

# The Ignatian Year

Celebrating the  
500th Anniversary of  
the Conversion of  
**St. Ignatius of Loyola**



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This year, all Jesuit works across the world will begin celebrating the Ignatian Year on May 20, 2021: the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ignatius' "cannonball" moment: a time of conversion and renewal. Celebrations will conclude on the **Feast Day of St. Ignatius**: July 31, 2022.

May 20, 2021–July 31, 2022



# Why 2021?

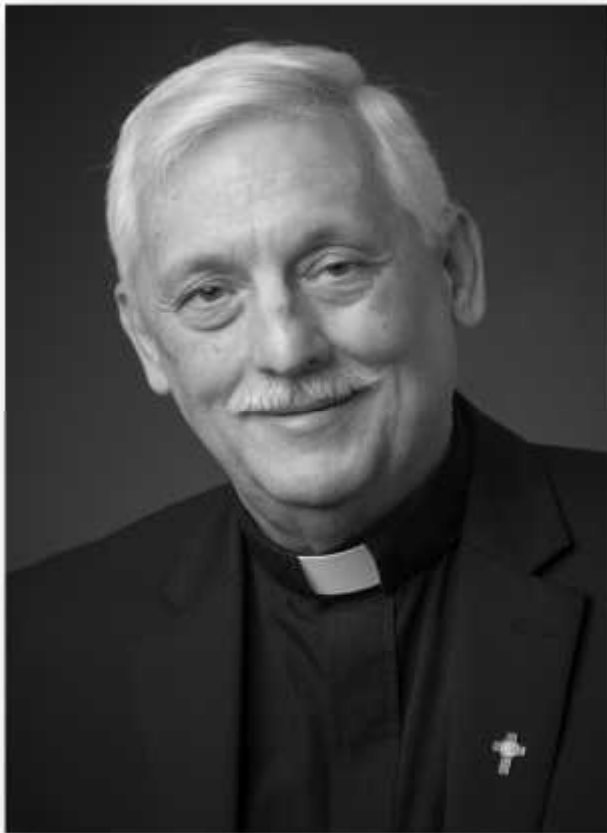


As a young soldier in the Spanish army, Ignatius dreamed of fame and glory.

But everything changed when **he was suddenly and gravely injured by a cannonball while in battle at Pamplona.**

While in recovery, Ignatius experienced a spiritual conversion and immediately decided to make a change: **he found a new sense of purpose and set out to establish the Society of Jesus.**

# An Invitation from Father General Arturo Sosa, S.J.



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*It is my desire that at the heart of this Ignatian year, we would hear the Lord calling us, and we would allow him to work our conversion inspired by the personal experience of Ignatius.”*

**Rev. Arturo Sosa, S.J., Superior General of  
the Society of Jesus**



# Opportunity for Conversion

## From Profession to Purpose:

Discern your authentic  
self in the new normal

The Ignatian Year presents an  
opportunity for conversion  
among the whole Jesuit higher  
educational community.

# Opportunity

We can **invite our students to go from profession to purpose**, to make a deeper reflection of their talents, their passions and the world's greatest needs, as we accompany them on the path to finding their vocation.

In this Ignatian Year, we invite you to **organize programs and initiatives** that promote this “invitation to a deeper reflection” as a hallmark of Jesuit higher education.



# Ideas for Jesuit Colleges and Universities to Celebrate the Ignatian Year

The Ignatian Year gives us the opportunity to **align many of the programs and initiatives that already take place** at our institutions with the story of the conversion and spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Here are some ideas for ways to modify existing programs or create new ones for your communities:



# Ideas for Jesuit Colleges and Universities to Celebrate the Ignatian Year

- Ignatian Year-themed Masses
- Productions of theatrical works on the lives of Ignatius and other Jesuit saints
- Retreats that focus on living a life of purpose



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- Career services workshops on the theme: “Profession to Purpose”
- Student workshops on the meaning of global citizenship
- Athletic events designed to show the connections between sports and competition through spirituality



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# Ideas for Jesuit Colleges and Universities to Celebrate the Ignatian Year

- Academic conferences and/ or lectures on Ignatian spirituality and pedagogy
- Celebrations of an on-campus “Ignatian” day or week
- Campus-wide community service days



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## Resources: IY Logos

There are two official logos available to use on all Jesuit Higher Ed. content during the Ignatian Year.

# Resources: IY Handbook

An explanatory handbook featuring essential information on the Ignatian Year.

***What is the Ignatian Year?***

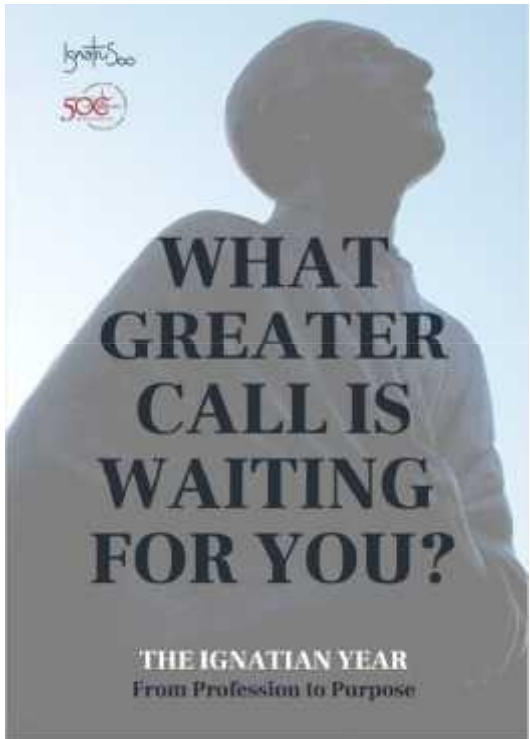
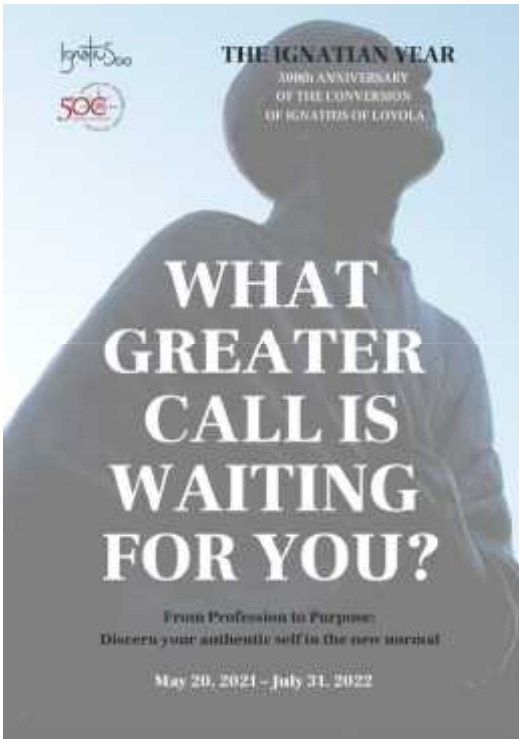
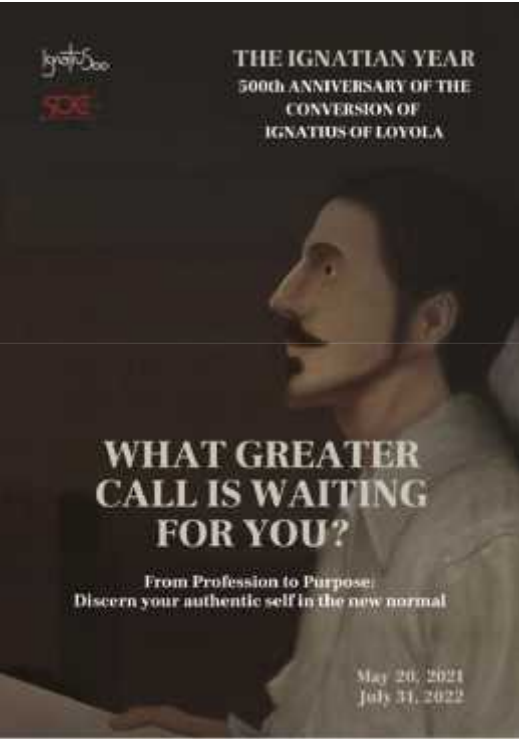
***Why is this an opportunity?***

***What can higher education institutions do?***



# Resources: Posters

A number of posters have been designed for universities to promote the Ignatian Year in their campuses.



# Access to All Resources

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/10Z9MCsBv0su0c-o5vVXmLGZgZfQJdewb?usp=sharing>





# Your Turn

We look forward to sharing these ideas across the global Jesuit network!

**Please share** the ideas and initiatives on how your institution plans to mark the Ignatian Year by using the following forms:

**English:**

<https://forms.gle/oXnzBMH5T1YsgkFY6>

**Spanish:**

<https://forms.gle/vEwoY7d11mjzPN6w5>



To learn more, please visit [iaju.org/ignatian-year](http://iaju.org/ignatian-year).

**Thank You**