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A Tribute to a Great Missionary of the Southland...

Msgr. John F. Sammon

Vicar for Community Affairs
Diocese of Orange

Msgr. John F. Sammon has touched us all with his loving dedication to our Lord and his people. The Loyola Institute for Spirituality is honored to celebrate this evening of recognition for Msgr. Sammon, whose selfless dedication in our service follows beautifully the spirit of discipleship shown by Junipero Sera and Ignatius of Loyola.

A native of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, Msgr. Sammon is a proud graduate of the College of the Holy Cross, a Jesuit college in Worcester, MA. Continuing with seminary formation, he was ordained to service for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in 1942. Over 40 years ago, Msgr. Sammon came to Orange County, appointed Pastor of St. Cecilia Parish in Tustin. Then encompassing much of central and southern Orange County, his ministry became famous for the kindness and generous spirit that has always characterized the work of this great man. A glowing example of the Ignatian ideal of discipleship, he has won the deep admiration of countless people in Southern California. His support of religious and civic organizations like First Friday Friars, The Serra Club, the Conference of Christians and Jews, and Orange County Police and Firefighters is legendary. His commitment to the church's missionary activity as Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith is a further testimony of his zeal for God's reign on earth.

About "Hearts on Fire"

Service to God and neighbor is at the core of the Jesuit Heritage. Jesuit university and high school graduates and those who have experienced Ignatian Spirituality are often outstanding members of their church and professional communities. "Hearts on Fire" salutes these "men and women for others".

"Hearts on Fire" Annual Celebration

**Honoring
Msgr. John F. Sammon**



Saturday, May 3, 2003

**5:30 p.m.
Eucharistic Liturgy,
Reception & Dinner**

**Mission San Juan
Capistrano
Serra Chapel and
Mission Gardens**

\$65 per ticket



Mission Statement

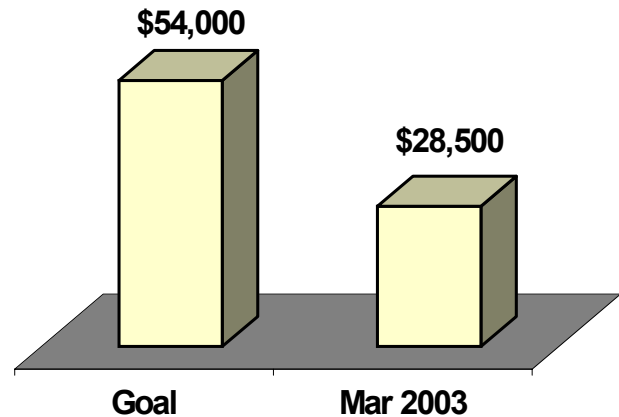
The Loyola Institute responds to today's spiritual hungers by enabling people to discover and nurture God's life within them. In response, they are empowered to act on the call of Jesus Christ to communicate and share that life with others. Rooted in the Jesuit heritage, LIS provides services that are mobile, ecumenical and reach out to diverse cultural, language, social and racial groups. It seeks to work in a collaborative and collegial way with all those it serves.

You Make the Difference!

Fiscal year 2002-2003 is drawing to a close and LIS has fallen short of its goal for this year's Annual Fund. We are up to 53% of our goal.

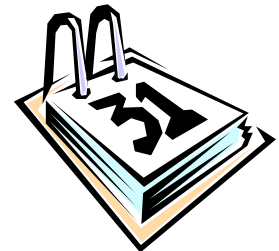
The declining economy has made it difficult for all, but it is still not too late to make a donation, even if you have already done so, to help us reach the goal.

No gift is too small.



Calendar of Events

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| May 1 | Convocation Committee Meeting, Rosita Diaz Classroom |
| May 3 | Hearts on Fire Annual Celebration , Mission San Juan Capistrano
(by reservation only) |
| May 7 | Board of Directors Meeting, Rosita Diaz Classroom
4:00 - 6:00 p.m. |
| May 17 | Day of Prayer with Rev. Larry Gooley, S.J. (RSVP required)
First American Title Trust Company, Santa Ana
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. |
| May 19 | Provincial Visit to LIS |
| May 22 - 25 | Congreso Raices y Alas 2003
University of Notre Dame, Indiana
Contact NCCHM: (602) 266-8623 or www.NCCHM.org |
| May 31 - 6/1 | Peregrinos en Camino con el Rev. Ivan Restrepo, S.J.
Marywood Center, Orange |
| August 1-5 | California Province Convocation
Los Angeles, CA |
| August 10-17 | 8-day Guided/Directed Retreat (open to the public)
Mary & Joseph Retreat Center, Rancho Palos Verdes
Contact Mary & Joseph at (310) 377-4867 or www.maryjoseph.org |



For information on these or any other LIS events or to sign up, please contact our office or visit us at www.loyolainstitute.org

From the Director...

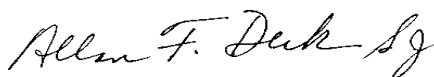
LIS at the Rome Consultation

In February 2003, the Secretariat for Ignatian Spirituality at the Jesuit headquarters in Rome organized a consultation on Spiritual Exercises today. More than 90 Jesuits and lay colleagues from every corner of the world came together for the week in a rich exchange of experiences. LIS colleague and Orange County Judge Francisco Firmat and I attended the gathering. Father General Peter-Hans Kolvenbach gave a fascinating talk on how Ignatian spirituality is more than anything else an incarnated spirituality, that is, one that always seeks to link prayer with action, with choices that make God's love tangible.

Maybe that is why the people there were struck by Francisco Firmat's ministry of the Spiritual Exercises whereby more than 100 Orange County judges, attorneys and court workers have experienced the Exercises in Everyday Life. They asked Francisco to address the entire assembly and to facilitate a small group discussion on applying the Exercises in the way he and his colleagues have.

Father Donald Gelpi, S.J., a prolific writer and professor at the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, provided some stimulating input on how Spiritual Exercises lead people to experience the person of Jesus Christ especially through the use of the imagination. Gelpi's talks highlighted the profoundly Christ-centered and biblical character of Ignatian spirituality. Perhaps that is why a growing number of Protestants are making Spiritual Exercises with Judge Firmat's group or at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena. Our own Father Chi Ngo, S.J. and Sister Jean Schultz, S.P., are regularly involved in spiritual direction of Presbyterians and the Ignatian Spiritual Formation Program that they coordinate is helping form Protestants in Ignatian spirituality. Joseph Perring, a Protestant and LIS Board member, has made the Exercises in Everyday Life and is taking the Exercises to his congregation. Protestants may have thought that Roman Catholics have less of a personal experience of Jesus Christ. They are discovering, however, that a sixteenth-century Catholic Basque, Iñigo de Loyola, identified some powerful ways to pray that through God's grace can lead one to a truly awesome encounter and friendship with Christ.

Both Francisco and I went away from this conference convinced that these are exciting times to be working in the field of Ignatian spirituality. Throughout the world a marvelous renewal of that heritage is unfolding. LIS shares in that process particularly in its outreach to diverse cultural groups, workers and immigrants, and in its efforts to present spirituality in ways that are simpler, more accessible and incremental. Father General refers to this trend as "Evangelizing Exercises" and insists on the need to share Ignatian spirituality more broadly than has been the case in the past. I am delighted that the Loyola Institute for Spirituality has precisely that as its mission.



Rev. Allan Figueroa Deck, S.J.

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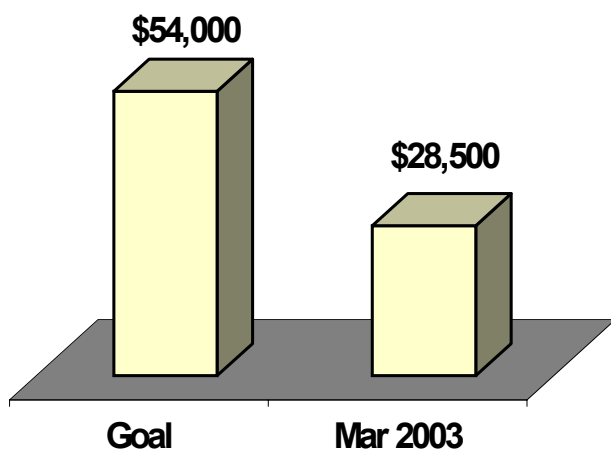
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¡Ustedes hacen la diferencia!

El año fiscal 2002-2003 está por cerrar el 30 de junio y LIS no ha podido llegar a la meta fijada para este año. Apenas hemos logrado el 53% de nuestra meta.



Sabemos que el declive en la economía nos ha afectado a todos, pero aún es tiempo de hacer una donación, aun si ya contribuyó. Por favor, ayúdenos a alcanzar nuestra meta.

¡Ningún donativo es demasiado pequeño!

Celebración Anual “Corazones Ardientes”

Homenajeando a
Monseñor John F. Sammon



Sábado 3 de mayo, 2003
5:30 p.m.

Celebración de la santa misa
Bocadillos
Cena

capilla y jardines de la
Misión San Juan Capistrano

\$65 por persona

REPORTE DEL DIRECTOR

LIS en Roma

por el Padre Allan Figueroa Deck, S.J.

En febrero 2003, el Secretariado para la Espiritualidad Ignaciana en las oficinas centrales de la Compañía de Jesús en Roma, organizó una consulta sobre los Ejercicios Espirituales hoy en día. Más de 90 jesuitas y asociados laicos de todas partes del mundo, se reunieron durante una semana para intercambiar y enriquecer experiencias. Francisco Firmat, juez del Condado de Orange y asociado de LIS y yo participamos en dicha reunión. El Padre General Peter-Hans Kolvenbach dio una plática fascinante sobre cómo la Espiritualidad Ignaciana es más que nada, una espiritualidad encarnada, lo que significa, que la persona siempre está buscando el unificar la oración con la acción, a través de decisiones que hacen tangible el amor de Dios.

Tal vez por eso mismo es que las personas ahí reunidas se sorprendieron sobre el ministerio que dirige el juez Firmat sobre los Ejercicios Espirituales en la Vida Diaria, con más de 100 jueces, abogados y personal de la corte, quienes han vivido la experiencia de los E.E. en la Vida Diaria. Le pidieron a Francisco que se dirigiera a toda la audiencia y que facilitara un pequeño grupo sobre cómo aplicar los Ejercicios en la forma en que él y sus colegas lo han hecho.

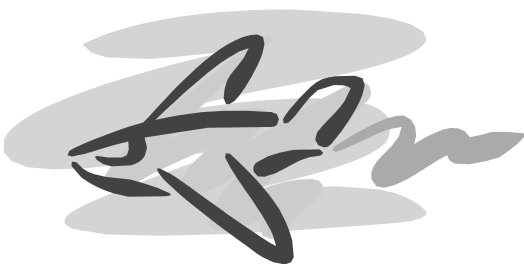
El P. Donald Gelpi, S.J. un escritor prolífico y profesor en la Escuela de Teología en Berkeley, dio una introducción muy interesante sobre cómo los Ejercicios Espirituales guían a la gente a experimentar la persona de Jesús, especialmente a través del uso de la imaginación. Las conferencias del P. Gelpi subrayaron lo profundamente que la Espiritualidad Ignaciana está centrada en las Sagradas Escrituras, y cómo se basa en Cristo Jesús. Tal vez por eso mismo, un número mayor

de protestantes está haciendo los Ejercicios con el grupo del juez Firmat, o en el Seminario Teológico Fuller, en Pasadena. El P. Chi Ngo, S.J., (uno de nuestros Directores) y la hna. Jean Schultz, S.P. trabajan con regularidad en la dirección de los E.E. con presbiterianos, y el Programa Ignaciano de Formación Espiritual (ISFP) está

ayudando a formar protestantes en la Espiritualidad Ignaciana. Joseph Perring, protestante y miembro de la mesa directiva de LIS, ha hecho los Ejercicios Espirituales en la Vida Diaria y los está llevando a su congregación. Tal vez algunos protestantes hayan pensado que los católicos (romanos) tenemos una

experiencia menos personal con Jesús. Sin embargo, están descubriendo que un basco católico del siglo XVI, Íñigo de Loyola, encontró una forma muy significativa de orar, que, con la gracia de Dios, nos puede llevar a una relación de amistad, y guiar a un profundo y verdadero encuentro con Cristo Jesús.

Tanto Francisco como yo salimos de la conferencia convencidos de que estos tiempos son ideales para trabajar en el campo de la Espiritualidad Ignaciana. Alrededor del mundo, se está llevando a cabo una renovación maravillosa de la herencia de Íñigo. LIS es parte de ese proceso, especialmente porque llega a distintos grupos culturales, trabajadores e inmigrantes, esforzándose siempre por presentar la Espiritualidad Ignaciana de una manera sencilla, más accesible y sacramental. El P. General se refirió a esta tendencia como “Ejercicios Evangelizantes” e insistió en la necesidad de compartir la Espiritualidad Ignaciana más ampliamente de lo que se ha dado en el pasado. Estoy muy satisfecho de que el Instituto Loyola para la Espiritualidad, tenga precisamente esa misión.



Nuestra Misión

El Instituto Loyola responde al hambre espiritual de nuestros tiempos ayudando a que las personas descubran y nutran la presencia de Dios dentro de ellos. Como respuesta a este descubrimiento, se sienten capacitados para seguir el llamado de Jesucristo y comunicar y compartir esa vida con otros. Con raíces en la tradición jesuita, LIS ofrece servicios que son móviles, ecuménicos y que abarcan distintas culturas, idiomas, grupos sociales y raciales. LIS busca trabajar en forma colaborativa y mutua con todos aquellos a los que sirve.

