



LOYOLA CHICAGO

# IN STRIDE WITH ST. IGNATIUS

A WEEKLONG PILGRIMAGE TO SANCTUARIES AND CITIES IN SPAIN

Faculty, staff, and alumni of Loyola University Chicago are invited to join Father D. Scott Hendrickson, S.J., on a Spain pilgrimage in the footsteps of St. Ignatius. As part of the University's 150th anniversary in 2020 and celebrating 150 years of Ignatian heritage, the institution draws from the rich spiritual and pedagogical tradition established by St. Ignatius and his first companions. In places of great historical and religious significance, such as Loyola, Arantzazu, Xavier, Montserrat, and Manresa, and in the nearby cities—Bilbao, San Sebastián, Pamplona, Zaragoza, and Barcelona—we will have the chance to explore and learn more about the life and legacy of St. Ignatius and gain an appreciation for our role as faculty, staff, and alumni of Loyola University Chicago in embracing and carrying forth the Ignatian mission and vision.

## ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS • MAY 10–17, 2020

- MAY 10** Depart Chicago on overnight flights to **Bilbao, Spain**. Participants will arrange their own flights by planning to arrive in Bilbao before 3 p.m. on Monday, May 11.
- MAY 11** Arriving in the city of Bilbao in northern Spain, we check into our hotel by mid-afternoon. We will convene for a walk through the city and a group dinner together. Bilbao is the birthplace of **Father Pedro Arrupe, S.J.**, and home to the **University of Deusto**, a Jesuit university.
- MAY 12** We begin our pilgrimage with a visit of Loyola, the birthplace of **St. Ignatius**, founder of the Jesuit order. Here we will tour the house in which he was born and celebrate mass in the conversion chapel, the room where Ignatius-the-soldier convalesced, and experienced a profound spiritual conversion. From here, we will go to Arantzazu for a group lunch, and visit the sanctuary of **Our Lady of Arantzazu**. Ignatius prayed here as he began his own pilgrimage. We will then travel to **San Sebastián**, with time to explore the city and have dinner on our own in one of the culinary capitals of Spain.
- MAY 13** After breakfast, we set out for the Castillo de Javier, the birthplace of **St. Francis Xavier**. He is known as the co-founder of the Society of Jesus and one of the most prominent missionaries, having labored in India and Japan. We celebrate mass in the chapel of the castle, followed by lunch in Javier. We then travel a short distance to **Pamplona** and check into our hotel. This afternoon and evening, we are free to explore the city, view the place where Ignatius was wounded while defending the city in 1520, and dine on our own.
- MAY 14** Once we have breakfast, our quest takes us to the **Catedral del Salvador de Zaragoza**. This beautiful cathedral was built between 12th and 16th centuries. In 2001, the church was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO as one of the most representative places

of Mudéjar architecture in Aragón. We will grab a quick lunch on our own before heading to **Montserrat**. Here, after we check in, we have a group dinner, adjacent to the monastery.

- MAY 15** After breakfast, we have time to visit the Benedictine monastery. St. Ignatius came here after his initial conversion and left his sword at the feet of Our Lady of Montserrat. It was here that he decided to spend the rest of his life as a pilgrim. We then go on to **Manresa**, where St. Ignatius lived in a cave-like grotto for several months, practicing penances and designing his method of prayer known as the Spiritual Exercises. We will celebrate mass in the chapel of the cave, have lunch in Manresa, and depart for **Barcelona**, with time to explore the city, such as the Gothic Quarter and the Ramblas, and dine on our own.
- MAY 16** Today we have a city tour of Barcelona, visiting some of the more prominent Ignatian sites. Afterward, we have lunch on our own. Then we make our way to the **Basílica de la Sagrada Família**. This iconic basilica has been under construction since 1882, with hopes of completion in 2026. Sagrada Família was designed by architect Antonio Gaudí. Although not finished, the church is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In November 2010, it was consecrated by Pope Benedict XVI. We have the rest of the day free, with the option to attend mass. We will all reconvene for dinner.
- MAY 17** On our final day we also have the option to attend morning mass before our departure, arriving in **Chicago** the same day. Participants depart according to their own travel plans.

**ABOUT YOUR GUIDE:** Father Hendrickson is associate professor of Spanish in the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures. He teaches courses in Spanish literature, history, and mysticism and has led student and other University pilgrimages in Spain.

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