

2021 ANNUAL APPEAL & REPORT

SETTING HEARTS ON FIRE WITH LOVE OF GOD FOR THE WORLD

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

I pray this message finds you and your loved ones well. Your participation, support and prayers for Loyola Institute for Spirituality have helped us persevere during this unpredictable time.

Thank you for joining us in our mission of spiritual formation and education which has impacted many including those in Diaconate formation, Diocesan collaboration, and LIS Associate continuing education. Through our formation and retreats, LIS is bringing spirituality to life in a collaborative way that responds to people and places in need today.

We could not offer all of our programs without your generosity and financial support. **While our offerings are fee-based, the fees don't cover our true costs.** The preparation and planning, one-on-one support, personalized attention, and continuing development and training all contribute to the quality and impact of our programs.

As we look forward to celebrating our 25th anniversary in the upcoming year, **we need your partnership more than ever** to transform, educate, and nurture discipleship on different platforms--virtual, in-person and hybrid.

Will you join us in this next phase of LIS and make a financial contribution?

We invite you to partner with us as we commit to the same mission, same purpose, and greater attention to empowering seekers in discernment and leadership.

Gratefully,



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...

The last 21 months have been truly riveting. In the midst of unpredictability, we endeavored to identify opportunities wherever possible. Ignatian spirituality held us together as we sought God in ALL-- the moments of surprise, frustration, and challenge. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, we began working on our strategic plan to reflect on the evolution of LIS since its inception in 1997. After the pandemic's interruption of our planning, we remain focused on reimagining ways to meet seekers where they are emotionally, spiritually, financially and logistically. Tailoring retreats and workshops to current events and social teachings have been fortifying throughout the last year and will continue into the next.



- 1700+ hours of instruction, connection and spiritual development
- 1000+ participants across all programs and events
- 120 participants in formation courses
- 46 LIS Associates who helped coordinate, lead, teach, and facilitate throughout the year
- 36 retreatants in Spiritual Exercises
- 31 graduates from 3-year formation programs
- 14 different states and countries represented throughout the year
- 9 collaborations with other ministries on spirituality, social justice, and discernment

All English and Spanish programs and events were held virtually for the entire year. The numbers reflect activity from July 2020–June 2021.

WHAT YOUR GIFT WILL DO

Inherent in Loyola Institute for Spirituality's mission is a spirit of adapting to the spiritual needs of the day. Your support of LIS during this season of transition will undergird our renewed commitment to serve purposefully and thoughtfully.

Your gift of...

\$5,000 will provide retreats, workshops in discernment and leadership, and continuing education for spirituality leaders in ministry.

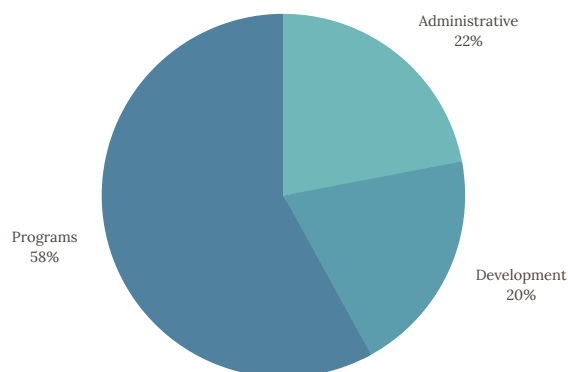
\$1,000 will support those making the Spiritual Exercises in Daily Life (19th Annotation Retreat) over the course of the year.

\$500 will allow us to offer a workshop or a conference on Ignatian Spirituality to a specific group or parish community.

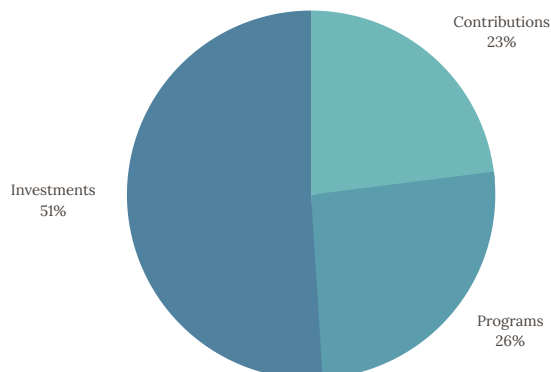
Your gift, in any amount, ensures that Ignatian spirituality continues to be accessible and affordable to all.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

EXPENSES \$370,538



INCOME \$370,538



Numbers represent fiscal year 2021-2021

As with most organizations, the main focus this year was to remain open and afloat. In the early years of LIS, investment funds were established to partially support its functions and secure its financial position in difficult times. **Without it, LIS would have had to close its doors this past year.** While grateful for the reprieve that these funds offer, it is not a sustainable model that we can rely on indefinitely.

The decline in Programs and Contributions income was expected and understandable. Expenses were cut where possible. However, **every program was held without interruption and considerations were made to ensure that every participant was able to finish what they started.**

"Your gift to LIS offers opportunities to light hearts on fire. Your gift adds your light to the whole. And together we can co-create, and light many more hearts on fire for God's greater glory."

- Program Graduate