

# Cave of Saint Ignatius MANRESA

## An Ignatian Immersion Course

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## 6. Ignatian Theology and Spirituality for Today.

(Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June)

New and turbulent times call for a spiritual wisdom that stems from a clear and critical appraisal of a changing reality and helps us to read our society and history in the light of the Gospel, as the history of salvation. The contribution of Ignatius of Loyola has been of proven worth and is of great relevance today as we seek to learn this necessary spiritual discernment and to find concrete ways which take us further.

Lecturer: **George Pattery, SJ**. President of Jnana-Deepa Vidyapeeth (JDV), Pontifical Institute of Philosophy and Religion, Pune, India; lecturer in Indian Christian Theology, Theology of Religion and Theology of Spirituality at JDV, Pune.

## 7. Summing up of the whole experience

(Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June)

During one of the Transition Days a visit to Ignatian Barcelona will be offered.

### Organizing Institutions

Centre of Spirituality Cave of St. Ignatius - Manresa  
GEI (Ignatian Spirituality Team -  
Jesuits from Southern Europe)  
EIDES (Ignatian School of Spirituality),  
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Cost: **1.900 Euro**. This amount includes complete room and board, trips to Ignatian related places and written notes.

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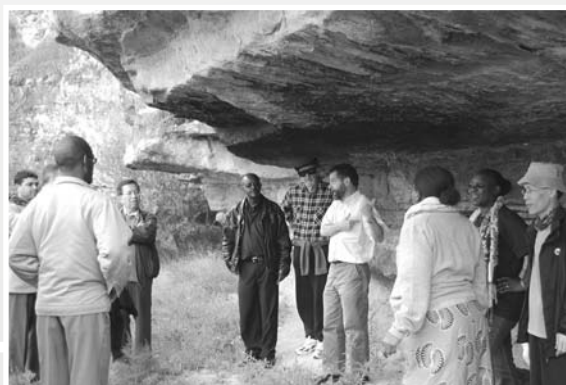
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## 4. In touch with the Sources of the Ignatian Charism.

(Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May)

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**, (Lecturer in the Theology Faculty of Comillas University, Spain).



## 5. The Society of Jesus as a different form of religious life and pattern of a new apostolic enterprise.

(Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> June)

Ignatius and his First Companions founded a new religious order set for a missionary goal. In the light of contemporary Apostolic Spirituality, a complete study of the Ignatian charism needs to pay due attention to documents like the Formula of the Institute and the Constitutions. These documents stirred several Ignatian women; they inspired hundreds of subsequent religious and lay apostolic communities.

Lecturer: **Carlos Coupeau, SJ**, (Member of the Ignatian Spirituality Team – GEI).

# THE IGNATIAN CHARISM FOR THE WORLD OF TODAY

*An International Immersion Course on Ignatian Spirituality*

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April (afternoon)  
to Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June (morning)

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## 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).

## 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 visit various other Ignatian sites (Montserrat, Loyola, Javier), so that the study can be vivid and to contextualised. This quality of spiritual experience will be a constant theme throughout the course as will appropriate times of prayer and Eucharistic celebration.



**0. Accommodation and Opening session**  
(Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April afternoon to Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April)

**1. Ignatius of Loyola and Us. The *Autobiography* and the *Spiritual Journal***  
(Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May)

*A sapiential reading of the Autobiography as the matrix of a spiritual process, comparing the experience of Ignatius with our own experience and spiritual autobiography. The study of the Spiritual Journal will not only introduce us to the highest levels of Ignatius' spirituality but will also make it possible to understand better the characteristics of Ignatian mysticism.*

Lecturer: **Javier Melloni, SJ**, (Manresa, Spain; lecturer in the Theology Faculty of Catalonia).

several visits to Ignatian Manresa  
a visit to Montserrat

**2. An 8-day Individually Guided Retreat**  
(Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May evening to Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May)

Director: **Cecil Azzopardi, SJ**, (Rome-Malta), assisted by a team of co-directors.

a visit to Loyola and Javier  
(Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May)

**3. A Mystagogical Approach to the *Spiritual Exercises*.**  
(Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May)

*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.*

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