OFFICE OF MISSION & MINISTRY
2015 - 2016 GOALS

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 have been identified for the next year:

- Members of the University community will be able to articulate the holistic principles of the Ignatian worldview as experienced in their lives, including key elements of the Ignatian conceptualization of justice/service and spirituality.
- Faculty and staff will experience, affirm and embrace our Jesuit intellectual commitment to teaching excellence shaped by the service of faith and promotion of justice, and model these values through their work and daily interactions.
- Students will discover and be transformed by a deeper faith commitment which engages the Jesuit charism: valuing the richness of the human experience; discerning deeper meaning and purpose in their lives; and engaging in faith that does justice.

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.

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 – now including WFF and Sodexo employees.
- 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 – specifically to increase male participation.
- To encourage more faculty and staff involvement in student retreats by collaborating more closely with Resident Ministers, University Chaplain and faculty development staff.

Christian Life Communities
- CLC members will deepen their ability to recognize and articulate movements of the Spirit in their lives by using Ignatian methods of prayer and discernment- specifically exploring identity, faith and vocation- and sharing these experiences in a supportive community of friendship and service.
- To promote the CLC way of life in the Loyola University community and create connection between individual CLCs through programming and social media presence.
- Loyola will continue training, mentoring and providing resources for Archdiocesan and state-wide CLC groups formed through the Office of Young Adults of the Archdiocese of New Orleans and the Louisiana Association of Catholic Campus Ministers.
**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 (c) in keeping with university wide and national best practices and d) address the spiritual development of participants.
- Implement the LU CAP Evaluation Plan created in Spring 2014 to demonstrate LU CAP learning outcomes and community impact more fully.
- LU CAP Executive Board members will more actively engage in program decision making by working more directly with partner agency staff.
- 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.

**Immersion Programs:**
- To address long-term sustainability of all Ignacio Volunteer immersion programs through fundraising (grants, annual events, solicitation training) and increased participation of faculty and staff.
- To increase student involvement in the Ignacio Volunteer international immersion programs by strengthening the pre-trip sessions, 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 explore immersion opportunities in other areas besides Jamaica and South Africa, especially future collaborations with Jesuit ministries in Belize and other parts of the world – including domestic immersion trips.

**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 University Minister office on the first floor of Thomas Hall and working more collaboratively with the Office of Admissions.
- To increase vocational discernment information and programming – both religious and postgraduate 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 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 and Archdiocese of New Orleans Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations.
- Broaden interfaith opportunities and safe places for students to share their faith experiences beyond the traditional Catholic/Christian opportunities already available on campus. Accentuate “universality” of the term “catholic” in building an inclusive faith-based learning community.

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Jesuit education is a call to human excellence, to the fullest development of all human qualities. The challenge to a Jesuit university is to create a community that will support and foster all these values. Ignatius gave us not simply a philosophy of education but a spirituality of education.

- **PERSON-CENTERED EDUCATION**
  The value and dignity of each person as created and redeemed by God.
  The Jesuit vision of Education focuses on the work of God in each individual, on the individual’s relationship with God. This demands a respect for the person and the personal care of each student individually (‘cura personalis’)

- **EMPHASIS ON ACADEMIC QUALITY AND RIGOR**
  The call to human excellence. The Jesuit vision of Education is a call to human excellence. This implies a rigor and academic excellence that challenges the student to develop all of his/her talents and abilities to the fullest, a call for critical thinking and disciplined study.

- **COMMITMENT TO THE WHOLE PERSON:**
  Head and Heart, Intellect and Feelings. The Jesuit vision of Education is a call to a genuinely humanistic education. Hence it is a commitment to the Liberal Arts — literature, history, arts, science, philosophy and theology — with the goal to give students the freedom and ability to make responsible, value-oriented and principled decisions.

- **AWARENESS OF THE GIFTEDNESS OF CREATION**
  Finding God in all things. The Jesuit vision of Education seeks to open students to the wonder of creation. It seeks to enable them to find God in the world around them. Hence it is world affirming, urging students to take responsibility for the world, as stewards of creation.

- **COMMITMENT TO ACTION & SERVICE**
  People with and for others. The Jesuit vision of Education is action-oriented. Love is expressed in deeds as well as words. Hence it is a commitment to justice, serving as compassionate agents of change. It is a call to service, to labor with Christ for others. It seeks to instill the passion to do ever more (‘magis’)

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