muslim, a Hindu, a Buddhist or a member of other religious traditions, and not be concerned for the welfare of our fellow humans? Our writings are linked inextricably to justice and its practice.

(Fr. Eduardo is the author of *If You Preach It, They Will Come*. He joined the LIS Staff this last summer.)

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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.**

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