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Ways to Live out the Mission
For more than 450 years, the Society of Jesus has been a force for good in our world. Read more about SJU and the Jesuit mission to further your understanding of our Jesuit heritage and provide you with opportunities to make the tradition come to life in your heart so that we might, in the words of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, “Go Forth And Set The World On Fire!”
AMDG

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam, the Latin motto of the Society of Jesus is translated into English as “For The Greater Glory of God.” This charge calls us to discern what is good in life and to further that work so we might bring about a more just and loving world.

MEN AND WOMEN WITH AND FOR OTHERS IN SERVICE TO THE LORD

Is a part of a 1973 speech by Fr. Pedro Arrupe, S.J. to the 10th International congress of Jesuits on the subject of education for social justice and social action. Arrupe calls upon educators to prepare men and women to work for justice and live not for themselves but for God.
MAGIS

A core component of Jesuit philosophy which draws its inspiration from AMDG. Magis is a Latin word which means, “the more.” Through careful daily reflection it is possible to discern where God is present in our lives, to see how we have responded to His call, and to find what more we can do for Him and, by extension, others in society that desperately needs our help.

FINDING GOD IN ALL THINGS

An invitation to search for and find God’s presence in every circumstance of life, not just in explicitly religious situations but in the tragedies and hardships of life. It implies that God is present at all times and, while invisible, can be “found” in any and all aspects of creation. This revelation offers us a glimpse into God’s plan with new eyes of faith.
UNITY OF MIND AND HEART

Our intellect and our hearts can not be divided parts of our being. Jesuit training and reflection encourage us to be people who respond to life and its challenges with open minds and loving hearts. When our head and heart work together we can find true fulfillment.

CURA PERSONALIS

Another Latin phrase that means, “Care for the whole person.” This is built around the Jesuit educational commitment that sees people as multi-dimensional beings who must be developed on a variety of levels to meet their fullest potential.
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Jesuit Ideals

Saint Ignatius of Loyola
TAKE, LORD AND RECEIVE MY MEMORY, MY UNDERSTANDING, MY ENTIRE WILL, ALL THAT I HAVE AND POSSESS. YOU HAVE GIVEN ALL TO ME. TO YOU I RETURN IT. DISPOSE OF IT ENTIRELY ACCORDING TO YOUR WILL. GIVE ME YOUR LOVE AND YOUR GRACE: THIS IS SUFFICIENT FOR ME.

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA
Pope Francis

• The 266th Pope—the head of the worldwide Catholic Church
• Chose papal name Francis in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi
• Can speak: Spanish, Latin, German, French, Portuguese, English, Ukrainian, Italian & Piedmontese

• First Jesuit Pope
• First Pope from the Americas
• Chose to live in the Vatican guesthouse instead of the papal residence
• Washed the feet of 12 teens in a juvenile detention facility on Holy Thursday