



Introducing the Ignatian Year

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The Society of Jesus invites the entire Ignatian family to participate in the Ignatian Year, May 20, 2021 - July 31, 2022. We will be celebrating the 500th anniversary of a lost battle, of a wound that for Ignatius meant a failure.

Ignatius of Loyola was a soldier and courtier who was aspiring to great military feats and important positions at court. He was even dreaming of marrying a lady high above his station. His worldly ambitions knew no bounds. On May 20, 1521, he was leading an army defending Pamplona against French attackers. Hugely outnumbered, the defense was futile, but the vain Ignatius persisted. A cannonball struck, and his legs and his dreams of worldly success were shattered.

This moment of apparent failure initiated a long process of conversion in which Ignatius discovered that God had a plan for his life that was much greater than he could have imagined. God did not want worldly success for Ignatius, rather God wanted Ignatius' salvation and his commitment to *help souls*. The cannonball moment was a sudden, hard hit; the conversion was gradual and never-ending. Nineteen years later, Ignatius founded the Society of Jesus, recruiting other friends in the Lord, a movement that continues today. Ignatius' life shows that if we let God work in us, greater things than we can imagine will happen.

The Ignatian Year is an opportunity for all of us to pause, to take stock, to reflect on our lives and mission, and to let ourselves be transformed and renewed gently by God. It is an opportunity to fix our gaze even more on Christ and thus *to see all things new in Him*.

Concretely, our university communities can study the concept of 'conversion' from a multidisciplinary angle. We can look at the [Universal Apostolic Preferences](#) and note how we

are challenged, transformed, and converted by them. The four UAPs are all in one way or another about conversion, about redirecting our lives and putting Christ ever more in the center.

Ignatius' experience happened 500 years ago in quite a different context from our own. But conversion is possible for everyone, no matter one's background, age, or culture. The General Curia in Rome is developing a project called *Cannonball Moments* to highlight our conversions, asking for short video clips where diverse people share a moment of conversion in their lives to inspire others. ASN members can also look forward to these and other resources to enhance their Ignatian Year experience:

A website for the Ignatian Year, ignatius500.global

An [online prayer](#) for the entire Ignatian Family May 23, 2021

An animated series on the life and spirituality of Ignatius

A smartphone app to visit the Ignatian places spiritually

On March 12, 2022, we will be remembering 400 years of the canonization of Ignatius and Francis Xavier. This will be marked by a celebration in the Gesù in Rome and in many other places in the world. It will be a highlight of this Ignatian Year. Let us all commit to our conversions!

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Enjoy the Father General's message about the opportunity of the Ignatian year. Learn more or read his text [here](#).



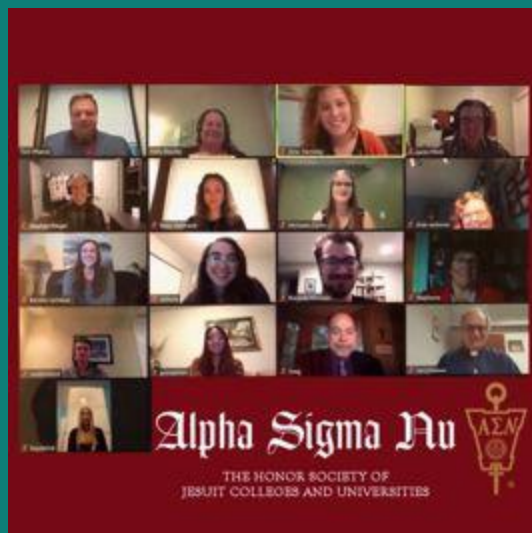


We are accepting applications for the 2021 Magis Medal.

The Magis Medal is awarded annually to two lay Alpha Sigma Nu members who best exemplify scholarship, loyalty, and service in their work to better the world. The award serves to highlight the exemplary work AΣN members are doing as they live their AΣN pledge out in the world and to inspire new members to carry that flame with them as they graduate. To be eligible, you must be a lay Alpha Sigma Nu alumni member.

Nominations are due on August 15, 2021. Winners to be announced on September 15th, 2021.

[Submit a Magis Medal Nomination](#)



Announcing the Alpha Sigma Nu Chapter of the Year winners!

Alpha Sigma Nu is pleased to announce the 2020-21 Alpha Sigma Nu Chapter of the Year awards. The awards serve to honor student chapters whose programming for the academic year has been truly outstanding in embodying the tenets of scholarship, loyalty, and service. Each year, awards are given in these categories: overall chapter of the year, best scholarship programming, best loyalty programming, and best service programming.

This year, the Board of Alpha Sigma Nu is excited to announce the winners in the following categories:

Overall Chapter of the Year – Champion College

Best Scholarship Programming – Loyola University Andalucía

Best Loyalty Programming – Boston College

Best Service Programming – Fordham University

Incorporation of Diversity & Inclusion Measures in Induction – Rockhurst University

Chapter Innovation - Fairfield University

The winning student chapters will each win a framed certificate and financial contribution to their chapter programming fund for the next academic year.

In this year of pandemic and remote, hybrid, and in-person instruction, we at Alpha Sigma Nu are proud of all of our student chapters for their resilience and determination to promote the ASN tenets, sharing Ignatian spirituality, and uniting in service to their communities. Read more [here](#).



The Washington DC Alumni Club Webinar

The DC alumni club hosted a webinar on April 22nd. The speaker was Georgetown History Professor, Dr. Marcia Chatelain, Ph.D. (Georgetown University '21).

She discussed her book, *Franchise: The Golden Arches in Black America* sharing the surprising history of cooperation among fast-food companies, black capitalists, and civil rights leaders, who—in the troubled years after King’s assassination—believed they found an economic answer to the problem of racial inequality. With the discourse of social welfare all but evaporated, federal programs under presidents Johnson and Nixon promoted a new vision for racial justice: that the franchising of fast-food restaurants, by black citizens in their own neighborhoods, could finally improve the quality of black life. Synthesizing years of research, *Franchise* tells a troubling success story of an industry that blossomed the very moment a freedom movement began to wither.

Watch the recording of the webinar [here](#).



Hot Wing Throwdown

The Marquette University student chapter hosted a hot wing throwdown challenge live on Instagram.

While tasting hot wings with ten different sauces, Marquette University President Michael Lovell (Marquette University '15), Marquette Provost Kimo Ah Yun, Faculty Adviser Ryan Duns, SJ, (Canisius College '01), and Chapter President, Emily Rouse (Marquette University '19) were challenged to answer questions while dealing with the heat.

The event raised \$600 to be donated to three local charities including the Marquette University Bridge to the Future Scholarship Fund, SWIM-Scaling Wellness in Milwaukee, and the Milwaukee Justice Center.

Watch the recording of the event [here](#).

Six virtual plenary sessions, each with a live Q&A and Examen:
1pm - 4:30pm EST
Tuesday, June 8
Thursday, June 10
Monday, June 14
Wednesday, June 16
Tuesday, June 22
Thursday, June 24



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Email questions to:
justiceconference@georgetown.edu

The National Steering Committee of the Justice in Jesuit Higher Education Conference is finalizing a compelling virtual program for June 2021. While they are not gathering together in person, they hope that a virtual environment will allow for broad access to our proceedings.

In order to prevent Zoom fatigue and to ensure wide participation across time zones and academic calendars, the [conference plenary sessions](#) will be held virtually over 6 days (2.5 hours per day) over three weeks, from June 8 – 24, 2021.

Find out more information [here](#).

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Wednesday, May 19, 2021, 7:00 PM

One Ignatian Community

A Bilingual Prayer Service hosted by the Office of Ignatian Spirituality.

You are invited to join the Office of Ignatian Spirituality and the USA East Province of the Society of Jesus for "One Ignatian Community," a 30-minute bilingual prayer service to mark the launch of the Ignatian Year. This prayer service will be streamed live online at 7pm on Wednesday, May 19, 2021.

As our nation turns toward a more hopeful future, Fr. Joseph M. O'Keefe, SJ (Boston College '15), provincial of the USA East Province, and others will reflect on the vision of the Ignatian Year to deepen our practice of Ignatian spirituality and find new possibilities for ourselves and for our world.

This event is free and open to all. Learn more and register [here](#).

ALUMNI VOICES



We Are Called to Confront Racism

All of us who embrace Catholic Social Teaching and apply its principles to our daily lives recognize that racism within any context is an affront to the core values of our faith. As a Sister of Mercy, and as president and CEO of the Catholic Health Association of the United States (CHA), I firmly believe that the events of the past year now call us as Catholics to lean into the issue of racism and renew our commitment to eliminate the racial inequities in our society and to acknowledge and confront our own shortcomings so that we can become agents of healing and positive change.

Sr. Mary Haddad

(Saint Louis University '93)



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We want to hear your voice. What's your story?

Alpha Sigma Nu is looking for alumni members to guest write blogs or articles for our publications and website. If you are interested in sharing your journey since induction, [contact us](#).



Alpha Sigma Nu Medallion Photo Contest

Submit your photo for a chance to win a \$50 Amazon gift card!

Did you take a great photo of yourself proudly wearing your AΣN medallion at graduation this year? Send it to us to be entered into the Photo Contest.

Tag AΣN in your photo on Instagram or Facebook using #alphasigmanu

Or send your photo to us at amy.oneil@marquette.edu

Watch for your photo to be highlighted on the website and social media. **The winner will be announced on June 30th!**

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