THE IGNATIAN CHARISM FOR THE WORLD OF TODAY
AN INTERNATIONAL IMMERSION COURSE ON IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

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.

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An application form may be requested from:
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Language
English

Cost
- 2,200 € (Room and Board)
- 600 € (Tuition, visits, documents)

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Cave of Saint Ignatius
Sunday 28th April (Afternoon) to Sunday 9th June (Morning) 2019

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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), Cristianisme i Justícia, Barcelona
**PROGRAM**

1. **Opening session and Introductions**
   - Sunday 28th afternoon to Monday 29th April

2. **An 8-day Individually Guided Retreat**
   - Monday 6th May evening to Tuesday 14th May
   - A visit to Montserrat

3. **A Mystagogical Approach to the Spiritual Exercises**
   - 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.
   - **LECTURER:** Javier Melloni, SJ
   - (Manresa, Spain; Member of the Ignatian Spirituality Team - GEI)
   - **Tuesday 21st to Thursday 23rd May**

4. **In touch with the Sources of the Ignatian Charism**
   - 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 Pontificia Comillas- Madrid - Member of the Ignatian Spirituality Team - GEI)
   - **Saturday 25th to Tuesday 28th May**

5. **The Society of Jesus as a different form of religious life and pattern of a new apostolic enterprise**
   - 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)
   - **Thursday 30th May to Sunday 2nd June**

6. **Ignatian Theology and Spirituality for Today**
   - 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 Conference)
   - **Tuesday 4th to Friday 7th June**

7. **Summing up of the whole experience**
   - During one of the Transition Days a visit to Ignatian Barcelona will be offered.
   - **Saturday 8th June**

8. **Departure**
   - **Sunday 9th June**

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