

Humility & Justice

Humility is not hard to find in conversation with Fr. Ben. He played a large role in founding the Dorothy Day Center (now the Center for Faith and Justice) at Xavier University in 1981. The Center hosted student clubs, events, and promoted recycling, vegetarianism, and urban gardening, among other things. After this, he felt there was more to do for peace and justice so founded the Peace Studies minor in 1983. The Peace Studies program strives to integrate politics, philosophy and theology in order to look at many injustices, particularly armed conflict. For Fr. Ben, Peace Studies is greatly influenced by Ignatian spirituality. Fr. Ben belongs to a Christian Life Community, a group of lay Christians whose life is shaped by Ignatian spirituality. He believes that “if a man is following Ignatian spirituality, he or she is open to the truth.” Being open to the truth allows for greater humility, which, in turn, pushes Fr. Ben to influence others to work for peace and justice.



“Nothing that has happened (at Xavier) happened because of just me.”