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From the Director...



Dear Friends of LIS,

A huge and heartfelt "**THANK YOU**" goes out to all of you who made this year's "**Hearts on Fire**" awards dinner on Sunday, May 3, such a wonderful celebration. The evening was truly a combination of "friend-raising, fund-raising, and fun-raising," with almost 250 people attending.

This year's **Silent Auction** featured a wide variety of items, including art, literature, gift baskets, and plenty of "spirits" - and all of the items sold, most at their estimated value or higher! The generosity of the dinner attendees continued with some "**Scholarship Donations**" at the end of the evening, in addition to the generous gifts received in advance from some LIS supporters unable to attend in person.

The highlight of the event, of course, was the presentation of our **three annual awards** to some truly worthy recipients: **Fr. Gordon Moreland, SJ** (Hearts on Fire Award), **Fr. William A. Barry, SJ** (Writer's Award in Spirituality), and **Mrs. Margot Santos** (Rosita Diaz 'Love in Action' Award). In their own unique ways, each awardee has inspired us by their words and actions, all of them having incorporated Ignatian Spirituality into their lives and ministries for many decades.

We hope you can join us for this fun and inspiring **Hearts on Fire** celebration **next year**, so please mark your calendars already now for **Sunday, May 1, 2016**. That's not just "May Day" on the

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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

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secular calendar, but also the feast of "St. Joseph the Worker" on the Church's liturgical calendar. The LIS board will soon select the three awardees for 2016, so stay tuned!

Meanwhile, as we approach the **Feast of Pentecost**, in which we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Jesus, may we continue to pray that all of us-indeed all our world-may be filled more and more with God's Spirit of peace and love, compassion and mercy, joy and life!

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

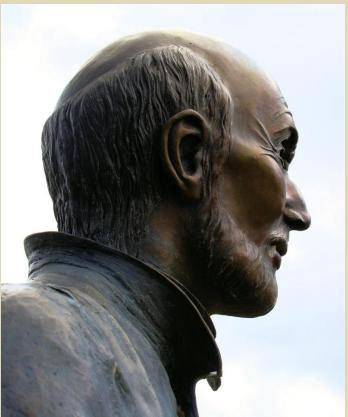
St. Ignatius of Loyola

FEAST DAY

Please join us in celebrating the feast day of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus.

**Friday, July 31, 2015
10:30 a.m. Mass**

(in the Sacred Heart Chapel;
followed by lunch)



St. Joseph Center
480 S. Batavia Street
Orange, CA 92868

Cost: No charge; but donations will be gratefully accepted.

Please RSVP for lunch by July 24, at 714-997-9587 ext. 23 or email guzman@loyolainstitute.org

Pentecost

by Br. Charles Jackson, S.J., Associate Director

"When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from the heavens a sound like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. There appeared among them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit



enabled them." (Acts 2:1-4)

Luke is a majestic writer. The imagery he employs in this passage -- "a sound like a strong driving wind" and "tongues as of fire" -- conveys a sense of a profound encounter with God. Yet what he wished to highlight was not the pyrotechnics of theophany, but rather the spiritual transformation that took place in the hearts of the disciples because of it. Suddenly, men and women, who until that moment had been frightened and unsure of themselves, began to proclaim Jesus as Lord, and they did so with great power. I realize that such an experience might seem utterly beyond us, but that is really not the case. Each year I observe how men and women open themselves to God's transforming love during the course of making the Spiritual Exercises in Daily Life, and I stand in awe of what God does in them.

There are many descriptions one could offer for the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, but at its most fundamental level it is "letting God come close" and, in doing so, realizing that one is truly and profoundly loved by God. The entire Spiritual Exercises are transformative, yet one of the greatest graces of the retreat occurs when a person is able to realize this. It is a life-changing experience to realize that one is profoundly loved by God, and that God is closer to oneself than one's own innermost being. Isn't this what we all desire? Isn't this what happened to the disciples at Pentecost?

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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 for the 2015 calendar year.

Membership brochures and return envelopes were mailed to everyone already on our mailing list. Please call our office if you do not get yours.

For more information, please see our website (www.loyolainstitute.org) or call the LIS office at 714-997-9587.

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