



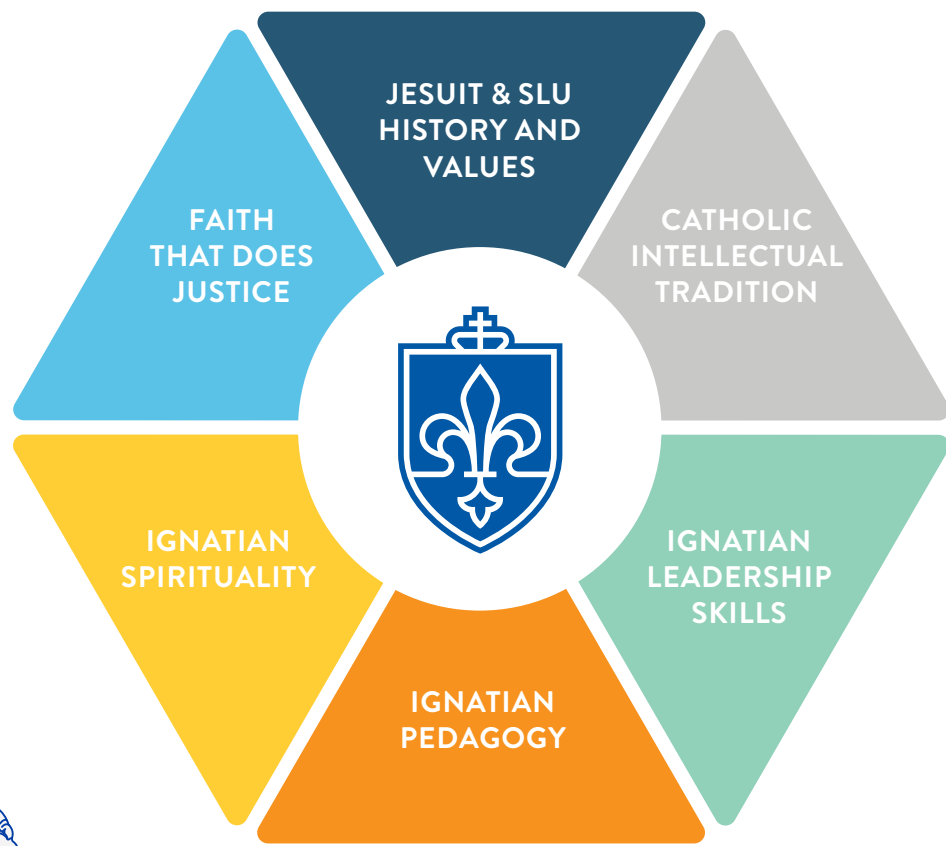
SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY

DIVISION FOR MISSION AND IDENTITY

MISSION FORMATION

*Building Community in
the Ignatian Tradition*





“Go forth and set the world on fire.”

– ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

The Division for Mission and Identity offers a variety of programs and opportunities for personal and professional enrichment, rooted in our Jesuit, Catholic tradition. We look forward to sharing SLU’s mission journey with you.



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INTRODUCTORY LEVEL

- **Experience:** A launch point to the mission formation opportunities through short presentations, workshops, service immersions, prayer experiences, retreats, and more.
- **Time Commitment:** Varies from one hour to a full day.
- **Outcome:** No specific project or follow-up.

DEEPENING LEVEL

- **Experience:** A deeper dive into the mission formation areas through multi-session seminars, community engagement, retreats, and more.
- **Time Commitment:** Typically ongoing short-term commitments through the academic year.
- **Outcome:** No specific project or follow-up.

IMMERSIVE LEVEL

- **Experience:** An immersion into the mission formation areas through program participation, service projects, extended retreat experiences, and more.
- **Time Commitment:** Typically ongoing monthly commitments of an hour to a day to overnight.
- **Outcome:** Varies by activity, but generally a short-term project for personal or professional development.

FLUENCY LEVEL

- **Experience:** An integration of all the mission formation areas through engagement with AJCU partners and programming, national seminars, Ignatian retreats, international immersion trips, and more.
- **Time Commitment:** A year to two years involving national and/or international travel.
- **Outcomes:** A department-specific project for furthering the mission in teaching, leadership, research, or Ignatian principles.

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INTRODUCTORY LEVEL

Opportunities

New Employee Orientation
Advent and Lenten Days of Retreat
Book Club
Immersion Trip Panel
Campus Kitchen & Billiken Bounty
One-time Volunteer Opportunities
Liturgical Ministry
Magis Brownbag Lunches
Occasional Engagements
Ignatian Pedagogy Institute

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NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION

For each new employee, this series of mission video modules serves as an introduction to the the Jesuit, Catholic educational mission of Saint Louis University. Extending through the first year of employment, this program also offers opportunities for community-building through formation of cohorts and accompaniment of a mission mentor.

ADVENT AND LENTEN TWILIGHT RETREATS

Once each semester, in preparation for Christmas (fall semester) and Easter (spring semester), an evening retreat is offered for all SLU colleagues to come away for quiet reflection and prayer for just a little while during hectic holiday preparations to re-center and refresh.

BOOK CLUB

Each semester a mission-focused book is available to read, ponder, and discuss over the course of a month's time. An introductory

gathering sets the tone for the read, optional small group discussions are offered, and a final luncheon with a related keynote presentation provides the opportunity to reflect on SLU's Jesuit, Catholic mission.

IMMERSION TRIP PANEL

Soon after spring break, students, faculty, and staff who participated in the spring break immersion trips speak about their experiences through the lens of Jesuit mission.





CAMPUS KITCHEN & BILLIKEN BOUNTY

Operating year round, these student-led organizations rely on volunteers to help prepare, package, and deliver meals to SLU students and neighbors who are food insecure.

ONE-TIME VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

A variety of service opportunities coordinated by the Center for Social Action allow for short-term investment in becoming persons for and with others.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Every week during campus Masses and during the year at liturgical services, various ministries are needed to enhance the spiritual experience of the SLU community.

OCCASIONAL ENGAGEMENTS: SOCIAL THOUGHT AND PUBLIC LIFE

Impromptu panel discussions are offered in collaboration with university partners, serving as a vehicle for dialogue when significant social, political, cultural, or religious experiences affect our world.

MAGIS BROWNBAG LUNCHES

Once a month a topic that connects the Jesuit mission to SLU's current reality will be presented by SLU faculty, staff, or leadership. Offered during the lunch hour, each session treats a different aspect of the Ignatian identity at SLU:

Ignatian Spirituality: Contemplatives in Action

- Ignatian Prayer
- Discernment of Spirits
- Integrating Spirituality and Action

Ignatian Pedagogy: The Mission Enacted

- The Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm, Explained
- The Jesuit University in a Divided World
- Leading from Mission

Ignatian Service: The Faith that Does Justice

- St. Ignatius and SLU's Mission Today
- Becoming Persons for and with Others
- The Intersection of Mission and DICE

IGNATIANT PEDAGOGY INSTITUTE

Each spring, the Reinert Center offers this one-day workshop to faculty in order to link teaching to Ignatian principles. A three-year topic cycle allows for more in-depth participation if desired.

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DEEPENING LEVEL

Introduction to the Spiritual Exercises
Weekend Retreat
Ignatian Mentor
Center for Ignatian Service
Mission Mentor
Staff Mission Liaison
Faculty Mission Liaison

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Opportunities

INTRODUCTION TO THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

This 4-week lunchtime series occurs annually on each of the North, South, and Law School Campuses, serving to deepen participants' understanding of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.

WEEKEND RETREAT

Once each semester, an Ignatian retreat is offered off-campus beginning on Friday evening and concluding on Saturday evening. This affords participants an opportunity to sink more deeply into Ignatian spirituality on both a personal and professional level.

IGNATIAN MENTOR

In coordination with the Billiken Teacher Corps, faculty or staff members meet monthly with a BTC participant, serving as a mentor for teaching in the Jesuit tradition.

CENTER FOR IGNATIAN SERVICE

Committed volunteers for the academic year (weekly or monthly) offer help at a local site dedicated to helping our underserved SLU neighbors, usually in an educational setting.

STAFF MISSION LIAISON

Staff members from differing departments across the university meet monthly to serve as liaisons to the Office of Mission and Identity, providing input, gaining ideas for more purposeful and meaningful integration of the mission, and conveying mission initiatives in their departments.

FACULTY MISSION LIAISON

Faculty members from differing departments meet monthly to serve as liaisons to the Office of Mission and Identity, providing input and gaining ideas for more

purposeful and meaningful integration of the mission, and conveying mission initiatives in their departments.

MISSION MENTOR

SLU colleagues who are well-versed in the mission and identity of the university can be trained as mission mentors to new employees. Mentors meet monthly for the course of the academic year with a new colleague (ideally in the same department), starting after they have completed the first three mission modules from the New Employee Orientation.



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IMMERSIVE LEVEL

Opportunities

ICP @ SLU
Mentoring for Mission in Teaching
19th Annotation
Immersion Trip
Prison Education
Transformative Workforce Academy
Cura Personalis Course
Ignite Seminar
Ignatian Service Minor

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ICP @ SLU

For two years, participants commit to monthly meetings, an annual retreat, and an annual service experience with a diverse SLU cohort (staff, faculty, leadership.) Modeled on the national Ignatian Colleagues Program of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities, the ICP @ SLU allows participants to be immersed in Ignatian spirituality, the faith that does justice (service,) and Ignatian pedagogy in ways that further the mission for themselves personally and professionally.

MENTORING FOR MISSION IN TEACHING

In collaboration with the Reinert Center, full-time faculty members commit to a year of study and small group work with an aim toward developing interdisciplinary and mission-driven courses.

19TH ANNOTATION RETREAT

Participants commit to weekly meetings with a spiritual director for the academic year, immersing themselves in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius as a “contemplative in action.”



IMMERSION TRIP

In collaboration with Campus Ministry, participants join one of the alternative spring break student groups.

PRISON EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR/VOLUNTEER

In collaboration with the Prison Education Program, participants commit to a year of service with our brothers and sisters who are incarcerated or working with the incarcerated.

MENTOR FOR THE TRANSFORMATIVE WORKFORCE ACADEMY

In collaboration with the Transformative Workforce Academy, participants commit to a year of personal and/or professional accompaniment for persons returning to the workforce after incarceration.

CURA PERSONALIS COURSE

In collaboration with the University Undergraduate Core, faculty or staff teach a section of Cura Personalis 1, 2, or 3.

IGNITE SEMINAR

In collaboration with the University Undergraduate Core, faculty teach an Ignite First Year Seminar.

IGNATIAN SERVICE MINOR

In collaboration with the College of Philosophy and Letters, faculty register one (or more) of their courses for inclusion in the Ignatian Service Minor.

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FLUENCY LEVEL

- Arrupe Fellowship
- Ignatian Colleagues Program
- 6-day Ignatian Colleagues Retreat
- Leadership Institute

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Opportunities

Inquire with the Office of Mission & Identity



ARRUPE FELLOWSHIP

A year-long capstone program after completion of the ICP @ SLU, culminating in an Ignatian pilgrimage in Spain with colleagues from other Jesuit universities in the AJCU.

IGNATIAN COLLEAGUES PROGRAM

An expansion of the Jesuit mission and identity through participation in a national mission program with other Jesuit universities in the AJCU.

IGNATIAN COLLEAGUES RETREAT

A 6-day silent Ignatian retreat offered in collaboration with colleagues from other Jesuit universities.

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

A year-long professional development program designed for the mission formation of administrators and faculty in leadership positions, offered in collaboration with colleagues from other Jesuit universities in the AJCU.



Mission Events & Ongoing Opportunities

WEEKLY

- Java with the Jesuits
- Mission Matters podcast
- Circle of Hope prayer group

MONTHLY

- First Friday Speaker Series
- Mission Now! podcast
- Pop-up pilgrimages (bi-monthly)
- Ignatian Conversations (bi-monthly)

ANNUALLY

- Mass of the Holy Spirit
- All Souls Day Mass
- Prayer Service for the Gift Body Program
- Ignatian Luncheon
- Bellarmine Lecture
- DeLubac Lecture
- Baccalaureate Mass

ONLINE

- Daily social media postings on Facebook and Instagram
- Twice weekly offerings of the noontime examen on Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/SLUjesuitmission>
- Availability of recorded offerings on the website of the Division for Mission and Identity: <https://www.slu.edu/mission-identity/index.php/>
- Community prayer requests submitted to the Circle of Hope prayer groups: <https://forms.gle/poHDKJxEyBap1oN17>

Pastoral Care & Support

- Catholic Mass at St. Francis Xavier College Church (7:15 am, 12:00 noon every day), the Jesuit Center, the Law School, or the Catholic Studies Centre (check Campus Ministry website for details)
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available daily at St. Francis College Church (10:45 am – Noon) and by appointment at the Catholic Studies Centre
- The process for joining the Catholic Church through RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is offered through Campus Ministry and St. Francis Xavier College Church
- Individual spiritual direction is provided upon request in coordination with Campus Ministry, the Catholic Studies Centre, and the Jesuit Bellarmine House
- Support for those experiencing loss is offered through Campus Ministry's Grief Support group
- A variety of support resources for mental health and wellbeing are offered in conjunction with university resources





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