

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

(Saturday 19th to Tuesday 22nd May)

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 24th to Sunday 27th May)

Ignatius and his First Companions founded a new religious order set for a missionary goal. In the light of contemporary Apostolic Spirituality, a thorough study of the Ignatian charism needs to pay due attention to documents like the Formula of the Institute and the Constitutions. The spirit of these foundational documents continues to inspire Jesuits and all the Ignatian family to renewing and cultivating an apostolic body, appropriating to each their unique vocation and commitment.

Lecturer: **Hung T.Pham, 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 29th May to Friday 1st June)

The participants are invited at this stage to a process of integration, through their lived experience of Ignatian pathway. While the Principle and Foundation provides the horizon for such a process, the world of desires calls for a roadmap to navigate. The paschal way becomes the sine qua non of an emerging universe that is ever-growing in divine plan and ever-manifesting the divine pedagogy.

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

7. Summing up of the whole experience

(Saturday 2nd June)

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

8. Departure (Sunday 3rd June)

Organizing Institutions

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Cost: Room and Board: 2.190 €

Tuition, visits, documents: 500 €

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An International Immersion Course on Ignatian Spirituality

Sunday 22nd April (afternoon) to Sunday 3rd June (morning)

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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 to 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 22nd afternoon to Monday 23rd April)

1. Ignatius of Loyola and Us. The Autobiography and the Spiritual Diary.
(Tuesday 24th to Sunday 29th April)

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 30th April evening to Tuesday 8th May)

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

**a visit to Loyola and Javier
(Thursday 10th to Sunday 13th May)**

3. A Mystagogical Approach to the Spiritual Exercises. (Tuesday 15th to Thursday 17th May)

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.

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