

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

(Monday 28th to Saturday 2nd June)

An intense desire to help souls in the service of the Kingdom led Ignatius and his First Companions to found a new religious order which was to break with the accepted norms. The charism becomes a reality in the Formula of the Institute of the Society of Jesus and in its Constitutions. The purpose of this section is to read and experience personally the Sources of the Society of Jesus in order to better understand the Ignatian way of proceeding, which is an inspiration to many other subsequent religious congregations both feminine and masculine, but has also led to different historical and ecclesial movements and institutions.

Lecturers: **José García de Castro, SJ**, (Lecturer in the Theology Faculty of Comillas University, Spain) and **J. Carlos Coupeau, SJ**, (Lecturer in the Spirituality Institute of Gregorian University, Rome).

5. Ignatian Theology and Spirituality for Today

(Monday 4th to Friday 8th June)

New and turbulent times call for a spiritual wisdom that stems from a clear and critical appraisal of a changing reality and helps us to read our society and history in the light of the Gospel, as the history of salvation. The contribution of Ignatius of Loyola has been of proven worth and is of great relevance today as we seek to learn this spiritual discernment necessary and to find concrete ways which takes us further.

Lecturer: **George Pattery, SJ**, (Kolkata, India: Theologian)

6. Summing up of the whole experience

(Saturday 9th June)

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Centre of Spirituality Cave of St. Ignatius-Manresa

GEI (Ignatian Spirituality Team-Jesuits from Southern Europe)

EIDES (Ignatian School of Spirituality),

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Cost: 1.700 €. This amount includes complete room and board, trips to Ignatian related places and written notes.



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THE IGNATIAN CHARISM FOR THE WORLD OF TODAY

An International Immersion course on Ignatian Spirituality

Monday 30th April (evening)
to Sunday 10th June (morning), 2012

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 mainly geared to the broad Ignatian family (Jesuits, members of other religious institutions and lay people).

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 (Monday 30th April evening)

1. Ignatius of Loyola and Us. The Autobiography and the Spiritual Journal (Thursday 1st May to Sunday 6th 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 Journal 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; lecturer in the Theology Faculty of Catalonia).

several visits to Ignatian Manresa
a visit to Montserrat

2. An 8-day Individually Guided Retreat (Monday evening 7th May to Tuesday 15th May)

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

a visit to Loyola and Javier
(Thursday 17th to Monday 21st May)

3. A Mystagogical and Pedagogical Approach to the Spiritual Exercises. (Wednesday 23th to Saturday 26st May)

In the light of the experience of making and giving the Spiritual Exercises, we study the text, looking at it as a mystagogy, that is to say as a path of spiritual transformation (every Week is a step) where the whole person is introduced in a new understanding of her/himself, of God and of the world, in an interconnected relationship that enables to find God in everything.

Lecturer: **Javier Melloni, SJ**, (Manresa, Spain; lecturer in the Theology Faculty of Catalonia).

a visit to Ignatian Barcelona (Sunday 22nd May)