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*A Program for Formation in Spirituality and Service*

St. Ignatius of Loyola believed that there is an integral relationship between service and reflection. For him, a **contemplative in action** is a person making an earnest effort to find God in all things — engaging in a concrete process of both service and reflection, wherein reflection is stirred through service, and service is animated by reflection.

*Contemplatives in Action* is for those who wish to grow in their capacity to live within this constant process.

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## PROGRAM COMPONENTS

**Orientation:** This yearly journey begins with an introductory gathering in August, followed by a day-retreat in September. The first retreat involves exploring Ignatian Spirituality, prayer, reflection, and team-building activities.

**Monthly Group Gatherings:** The group gathers on the third Saturday of the month on a schedule that alternates between spiritual formation and service. These meetings will include various activities, discussions on readings, guest speakers, and presentations from individuals experienced in specific areas of service.

**Service Locations:** Service opportunities include:

*Lights On:* Being present for persons released from prison.

*The Back Bay Science Center:* Caring for the environment.

*Crittenton Center:* Serving those affected by human trafficking.

*Santa Ana Civic Center:* Serving persons who are homeless.

**Religious Education Congress:** The group will collectively attend the Religious Ed. Congress in March. *The cost of registration is not covered in the cost of the program, but fundraising efforts will help offset the cost – hopefully entirely.*

**Fundraising:** The group will use *gofundme.com* to raise money to cover the costs of the service activities. Any excess funds will be applied to future service activities.

**Curriculum:** The text for this year of the program is *What Do You Really Want?* by Jim Manney. Texts are covered in the cost of the program, and will be distributed at the first meeting. Additional materials will be distributed as needed.

**Spiritual Direction:** Optional spiritual direction is available through LIS.

**A Year-Long Commitment, that Could Lead to Much More:** One of the goals of the program is to develop a supportive and close-knit group of dedicated participants. The commitment members make to the group will be on a year-by-year basis. Registration closes after the year begins. Registration opens again the following year; this allows experienced members to continue to participate and develop the group, and allows new members to join at a regular interval.

**Application and Brief Interview:** We'd like to get to know you before the program begins. Please complete the application and schedule a brief interview with one of our team members.

**For More Information:** If you are interested in the program and open to making this meaningful commitment, we very much welcome your application, and encourage you to contact Bryce Deline, S.J., at [deline@loyolainstitute.org](mailto:deline@loyolainstitute.org) to begin the process.

**CONTEMPLATIVES IN ACTION**  
**Application for 2017-2018 Program Year**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Religious Preference & Parish Affiliation (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions** *(please respond on one page total)*

1. What attracts you to the **Contemplatives in Action** program and how do you hope to grow by participating in it?
2. What are you interested in contributing to the group?
3. What concerns or questions do you have?

**Reference** *(someone who knows you well, either personally or professionally)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known this person? \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Process/Cost**

Thank you for choosing to explore your interest in Ignatian Spirituality and Service by considering the **Contemplatives in Action** program. Applications for the 2017-2018 year can be submitted to [deline@loyolainstitute.org](mailto:deline@loyolainstitute.org) by August 19, 2017.

A member of the team will contact you for a brief interview upon receiving your application.

The participant fee is \$180 per year, which covers the main text, session facilitation for all eleven gatherings, program development, and administration fees.

The annual fee may be paid in three installments of \$60; the first due upon acceptance to the program, the second in November, and the third in February.

If you have any questions, please contact Bryce Deline, S.J., at [deline@loyolainstitute.org](mailto:deline@loyolainstitute.org).



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