The Office of Mission and Ministry (M&M) is dedicated to preserving, supporting, and fostering Loyola’s Jesuit and Catholic mission.

The following major goals of the Office have been identified for the next year:

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Faculty & Staff Development:
- To expand opportunities for faculty and staff to appreciate and integrate the Catholic/Jesuit mission into their professional and personal lives through programs such as Vitamins for the Soul, Faculty Conversations, new faculty and staff Orientations, Conversations magazine discussion groups, and gatherings on other topics such as Ignatian pedagogy and social justice.
- To continue the formation of faculty & staff through the Ignatian Staff Fellows Program (ISF) and the Ignatian Faculty Fellows (IFF) program.
- To expand service opportunities for faculty/staff and alumni such as for immersion experience trips to Belize and Jamaica.
- To expand retreat opportunities for faculty/staff, including weekend retreats, on-line retreats, days of recollection and/or other opportunities based on the Spiritual Exercises.

Immersion Programs:
- To increase student involvement in the Ignacio Volunteer international immersion programs by strengthening the pre-trip sessions, the discussions and reflections on justice issues, such as race and privilege and economic inequality; and strengthen the post-trip experience to build upon commitment to the local community.
- To improve the recruitment process, the applications and materials, the marketing and the selection of new participants in programs.
- To recruit a diverse motivated and qualified community of participants as well as student and staff leaders for all Ignacio Volunteer immersion experiences.
- To expand our immersion programs domestically in New Orleans, Louisiana and to explore a new immersion experience in Africa.

University Jesuit & Catholic Mission Programming:
- To plan, execute and improve Loyola Week 2015 with increased collaboration with other Offices on campus; to increase participation from students, faculty/staff, alumni and the local community by offering attractive and varied programming.
- To continue to improve the Mission and Ministry e-newsletter, “Magis Moments” and expand its readership to alumni and the larger community.
- To increase our video and web presence on our M&M website and further the Jesuit mission and pedagogical resources available to faculty/staff and alumni.
Pastoral Outreach:
- To provide direct contact and support to all members of the Loyola community as needed through prayer, presence & provision for physical and spiritual needs during times of crisis and celebration.
- To provide experiences of "cura personalis" that enable students to appreciate themselves as valued individuals of the Loyola community by responding holistically to their educational, spiritual, emotional, social and physical needs.
- To foster community and celebrate Loyola faculty/staff birthdays by creating and distributing an original birthday card to be distributed to all on their birthdays.
- To support the financial needs of the community by distributing alms donations for emergency financial needs of students (textbooks, tuition, food, medicine, etc).

Liturgical and Music:
- To engage the Loyola community in liturgies that express the joy and beauty of the Roman Catholic faith.
- To increase opportunities for students to feel a deep connection to a community of believers through active participation in liturgies by drawing on students’ musical talents, organizational skills, and desire to serve.
- To create more explicit connections between positive communal worship experiences and the development of attitudes of loving service.
- To engage student involvement in concrete stewardship plans for their time, talent and treasure.
- To develop stronger leadership among Ignatius Chapel Community members.

Retreats:
- To provide all members of the university community with opportunities to experience God through familiarity with Ignatian methods of prayer and tenants of Ignatian spirituality.
- To continue reaching out to “non-usual” participants, and continue to encourage “on-ramp” participants to deepen their experience by joining a Christian Life Community (CLC) or attending a “next-step” retreat.
- To establish measurable student learning outcomes for each retreat as well as evaluation instruments to measure the impact of retreats on beliefs, behaviors and attitudes.

Christian Life Communities
- CLC members will deepen their ability to recognize and articulate movements of the Spirit in their lives through learning Ignatian methods of prayer and discernment and sharing these experiences in a supportive community of friendship and service.
- To establish monthly campus-wide events focusing on an aspect of the CLC way of life.
- To establish distinct learning outcomes for each of the three phases (levels) of CLC groups.
- Loyola will continue training, mentoring and resources for Archdiocesan-wide CLC groups formed through the Office of Young Adults of the Archdiocese of New Orleans.
Law School Ministry:
- To support and assist the College of Law administration in increasing the visibility of the Catholic, Jesuit mission and identity of Loyola to all law faculty, staff and students.
- To assist members of the College of Law community to connect their vocation as lawyers to concrete Ignatian principles in the promotion of ethical professionalism.
- To provide pastoral outreach and faith development opportunities on the College of Law campus and to connect College of Law community with the Mission and Ministry programs and staff on the main campus.

Service, Justice and Faith Programming:
- Members of the Loyola community will demonstrate a faith that does justice by engaging in or co-creating community engagement experiences that are (a) highly reciprocal, (b) responsive to local needs and (c) in keeping with university wide and national best practices.
- To implement a Memoranda of Understanding for all Loyola University Community Action Program (LUCAP) partner agencies.
- LUCAP Executive Board members will define ‘core membership’ in LUCAP more precisely and utilize core members more strategically for voting and program assessment.
- To increase partnerships with the Archdiocese of New Orleans and local/ national Jesuit apostolates.
- To model a “well-educated solidarity” in community engagement activities by recognizing the deeper social and structural issues relevant to specific charitable service work.
- To be represented on and to continue to support the Community Based Federal Work Study Task Force which will identify, develop, recruit, and place students in and monitor community based federal work study positions consistent with larger community engagement goals.

Faith and Sacramental Formation:
- To coordinate and provide all sacramental preparation (RCIA, Eucharist, Confirmation, Baptism, Marriage, Reconciliation, and Anointing of the Sick) for members of the Loyola community in collaboration with Holy Name of Jesus Parish and other members of the Loyola Jesuit community.
- To provide pastoral presence to perspective students and families at the “front door” of campus by maintaining an Associate Chaplain office on the first floor of Thomas Hall.
- To increase vocational discernment information and programming – both religious and post-graduate volunteer opportunities.
- To provide pastoral presence to athletic team members – students and coaches/staff.
- To maintain a strengthened collaboration with Holy Name of Jesus Parish and the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

Ecumenical and Interfaith Outreach:
- To offer and maintain interfaith prayer space on both the main and Law campuses.
- To maintain collaborations with local ministers, especially those assigned to nearby campus ministry centers to increase their regular presence and ministry on campus.
- To serve as liaison between the Office of Mission and Ministry and the University Diversity Committee.
Resident Chaplain Program:

- To provide a pastoral adult presence in the residence halls by living in-residence and through regular attendance at programs and meetings.
- To support student and professional staff members of the office of Residential Life in their roles as mentors and guides to residents.
- To meet regularly with other Resident Chaplains and Residential Life staff for on-going formation and discussion of best practices in each residence hall.

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