

## **AFMIX IX Capstone Project – James Green, University Library**

During autumn semester 2016, I was one of two librarians assigned to update the University Library homepage. The University Library Director wanted the homepage to evolve from its “News and Events” section to a “Latest Updates” section that functioned as a blog and a “Calendar” section for upcoming events. As User Experience and Assessment Librarian, I am the primary librarian to provide regular posts for the blog.

To explicitly incorporate Ignatian values into my work, I decided to periodically feature library events and programs, Xavier student and faculty scholars, and Xavier librarians on the blog. Not only would the featured events showcase the library’s work or showcase how scholars are using library services for their projects, but the featured events, scholarly works, or people would also exude one or more of Xavier’s Values: **Reflection, Discernment, Solidarity and Kinship, Services Rooted in Justice and Love, Cura Personalis**, and/or **Magis**.

After an AFMIX session with members of the Office of University Communications Team titled “Presenting Xavier to the Community and Nation,” I met one-on-one with France Sloat, managing editor, who gave me tips on identifying people to be interviewed and possible stock questions.

To date, I have posted one story on the blog and I am currently writing the second story.

The first story, “Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church Borrows Saint John’s Bible for Sunday Service” featured the collaboration between University Library and a local church.

### Sample from text

**SOLIDARITY** and **KINSHIP** invites us to walk alongside and learn from our companions, both local and afar, as we journey through life.

Sunday, January 29, 2017 was the first day a local community borrowed Xavier University Library's Saint John's Bible Heritage Edition. Two of the three volumes owned by Xavier University, Psalms and Gospels & Acts, served as a centerpiece for Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church's Sunday theme "The Word of God."

The effort was spearheaded by church Elder and Adult Christian Education team member Joan Sigmund, who felt compelled to learn more about the Saint John's Bible after attending two community events.

The second article, which I am currently writing, features University Library's new Archives Librarian Anne Ryckbost. Along with discussing her archives experience, the feature will highlight her work with AmeriCorps and how her values of **Cura Personalis** and **Services Rooted in Justice and Love** helped make her a perfect fit for Xavier.

I want to continue to write periodic blog posts that feature research by our students and faculty, research or projects that not only rely on library services for their success, but research or projects that are rooted in Xavier's values. I also want to feature librarians who are involved in Xavier projects or opportunities or personal ventures that are rooted in Xavier's values; for example, alternative breaks.

My hope is that this capstone project, the periodic features of people and events on the University Library blog, will serve as an example of how I integrate the Ignatian spirit into my work and will reflect what is unique about Xavier's library and Xavier's education.