

AN INSTITUTE FOR IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY AND LEADERSHIP

Modeled after the Ruth J. and Robert A. Conway Institute for Jesuit Education housed within the Center for Mission and Identity

Purposes:

To ensure that the vital work that supports Xavier University's Jesuit Catholic charism continues in perpetuity.

The endowment of the Institute for Ignatian Spirituality and Leadership, in combination with the Ruth and Robert Conway Institute for Jesuit Education and the Xavier Jesuit Community Endowment, secures the distinctive identity of Xavier as a Jesuit Catholic university in perpetuity.

To advance opportunities for the Xavier community to experience Ignatian spirituality (the foundation of Jesuit education) and develop as Ignatian leaders in an applied, contemporary way, including by faculty, staff, undergraduates, graduate students, trustees, University advisors and alumni.

Benefits to Xavier:

Raising Xavier's profile and brand identity as a Jesuit Catholic university

- Within the AJCU network, regional and other networks through expanded and new opportunities such as: Women's Ignatian Leadership Salon, New Faculty Seminar on Jesuit Pedagogy, Pope Francis Annual Seminar
- Expand opportunities to create and disseminate information on Ignatian spirituality and leadership within and beyond Xavier through print and electronic resources (www.JesuitResource.org) for use throughout the global Jesuit Catholic and other networks (i.e.: proposal of two new books: *Lighting the Way: An Ignatian Model for Parish Volunteers* - and - *Lighting the Way: An Ignatian Model for Senior/ Executive Leadership*)

Deepening and expanding the understanding and experience of Ignatian spirituality

Through opportunities such as:

- Orientation (i.e. The President's Luncheon, Manresa for New Faculty and Staff)
- Spiritual retreats (local, national and international i.e., Magis Retreat, the Ignatian Pilgrimage)
- The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius
- Individual spiritual direction
- Education on individual and communal discernment and Ignatian prayer
- Recognition events (i.e., the annual Celebration of Excellence with Fr. Graham)

Deepening and expanding the development of Ignatian, mission-conscious leaders

Through opportunities such as:

- For executive leadership: Seminars for trustees, advisory boards, campus and community leaders
- For faculty and staff: Programs on Ignatian leadership (i.e.: AFMIX, Conversations on Catholic Identity)
- For undergraduate and graduate students: Ignatian-based leadership seminars specific to their area with attention to Ignatian communal discernment, collegiality, ethical decision-making, principled/values-based governance (currently: Health Services Administration, student athletes, student government, liberal arts majors, RAs, Executive MBA); and endows student intern opportunities with the Center

Endowment cost = 2-3 million

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