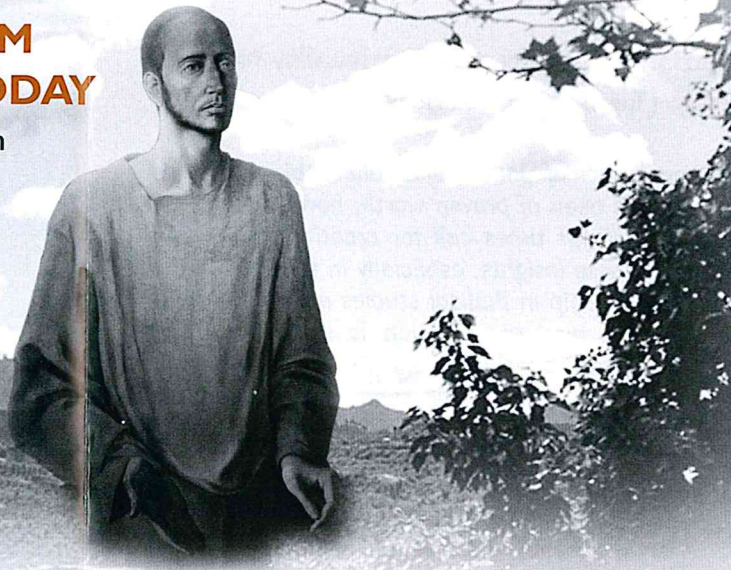


# THE IGNATIAN CHARISM FOR THE WORLD OF TODAY

An International Immersion Course on Ignatian Spirituality

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May (afternoon)  
to Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June (morning)  
2017



## OBJECTIVE

The Ignatian charism has clearly a valuable contribution to make to Christian life in our world today. This course provides an opportunity to study the legacy of Ignatius of Loyola in some depth, both as an inspiration for authentic Christian living in contemporary society and Church, and as a means for the spiritual formation of individuals and groups.

The Course is geared to the broad Ignatian family (Jesuits, members of other religious institutes and lay people) and it will be run in English.

## PROGRAMME

We begin by looking at the personal experience of Ignatius, the pilgrim, an experience which sheds light on how people come to grow in Christian life. Then, after an 8-day individually guided Ignatian retreat, we will approach the *Spiritual Exercises* from a mystagogical and pedagogical angle. An overview of Ignatius' oeuvre will culminate in a study of the Jesuit "Formula of the Institute" and of the *Constitutions*. The whole course will conclude with sessions on the theology and spirituality which flow from the life and teachings of Ignatius, and with an analysis of the various projects for Christian living which continue to emerge from Ignatian spirituality.

## METHOD

Lectures will take place alongside personal study and an on-going dialogue aimed to helping participants to integrate their various experiences. It will be an important part of the method to live in a place where Ignatius himself spent an important part of his life (Manresa) and visit various other Ignatian sites (Montserrat, Loyola, Javier), so that the study can be vivid and contextualised. This quality of spiritual experience will be a constant theme throughout the course as will appropriate times of prayer and Eucharistic celebration.

### 0. Opening session and introductions. (Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> afternoon to Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May)

### 1. Ignatius of Loyola and Us. The *Autobiography* and the *Spiritual Diary*. (Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May)

A sapiential reading of the *Autobiography* as the matrix of a spiritual process, comparing the experience of Ignatius with our own experience and spiritual autobiography. The study of the *Spiritual Diary* will not only introduce us to the highest levels of Ignatius' spirituality but will also make it possible to understand better the characteristics of Ignatian mysticism.

Lecturer: **Javier Melloni, SJ**, (Manresa, Spain; Member of the Ignatian Spirituality Team - GEI).

several visits to Ignatian Manresa  
a visit to Montserrat

### 2. An 8-day Individually Guided Retreat. (Monday 16<sup>th</sup> evening to Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May)

Director: **Cecil Azzopardi, SJ**, (Rome-Malta), assisted by a team of co-directors.

a visit to Loyola and Javier  
(Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May)

### 3. A Mystagogical Approach to the *Spiritual Exercises*. (Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June)

We shall look at the text as a mystagogy, that is to say as a path of spiritual transformation (every Week is a step) where the whole person is introduced to a new understanding of her/himself, of God and of the world, in an interconnected relationship that enables the finding of God in everything.

Lecturer: **Javier Melloni, SJ**, (Manresa, Spain; Member of the Ignatian Spirituality Team - GEI).

#### 4. In touch with the Sources of the Ignatian Charism.

(Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June)

*From the very beginning after finishing the "Deliberations 1539", the First Jesuits confront and solve the important and unexpected crossroads and conflicts in their ministries. What is the role of the "First Companions" in the Foundation of the Society of Jesus? How that group was led by the Holy Spirit and how they grasped the historical events as "coming from above"? How to approach today the silent presence of women in the life of St. Ignatius and his companions?*

Lecturer: **José García de Castro, SJ**,  
(Universidad Pont. Comillas-Madrid; Member of the Ignatian Spirituality Team - GEI).

#### 5. The Society of Jesus as a different form of religious life and pattern of a new apostolic enterprise.

(Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June)

*Ignatius and his First Companions founded a new religious order set for a missionary goal. In the light of contemporary Apostolic Spirituality, a complete study of the Ignatian charism needs to pay due attention to documents like the Formula of the Institute and the Constitutions. These documents stirred several Ignatian women; they inspired hundreds of subsequent religious and lay apostolic communities.*

Lecturer: **Hung T.Pharm, SJ**, (Assistant Professor of Ignatian Spirituality at Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University in Berkeley – USA)

#### 6. Ignatian Theology and Spirituality for Today. (Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June)

*The contribution of Ignatius of Loyola to spirituality and theology has been of proven worth; however the new challenges of our times call for creative and critical reading of these insights, especially in the light of the recent scholarship in Biblical studies and in emerging cosmology. A new conversation is initiated among the participants on the significance and challenges of Ignatian insights for our times from their lived experience.*

Lecturer: **George Pattery, SJ**, (President of the South Asia Jesuit Provincials Conference).

#### 7. Summing up of the whole experience (Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June)

**During one of the Transition Days a visit to Ignatian Barcelona will be offered.**

#### 8. Departure (Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June)

##### Organizing Institutions

Centre of Spirituality Cave of St. Ignatius - Manresa /  
GEI (Ignatian Spirituality Team - Jesuits from Southern  
Europe) / EIDES (Ignatian School of Spirituality),  
Cristianisme i Justícia. Barcelona

##### Co-ordinators:

**Joaqui Salord, SJ / Josep Sugranyes, SJ**

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Cost: Room and Board: 1.800 €

Tuition, visits, documents: 500 €

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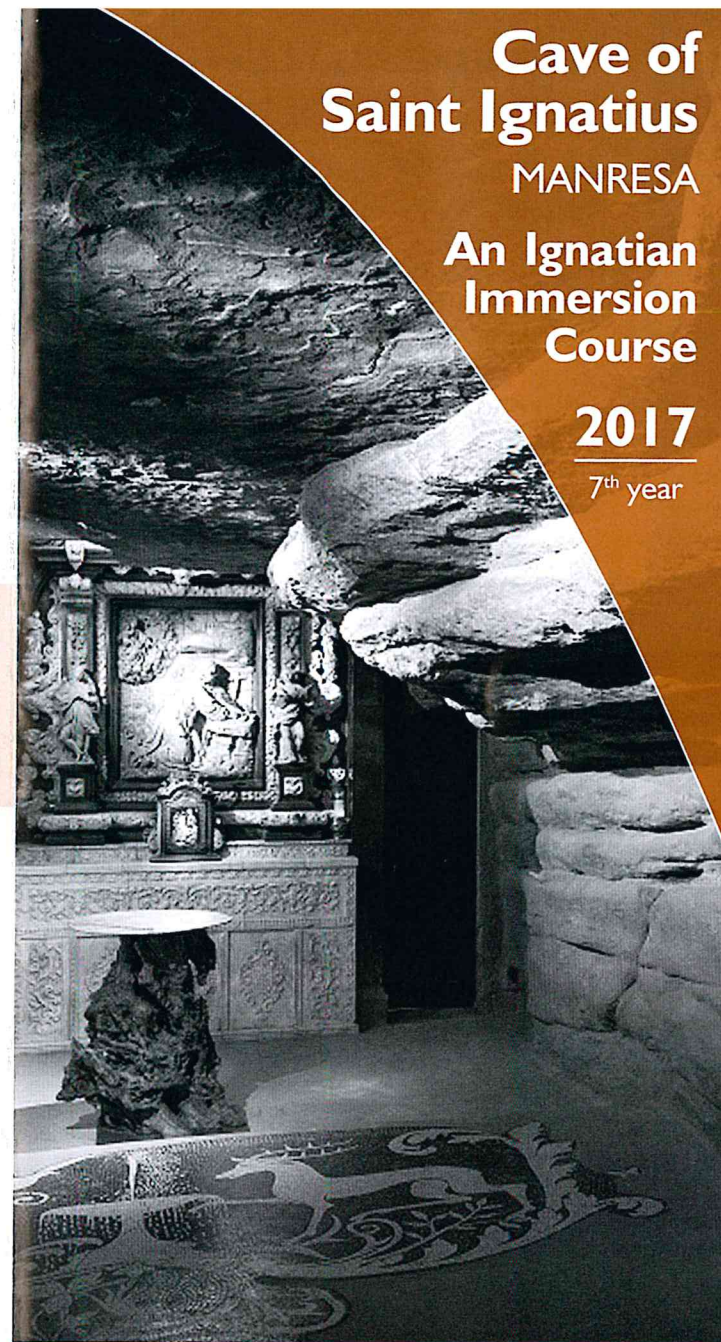
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