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Mission

Loyola University Maryland is a Jesuit, Catholic university committed to the educational and spiritual traditions of the Society of Jesus and to the ideals of liberal education and the development of the whole person. Accordingly, the University will inspire students to learn, lead, and serve in a diverse and changing world.

Core Values

From the time of their founding nearly 500 years ago, the Jesuits have had a distinctive way of looking at life. The Ignatian worldview emphasizes openness and enthusiasm toward the whole of God's richly diverse creation and for the human person as its crowning glory; hopefulness and pragmatism in seeking graced solutions to life's challenges, tempered by realism and compassion about the reality of human weakness; sustained critical attention to motivations and choices based on the conviction that individuals, through the exercise of their freedom, exert a real influence on their world and one another; and commitment to a life of growing integrity and increasing service to God and to others.



As a Jesuit, Catholic university with a 165-year history, Loyola University Maryland adopts and adapts these characteristic emphases of the Ignatian heritage, and reflects them in its life and work by encouraging all of its constituents to cultivate and to live by certain core values.

Academic Excellence

Focus on the Whole Person

Integrity & Honesty

Diversity

Community

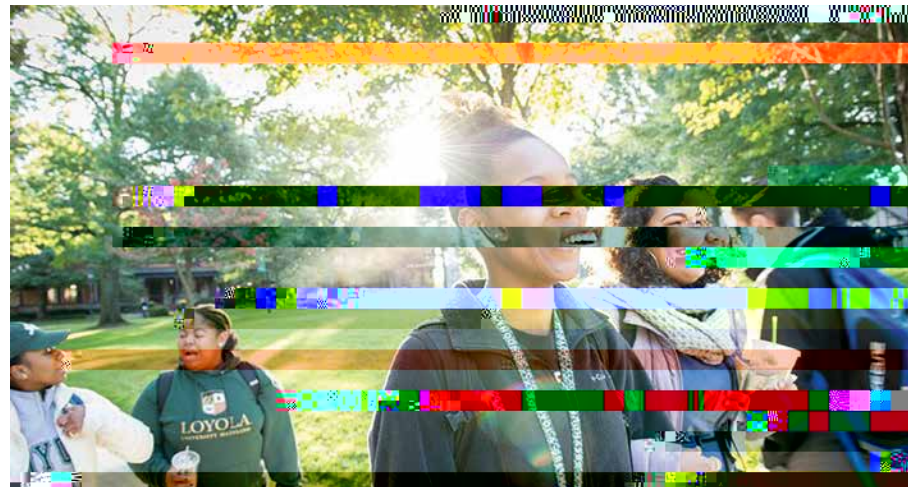
Justice

Service

Leadership

Discernment

Constant Challenge to Improve



Academic Excellence

The Jesuit motto *Ad maiorem Dei gloriam* means "for the greater glory of God," and nowhere has the pursuit of greater heights of human achievement been better or more consistently exemplified in the Jesuit educational tradition than

Prayer for Preparation to Study

Lord, I know you are with me and love me.

Give me peace of mind as I prepare for this time of study.

Help me to focus on my books and notes,

My God, enable me to trust in the good outcome
of the test I am about to take;
help me to contribute my own share
of optimism and confidence.

With your grace, my God,
I hope to crown my efforts with success.
Keep far from me at this moment
any presumption that it all depends
exclusively on me.

You are next to me, my God,
the necessary and welcome presence
in all the moments of my life.
I will take this test, my God,
because it is important
for my personal development.

My God, be the source of my inspiration
in my doubts and uncertainties,
supporting me with your blessing.
Amen

Prayer of Solomon for Wisdom

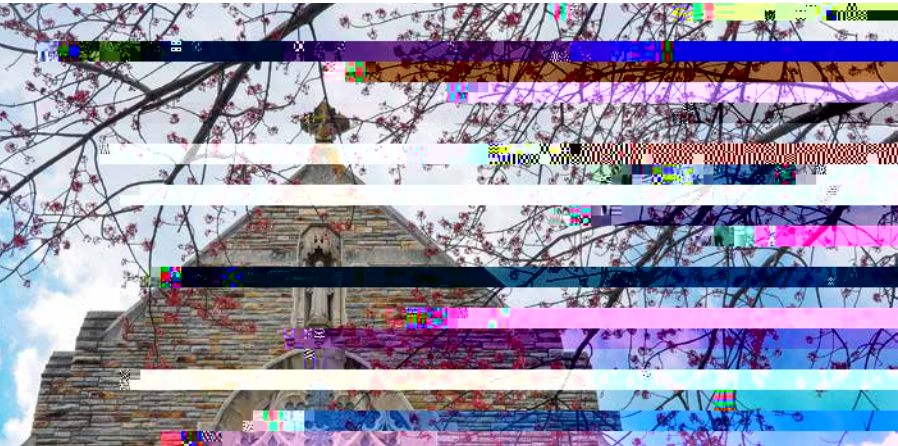
God of my ancestors, Lord of mercy,
you who have made all things by your word
And in your wisdom have established humankind
to rule the creatures produced by you,
And to govern the world in holiness and righteousness,
and to render judgment in integrity of heart;
Give me Wisdom, the consort at your throne,
and do not reject me from among your children;
For I am your servant, the child of your maidservant,
a man weak and short-lived
and lacking in comprehension of judgment and of laws.
Now with you is Wisdom, who knows your works
and was present when you made the world;
Who understands what is pleasing in your eyes
and what is conformable with your commands.
Send her forth from your holy heavens
and from your glorious throne dispatch her
That she may be with me and work with me,
that I may know what is pleasing to you.
For she knows and understands all things,
and will guide me prudently in my affairs
and safeguard me by her glory.

9:1-6, 9-11



Mission Story

loyola.edu/mission/krahel
John Peter Krahel, Ph.D., Associate Professor
of Accounting shares his mission story



Suscipe

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,
my memory, my understanding,
and my entire will,
All I have and call my own.
You have given all to me.
To you, Lord, I return it.
Everything is yours: do with it what you will.
Give me only your love and your grace,
that is enough for me.

Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief.
Give me today the freedom to trust in you;
To resist the temptation of anxiety;
To overcome the lure of busy-ness and its numbing effects.
Open my ears to hear your still, small voice.
Remind me to greet every person that crosses the threshold of
my office as I would greet you.
Help me to check my words so that all that I say is true and
edifying.
Keep me ever mindful of the hope you have secured for us in the
world to come,
And Lord, keep me firmly grounded in your assurance that all
shall be well.

A Prayer for Integrity

O Lord,
grant me a hunger for truth,
the wisdom to recognize it,
the courage to live it,
the desire to spread it,
the compassion to advocate for it,
and the faith to embrace it,
especially when it is challenging.
Give me the ears to hear it,
the voice to speak it,
and the conviction to carry it with me
today and tomorrow.
Amen

Be faithful to the truth, especially when it is challenging.

I pray that nothing will draw me away from fulfilling the plan You have for me. May I never stray from what You have called me to be and do. Give me a vision for my life and strong sense of purpose. I put my identity in You and my destiny in Your hands. Show me if what I am doing now is what I am supposed to be doing. I want what You are building in my life to last for eternity. I don't want to waste time going after things that are not what You have for me. Help me to be content where I am, knowing you won't leave me there forever.

Lord, I know that "all things work together for good" to those who love You and are called according to Your purpose (Romans 8:28). I don't want to presume that I know what that purpose is. Nor do I want to spend a lifetime trying to figure out what I am supposed to be doing and miss the mark. So I pray that You would show me clearly what the gifts and talents are that You

Blessing of Hope

So may we know the hope
that is not just for someday
but for this day—
here, now, in this moment
that opens to us:
hope not made of wishes
but of substance,
hope made of sinew and muscle and bone,
hope that has breath and a beating heart,
hope that will not keep quiet and be polite,
hope that knows how to holler when it is called for,
hope that knows how to sing when there seems little cause,
hope that raises us from the dead—
not someday but this day, every day,
again and again and Again.

The Cure for Sorrow

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. . . . 51:10

Create in me a clean heart, open and receptive, so that I may embrace the many was you choose to visit my life.

Create in me a clean heart, cleared of the refuse of old battles within others and deadly opposition within myself.

Create in me a clean heart, purified through the daily disruptions and the life encounters that take me beyond my grasping control and ego-centeredness.

Create in me a clean heart, freed from the clutter of cultural enticements, so that I can enjoy the beauty of life's simple things and relish the gifts I easily take for granted.

Create in me a clean heart, bathed from harsh thoughts, shame, and perfectionistic tendencies, warmly welcoming others with the embrace of nonjudgement.

Create in me a clean heart, brush free of frantic busyness, so that I will have time to dwell with you in the listening space of solitude and silence.

Create in me a clean heart, rinsed of the residue of false messages about my identity, enabling my inner goodness and light to shine through all I am and do.

Create in me a clean heart, cleansed of anxiety and lack of trust, restoring in me enduring faith in your abiding presence and unconditional love.

Create in me a clean heart, scrubbed of racism and prejudice, drawing me toward all as my sisters and brothers.

Create in me a clean heart, washed with your mercy and strengthened by your love, helping me move beyond whatever keeps me from union with you.

Out of the Ordinary: Prayers, Poems and Reflections for Every Season



Mission Story

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Tracey Frey, Program Director for Academic Assessment and Effectiveness shares her mission story



Diversity

Ignatius Loyola and his Jesuits have seen the world, in the phrase of the great Jesuit poet, Gerard Manley Hopkins, as "charged with the grandeur of God." This means that they regard the rich diversity of life and creation to be inherently good—even

Almighty God, through your Holy Spirit you created unity in the midst of diversity:

We acknowledge that human diversity is an expression of your manifold love for your creation;

We confess that in our brokenness as human beings we turn diversity into a source of alienation, injustice, oppression, and wounding.

Empower us to recognize and celebrate differences as your great gift to the human family.

Enable us to be the architects of understanding, of respect and love;

Through the Lord, the ground of all unity, we pray.

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O God,

you created all people in your image.

We thank you for the astonishing variety of races and cultures in this world.

Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of friendship, and show us your presence

in those who differ most from us,

until our knowledge of your love is made perfect

in our love for all your children;

through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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An Islamic Prayer for Peace

In the Name of Allah, the beneficent, the merciful: Praise be to the Lord of the Universe who has created us and made us into tribes and nations that we may know each other, not that we may despise each other. If the enemy incline towards peace, do thou also incline towards peace, and trust in God, for the Lord is one that hears and knows all things. And the servants of God Most Gracious

Community

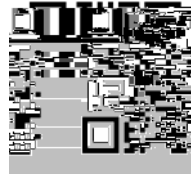
Ignatius Loyola and his first Jesuit companions—in keeping with the values of Jesus who came “that all might be one” (John 17:21), and who urged his followers to love their neighbors as themselves—decided early on to bind themselves together as a community of “friends in the Lord” founded on shared faith, values, and mission. In so doing, they complemented their reverence for individual persons with a conviction that humans are social by nature—i.e., created for relationship—and that love is “a more excellent way” (1 Corinthians 12:31). Having united themselves to one another, the early Jesuits then sought to include others in their faith vision and to “help souls” by whatever means came to hand. Imitating their example, Jesuit institutions historically have made community a high priority.

As a Jesuit institution committed to the value of community, Loyola strives to define its goals and values clearly so as to ensure unity of purpose and to encourage shared ownership for the University’s mission and vision. Loyola also seeks to foster a spirit of trust, hopefulness, collegiality, and dialogue by providing members of its community with structures that encourage open sharing of ideas and values, and which encourage collaboration within and across institutional divisions and constituencies.

Here Loyola joins with other Catholic institutions of learning in encouraging community “animated by a spirit of freedom and charity... [and] characterized by mutual respect, sincere dialogue, and protection of the rights of individuals.” In its ongoing commitment to hospitality and conviviality, which it expresses in many and various ways, Loyola recognizes a particular contribution of its Mercy heritage, the legacy of Mount Saint Agnes College.

Lastly, the University reminds its members of the practical wisdom of St. Ignatius, who encouraged people to give each other the benefit of the doubt—i.e., to be generous in spirit, and more ready to put a good interpretation than a negative one on each other’s words, actions, and intentions.

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Mission Story

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Rachel Grover, Ph.D., Full Professor of Psychology shares her mission story



Loving God,
You have led us to this place,
Not to shield us from heartache
And the pain of human life,
But to heal us and inspire us,
To gently redirect us,
Till we see the world as you do
And love it with your love.



Community is like a large mosaic. Each little piece seems so insignificant. One piece is bright red, another cold blue or dull green, another warm purple, another sharp yellow, another shining gold. Some look precious, others ordinary. Some look valuable, others worthless. Some look gaudy, others delicate. As individual stones, we can do little with them except compare them and judge their beauty and value. When, however, all these

Litany of Listeners

Dearest Lord, companion on the road,
Voice in the night, here we are, gathered to listen.
Open your ears, our whole being,
That we may become a listening presence to each other,
That we may enjoy the gift of our shared ministry.

Give us the generosity to listen with openness
The wisdom to understand what is heard
The strength to be changed by what is shared
The listening that never judges
The curiosity of a child

Increase in us the peace to forgive and be forgiven
The reverence to honor both gift and loss
The acceptance that allows failure to be shared
The prudence to know when not to speak
The surrender that treasures silence after word

Enliven in us the freedom to let mystery be
The joy to celebrate new discovery
The readiness for laughter when it arises
The grace to listen with humble love

Justice

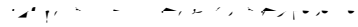
Jesuits who practice openness to and appreciation for the rich diversity of God's creation are also concerned for its

The Colloquy

What have I done for Christ?

What am I doing for Christ?

What ought I do for Christ?



A Prayer for Dismantling Racism

Dear God,

Prayer Of The Farm Workers' Struggle

Show me the suffering of the most miserable;
So I will know my people's plight.
Free me to pray for others; For you are present in every person.
Help me take responsibility for my own life; So that I can be free
at last.

Grant me courage to serve others;
For in service there is" true life.
Give me honesty and patience;
So that I can work with other workers. Bring forth song and
celebration;
So that the Spirit will be alive among us.
Let the Spirit flourish and grow;
So that we will never tire of the struggle.
Let us remember those who have died for justice;
For they have given us life. Help us love even those who hate us;
So we can change the world.
Amen



A Benediction of St. Francis

May God bless you with Discomfort..
At easy answers, half truths and superficial relationships
So that you may live Deep Within Your Heart.
May God bless you with Anger..
At Injustice, Oppression, and Exploitation of People
So that you may work for Justice, Freedom, and Peace.
May God bless you with Tears..
To shed for those who suffer from Pain, Rejection,
Starvation, and War,
So that you may reach your Hand to Comfort them and to turn
their Pain into Joy.

And may God bless you with enough Foolishness...
To believe that YOU can make a difference in this world,
So that you can Do what others claim cannot be Done.
Amen

Mary, mother of the poor:
Help us bear peace to the world.
Laboring mother at the bolted door;
Help us bear peace to the world.
Mother who fled to safety with her child:
Help us bear peace to the world.
Mother who saw death of holy innocents:
Help us bear peace to the world.

Bearer of Christ:
Help us bear peace to the world.
Bearer of immense responsibility:
Help us bear peace to the world.
Bearer of the light of possibility:
Help us bear peace to the world.
Bearer of the good news:
Help us bear peace to the world.

Woman who said yes to the divine:
Help us bear peace to the world.
Woman who pondered miracles in her heart:
Help us bear peace to the world.
Woman who arrayed with confidence:
Help us bear peace to the world.
Woman clothed in undying faith:
Help us bear peace to the world.



Service

Jesuits were the first religious order in the Church to liberate themselves completely from the constraints of the cloister in favor of full engagement with and activity “in the world.” (It is interesting to note in this connection that the Religious Sisters of Mercy, whose tradition of service lives on at Loyola as a result of its joining with Mount Saint Agnes College in 1971, were the first order of religious women to establish similar freedom from the cloister.) The new and somewhat radical founding vision of Ignatius Loyola foresaw from the outset that his Jesuit companions should be “men on the move,” “contemplatives in action,” whose lives were completely devoted to “reading the signs of the times” and responding creatively and concretely to the pressing needs of their world.

In the Jesuit educational tradition, this “apostolic” or action-oriented focus has translated into a tradition of forming “men and women for and with others” who are committed to generous service that aims to create a more just world for all. This “institutional commitment to the service of the people of God and of the human family in their pilgrimage to the transcendent goal which gives meaning to life” also marks Loyola as a Catholic institution of higher learning.

In keeping with this Jesuit tradition of commitment to service, Loyola offers to all of its constituent members a rich variety of opportunities for solidarity and service both within and beyond the institution and our local Baltimore community to the wider national and international communities.

Loyola also seeks to encourage habits of caring, engagement, and civic responsibility by incorporating its own particular approach to service learning into its curricula, by reflecting a service orientation in its research interests, and by emphasizing

and encouraging the connection between excellence, leadership, service, and development for the professions.

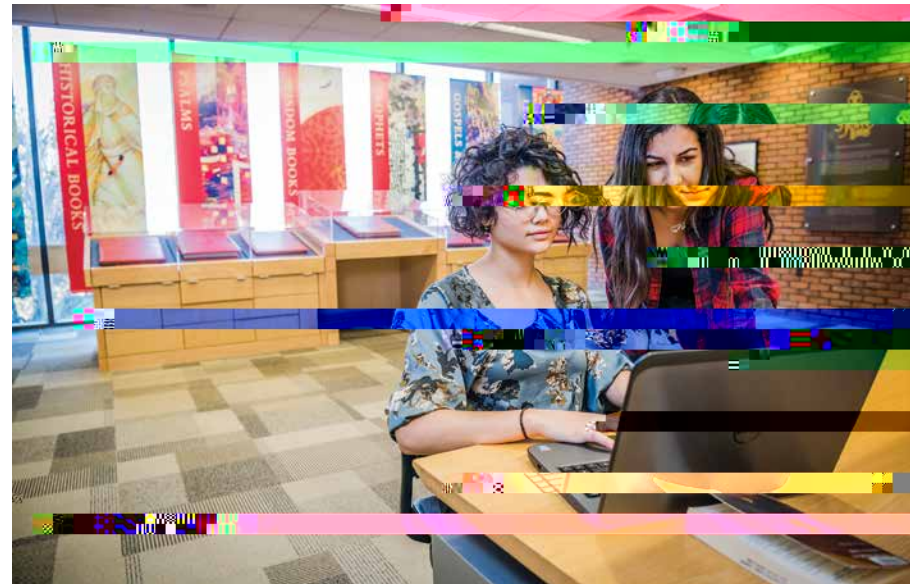
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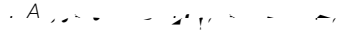
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Erin O’Keefe, Director of the Center for Community Service and Justice and the York Road Initiative shares her mission story



Prayer for Generosity

Eternal Word, Only begotten Son of God,
Teach me true generosity.
Teach me to serve as you deserve,
To give without counting the cost,
To fight heedless of wounds,
To labor without seeking rest,
To sacrifice myself without thought of any reward
Save the knowledge that I have done your will.
Amen



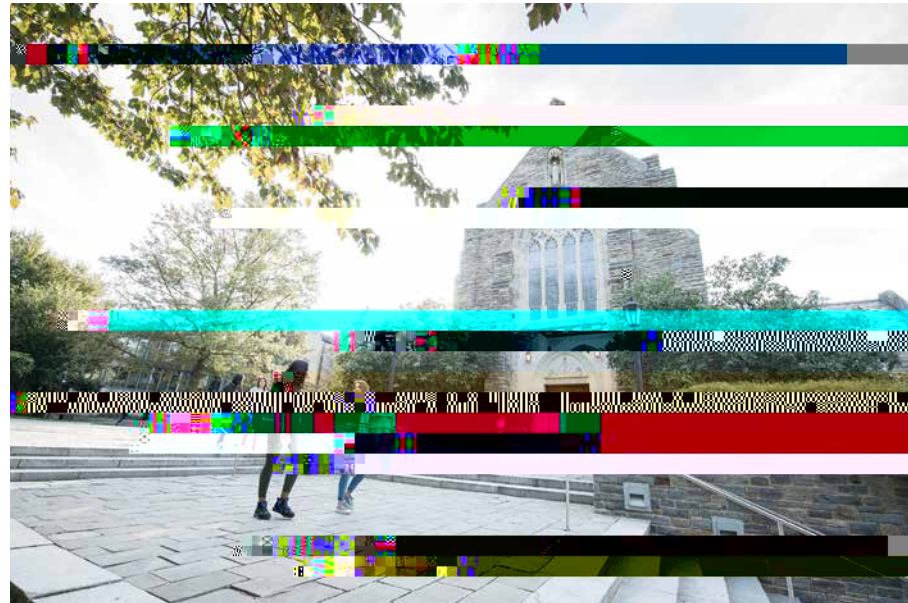
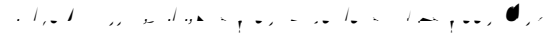
Teach us, good Lord, to serve You as You deserve;
To give and not to count the cost;
to fight and not to heed the wounds;
to toil and not to seek for rest;
To labor and not to ask for any reward,
Save that of knowing that we do your will.



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Robert Kelly, Ph.D., Vice President
and Special Assistant to the
President, shares his mission story

God Bless the World

Mighty God, Father of all,
Compassionate God, Mother of all,
bless every person I have met,
every face I have seen,
every voice I have heard,
especially those most dear;
bless every city, town, and
street that I have known,
bless every sight I have seen,
every sound I have heard,
every object I have touched.
In some mysterious way these
have all fashioned my life;
all that I am,
I have received.
Great God, bless the world.



The Benediction

Today I choose to pray for others.
But how shall I impart to them
the gift of peace and love
if my own heart is still unloving
and I have no peace of mind myself?

So I start with my heart:
I hold before the Lord
each feeling of resentment, anger, bitterness
that may still be lurking there,
asking that his grace
will make it yield to love someday
if not right now.

Then I seek peace:
I list the worries that disturb my peace of mind
and imagine that I place them in God's hands
in the hope that this will bring me respite from anxiety
at least during this time of prayer.

Then I seek the depth that silence brings,
for prayer that springs from silence
is powerful and effective.
So I listen to the sounds around me
or become aware of the feelings
and sensations in my body or my breathing in and out.

First I pray for people whom I love.
Over each of them I say a blessing:
"May you be safe from harm and evil,"
imagining that my words create
a protective shield of grace around them.

Then I move on to people I dislike
and people who dislike me.
Over each of them I say this prayer:
"May you and I be friends some day,"
imagining some future scene where this comes to pass.

I think of anxious people whom I know,
people who are depressed.
To each of them I say:
"May you find peace and joy,"
imagining that my wish for them becomes reality.

I think of people who are handicapped,
people who are in pain, and say:
"May you find strength and courage,"
imagining that my words unleash resources
within each of them.

I think of lonely people:
people lacking love
or separated from their loved ones,
and to each of them I say:
"May God's abiding company be yours.

I think of older people who
with the passing of each day,
must face the reality of approaching death,
and to each of them I say:
"May you find the grace to joyfully let go of life."

I think of the young and recite this prayer:
"May the promise of your youth be met
and your life be fruitful."

The Benediction (cont'd)

Finally I say to each of my friends gathered today:

"May my contact with you be a grace for both of us."

I come back to my heart now to rest awhile
in the silence that I find there
and in the loving feeling
that has come alive in me
as a consequence of my prayer for others.

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I invite you to discover your vocation in downward mobility.
It's a scary request... The world is obsessed with wealth and
security and upward mobility and prestige. But let us teach
solidarity, walking with the victims, serving and loving. I offer
this for you to consider – downward mobility.

Leadership

Very early on, Jesuits were recognized as innovators and leaders in educational methods, in approaches to foreign mission work, and in the giving of retreats and spiritual direction. Indeed, leadership would seem to flow naturally from a number of the other defining Jesuit values already enumerated here: openness and curiosity about all things new and different, commitment to the alleviation of human injustice and suffering, conviction that individuals can and should make a difference to their fellows, and commitment to bringing the best intellectual resources to bear on creative responses to problems and challenges. It was natural enough, therefore, that Jesuit educational institutions from their earliest beginnings should become renowned for training leaders who would go on to render effective service to their various human communities.

The Jesuit commitment to the particular form of service that is leadership continues to the present day. Loyola's commitment to this value includes identifying, developing, encouraging, and rewarding the exercise of gifts of leadership in all of its constituent members in all areas of their lives. The University likewise encourages in all of its members the regular practice of both leadership and "followership." In other words, it encourages its diverse constituents to think and act both as teachers and learners who lead by lived example, modeling the University's mission and values and contributing to the common good. Loyola hopes by all these means to continue shaping its graduates—as well as other members within its extended family—who can serve as leaders and exemplars in the University, in their communities, and in society at large.

A Step Along the Way: Dedicated to Archbishop Oscar Romero

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view. The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said.

No prayer fully expresses our faith.

No confession brings perfection.

No pastoral visit brings wholeness.

No program accomplishes the Church's mission.

No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

—Blessed Oscar Romero

A Prayer for Leadership

Loving Creator, we thank you
For your gracious invitation
To co-labor with you,
As Ignatian Citizens for and with others.

Beloved God, you called each of us by name,
To bring the gifts and talents that you placed within us
To Loyola University Maryland to enliven our Jesuit education
mission –
As we learn, lead, and serve in this diverse and changing world.

Wise and loving God teach us your ways,
Lead us and guide us along the way –
As we discover more deeply what we have to offer
To the Loyola community, to our Baltimore partners and
neighbors, to the world.

Just God, help us to continually discern where and in what ways
Our unique gifts and talents are most needed.
Give us the courage to use our voices and to act
On insights that you give us to help dismantle systems of
oppression and injustice.
Faithful God, we rejoice together!

We know that you are always re-creating and working
In our lives and in the life of this university,
Continually inviting, directing, guiding, and drawing us closer to
you and into your mission.
Beloved Creator, in your name we pray, Amen

Prayer for Leadership

For A Leader

May you have the grace and wisdom
to act kindly, learning
to distinguish between what is
personal and what is not.
May you be hospitable to criticism.
May you never put yourself at the center of things.
May you act not from arrogance but out of service.
May you work on yourself,
building up and refining the ways of your mind.
May those who work for you know
you see and respect them.
May you learn to cultivate the art of presence
in order to engage with those who meet you.
When someone fails or disappoints you,
may the graciousness with which you engage
be their stairway to renewal and refinement.
May you treasure the gifts of the mind
through reading and creative thinking
so that you continue as a servant of the frontier
Where the new will draw its enrichment from the old,
and you never become a functionary.
May you know the wisdom of deep listening,
the healing of wholesome words,
the encouragement of the appreciative gaze,
the decorum of held dignity,
the springtime edge of the bleak question.
May you have a mind that loves frontiers
so that you can evoke the bright fields
that lie beyond the view of the regular eye.
May you have good friends to mirror your blind spots.
May leadership be for you a true adventure of growth.

Prayer for a Leader

Discernment

At the heart of Ignatian spirituality is the practice of discernment—an art St. Ignatius learned through sustained careful attention to and reflection on his own experience. Discernment is based on several presuppositions: humans have freedom and their choices have consequences; some choices are better—and freer—than others; human choices are not only between good and evil, but are often between lesser goods and greater goods; and it is possible through attending to motivations, feelings, and patterns of decision-making to improve the freedom, goodness, and authenticity of one's choices.

The early Jesuits also discovered the art of “communal discernment,” whereby they were able to make corporate choices for their future as an apostolic body through shared deliberations. For St. Ignatius and his Jesuits, discernment involved prayer and the enlightenment of grace; they sometimes referred to their own practice of ongoing discernment as “seeking God’s will for their lives.” As they trained others in the practice of discernment, however, the art became practical as well as spiritual. Thus, Jesuit institutions have been known over the centuries for teaching people—regardless of their individual faith convictions—to think critically, to inform their consciences, and to cultivate habits of ongoing reflection and self-evaluation.

Loyola’s commitment to carry on the tradition of discernment includes encouraging the practice of regular reflection and self-examination which foster awareness of personal freedom (or lack thereof), a sense of personal responsibility for choices and actions, and a balance between enlightened self-interest and promotion of the common (“greater”) good. The University encourages this habit of reflection and self-examination by

introducing its constituents to the Jesuit practice of the examen (a daily self-review) in a variety of venues—e.g., through its Messina courses, and through various projects of the Jesuit-Lay Committee.

Loyola likewise encourages critical thinking and reflection by including the study of ethics in its curricula, and by offering seminars and employing pedagogies (such as debate) that foster both the expression and critical refinement of opinions. Loyola seeks in general to foster open expression and careful consideration of a wide range of viewpoints and positions, cultivating in its constituents an awareness that argument or difference of opinion can be accommodated without compromising mutual respect.

In service of this core value of discernment, the University continues to recruit qualified Jesuit faculty and administrators who can share their particular expertise in discernment within the Ignatian tradition. In addition, Loyola offers all of its constituents a variety of supports, resources, and opportunities—including Ignatian retreats—to enhance their

Nothing Is More Practical Than Finding God

Nothing is more practical than
finding God, than falling in Love
In a quite absolute and final way.
What you are in love with,
What seizes your imagination, will affect everything.
It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning,
What you do with your evenings,
How you spend your weekends,
What you read, whom you know,
What breaks your heart,
And what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in love,
And it will decide everything.

— St. Augustine

Prayer to Know God's Will

May it please the supreme and divine Goodness
to give us all abundant grace
ever to know his most holy will
and perfectly to fulfill it.

— St. Ignace of Loyola



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Seán Bray, Director of Campus Ministry
shares his mission story

Prayer of Discernment

Spirit of Guidance, I see before me numerous choices and a
decision to be made.

There is division in my heart. Sometimes I want none of what
I find. Sometimes I want it all. Sometimes I want to give up
making decisions and wish that the future would go away.

I entrust my decision-making into your hands, ready to do my
part but also knowing that I cannot do this without your help.

Lead me through all the unsure, unclear, doubtful, hesitant, and
questioning moments that are mine as I search to find the right
way in which to go.

Grant me the grace to choose freely, without being attached
to the outcome. I trust that you will be with me as I make my
decision prayerfully and with faith.

Assure me that your peace will rest deep within me as I make
the decision that seems best for me at this time. I may continue
to experience feelings of turmoil and confusion, but deep within
I know that I can return to that settled place in me where you
always dwell.

Guide and Director of my life, I place my life in your hands.
Lead me to the path that will best deepen and strengthen my
relationship with you.

— St. Ignace of Loyola



I hope that you come to find
that which gives life a deep meaning for you.
Something worth living for –
maybe even worth dying for,
something that energizes you,
enthuses you,
enables you to keep moving ahead.
I can't tell you what it might be –
that's for you to find,
to choose, to love.
I can just encourage you to start looking and support you in
the search.

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The Inescapable God

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

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Constant Challenge to Improve

As noted at the outset, “for the greater glory of God” is one expression of the Jesuit ideal of the magis—that is, commitment to the “greater good” or the “better way.” For Jesuits themselves, of course, this “better way” is the model of charity and self-sacrifice which they seek to emulate in the person of Jesus Christ. Within Jesuit institutions, this ideal—which presumes and builds upon the practice of discernment—can be seen in the broad-based commitment to ongoing evaluation and improvement at both the personal and structural levels. The ideal of the magis undergirds a certain restless pursuit of excellence across the board—a refusal to be satisfied with mediocrity, or to become easily contented with the status quo.

Loyola challenges itself and its constituents to strive for improvement on an ongoing basis by holding out an ideal of personal wholeness and integration as the ultimate horizon of growth, while simultaneously recognizing that development and growth require time and sustained effort. The University seeks to encourage its constituent members to think creatively and to inquire time and (ur)c1.3g(per)(

The real measure of our Jesuit universities lies
in who our students become...
Tomorrow's 'whole person'
cannot be whole without a well-educated solidarity.
We must therefore raise our Jesuit educational standard
to educate the whole person of solidarity for the real world.

Additional Prayers & Wisdom

Oh, Great Spirit,
whose voice I hear in the winds
and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear me.
I am small and weak.
I need your strength and wisdom.
Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes
ever behold the red and purple sunset.
Make my hands respect the things you have made
and my ears sharp to hear your voice.
Make me wise so that I may understand
the things you have taught my people.
Let me learn the lessons you have hidden
in every leaf and rock.
I seek strength, not to be superior to my brother,
but to fight my greatest enemy - myself.
Make me always ready to come to you
with clean hands and straight eyes,
so when life fades, as the fading sunset,
my spirit will come to you
without shame.

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Prayer, then, becomes an attitude,
an inner peace,
as we attend to reality and listen to people,
as we speak and share with them
and make decisions together.
It becomes a way of life,
listening to the heart of God
beating in all that surrounds us,
in life, in ourselves, and in others



Mission Story

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Jonathan Malis, Assistant Professor of Fine Arts
and Photography shares his mission story



Expectant

Sitting, stilled,
Awaiting
The breath of God
To course through me-
Quickening my expectant soul
With new fresh grace-
Ah, so longed for!
Sitting breathing gently,
Steadily, correctly-
A fitting welcome
For divinity.
But, ah,
Where are you God?
Where the spinning rush
Of joy
Settling in the pit of my being-
Sure sign
Of favored presence?
Where the deep pulsating peace,
(born only of the Other)
That gentles my very essence?
Yet still I sit
Like an empty shell
Demanding fullness,
Longing for completion.
Ah, God,
Will you burst within me,
Unexpected,
And dizzy me with your presence?
Or must I sit,
Quietly broken
Forever longing-forever open,
Like a mother
Awaiting her term.

The First Principle and Foundation

The goal of our life is to live with God forever.

God who loves us, gave us life. Our own response of love allows God's life to flow into us without limit. All the things in this world are gifts of God, presented to us so that we can know God more easily and make a return of love more readily. As a result, we appreciate and use all these gifts of God insofar as they help us develop as loving persons. But if any of these gifts become the center of our lives, they displace God and so hinder our growth toward our goal. In everyday life, then, we must hold ourselves in balance before all of these created gifts insofar as we have a choice and are not bound by some obligation. We should not fix our desires on health or sickness, wealth or poverty, success or failure, a long life or short one. For everything has the potential of calling forth in us a deeper response to our life in God. Our only desire and our one choice should be this: I want and I

Whenever I groan within myself
and think how hard it is to keep writing about love
in these times of tension and strife
which may at any moment become for us all a time of terror,

Because...

Because the world is beautiful,
And because beauty is a tender thing,
And we are stewards of creation,
We need you, God.
We need you God.

Because human knowledge seems endless
And we do not know what we do not know,
We need you, God.
We need you God.

Because we cannot live without you
And are free to go against you,
And could worship your wisdom alone,
We need you, God.
We need you God.

Because you came among us,
And sat beside us,
And healed our pain and let us wound you,
And loved us to the end,
And triumphed over all our hatred,
We need you, God.
We need you God.

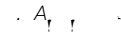


A Prayer in Time of Suffering

Until my healing comes,
Lord, give me Your grace
So that I may accept my suffering.
Give me your strength so that I

Will not despair. Give me your
Love so that my suffering may bring me
Closer to You, the origin and
Source of all love.

Amen



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in Heaven,
hallowed be Thy name;
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Amen

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.

Amen

Doxology

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen

Act of Contrition

My God,
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong
and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you
whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help,
to do penance,
to sin no more,
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ
suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God, have mercy.

Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.

Lord,
by the light of the Holy Spirit
you have taught the hearts of your faithful.
In the same Spirit
help us to relish what is right
and always rejoice in your consolation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

St. Patrick's Breastplate (Shorter)

Tourist or Pilgrim? (cont'd)

To be seeking for treasures that do not rust
To be comfortable with your heart's questions
To be moving toward the holy ground of home
With empty hands and bare feet.

And yet, you cannot reach that home
Until you've loved the pilgrim in you.
One must be comfortable with pilgrimhood
Before one's feet can touch the homeland.

Do you want to go home?
There's a road that runs straight through your heart.
Walk on it.

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Anima Christi (contemporary translation)

Jesus, may all that is you flow into me.
May your body and blood be my food and drink.
May your passion and death be my strength and life.
Jesus, with you by my side, enough has been given.
May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your cross.
Let me not run from the love which you offer,
But hold me safe from the forces of evil.
On each of my dyings shed your light and your love.
Keep calling me until that day comes, when, with your saints,
I may praise you forever. Amen

The Road Ahead

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain where it will end
Nor do I really know myself,
And the fact that I think I am following your will
Does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact
please you.
And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.

God's Grandeur

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.

It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;

It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil

A Baha'i Prayer for Peace

Be generous in prosperity
and thankful in adversity.

Be fair in thy judgment
and guarded in thy speech.

Litany of the Saints and Blessed of the Society of Jesus (cont'd.)

Sts. Roch Gonzalez, Alphonsus Rodriguez and John del Castillo, martyrs of Christ in Paraguay, Pray for us.

Sts. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues and companions, martyrs of Christ in North America, Pray for us.

St. Peter Claver, defender of the slaves in South America, Pray for us.

St. Andrew Bobola, martyr of Christ in Poland, Pray for us.

St. John de Brito, martyr of Christ in India, Pray for us.

St. Claude La Columbière, faithful friend and apostle of the Sacred Heart, Pray for us.

St. Joseph Pignatelli, hallowed link of the old and the restored Society, Pray for us.

Sts. Leo Mangin and companions, martyrs of Christ in China, Pray for us.

St. Joseph Rubio, apostle of Madrid, Pray for us.

St. Peter Faber, first companion and apostle of the Spiritual Exercises, Pray for us.

St. Joseph de Anchieta, apostle of Brazil, Pray for us.

St. James Berthieu, martyr of Christ in Madagascar, Pray for us.

St. Alberto Hurtado, agent of social change in Chile, Pray for us.

All you Saints of the Society of Jesus, Pray for us.

Blessed Ignatius de Azevedo and companions, martyred while sailing for Brazil, Pray for us.

Bl. Thomas Woodhouse, Ralph Ashley and companions, martyrs of Christ in England, Pray for us.

Bl. Rudolph Acquaviva, Francis Aranha and companions, martyrs of Christ in India, Pray for us.

Bl. James Salès and William Saultemouche, martyrs of the Eucharist in France, Pray for us.

Bl. Charles Spinola, Sebastian Kimura and companions, martyrs of Christ in Japan, Pray for us.

Bl. Dominic Collins, martyr of Christ in Ireland, Pray for us.

Bl. Diego Luis de San Vitores, martyr of Christ in Micronesia, Pray for us.

Bl. Julian Maunoir and Anthony Baldinucci, zealous preachers of God's Word, Pray for us.

Bl. James Bonnaud and companions, martyrs of Christ in France, Pray for us.

Bl. John Beyzym, servant of Lepers in Madagascar, Pray for us.

Bl. Miguel Pro, martyr of Christ in Mexico, Pray for us.

Bl. Francis Garate, humble doorkeeper who found God in all things, Pray for us.

Bl. Rupert Mayer, apostle of Munich and fearless witness of truth, Pray for us.

Bl. Tomás Sitjar Fortiá and companions, martyrs of Christ in Valencia, Pray for us.

All you Blessed of the Society of Jesus, Pray for us.

Fathers and Brothers, Scholastics and Novices of the Society who have preceded us in the service of the Lord, Pray for us.



Mission Story

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Fr. Timothy Brown, S.J. shares his mission story



Examen

The Examen is a method of prayer developed by St. Ignatius of Loyola and described in his Spiritual Exercises. The Examen is often called the quintessential Ignatian prayer. The daily Examen is a priceless tool of self-awareness and a crucial aid to discernment.

Ignatius was convinced that even a few minutes of prayerful reflection on the events of one's day could open our eyes to the action of God in our daily lives – and open our hearts to respond in humility and gratitude.

1. **Become Aware of God's Presence.**
Quiet yourself.
Take a moment to become aware of God's presence.
2. **Review Your Day with Gratitude.**
What am I especially thankful for today?
3. **Pay Attention to Your Emotions and Thoughts.**
What brought me joy today?
What challenged me?
4. **Turn to God**
Talk to God about what stands out for you.
What could I have done or said differently today?
Is there something or someone I ?
5. **Look Forward**
In what spirit do I want to enter tomorrow?

Reflections

The Sending

Go forth in peace,
Have courage,
Hold on to what is good,
Return no one evil for evil,
Strengthen the faint hearted,
Support the weak, help the suffering,
Honor all men and women,
Rejoice in the power of the Holy Spirit.
May Almighty God bless you
In the name of the Father,
Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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