

Ignatian Spirituality and Jesuit Identity (ISJI) Committee Notes
9 April 2026 at 8:00am (ET)

Facilitator: John

Prayer: Paul

Present: John O., Bernadette O., Brian C, Ileana R, Paul R, Raúl R,
Christiane L, Catherine H, Jane V.

Absent: Renée C.

- Welcome – John
- Prayer - Paul opened by reading a passage from the Gospel of Luke on the Road to Emmaus. We shared our reflections on this passage.
- Presupposition train the trainers update - Catherine is looking for a suitable time for a train-the-trainers session. It may be early fall due to other competing priorities. More to come.
- Ignatian Corner - John (See schedule in ISJI folder for due dates of first draft)
 - Examen (John) - published 25 Jan 2026
 - Contemplative prayer (Christiane) - published 22 Feb 2026
 - Presupposition (Jane) - published 22 Mar 2026
 - Faith Sharing (Brian) - 26 Apr 2026 Brian is on track to submit a draft to Catherine
 - Consolations and Desolations (Ileana) - 24 May 2026 Ileana has already finished her draft
 - "Finding God in All Things" (Raúl) - 28 Jun 2026
- Holy Trinity Church 150th Anniversary - Update - Catherine said Ted appears to be in charge. There is a mass on Sat 6/13 at 4:00pm. Ashley suggested a guided contemplation on the history of the church. This could be recorded for on-demand listening, like "Pray as you go". We decided John, Bernadette, Ileana, and possibly Jane would participate. Catherine will send us past church history articles that we could use as a basis for the contemplation. We will need to schedule a separate meeting. Bernadette is out from 4/22 to mid May.

- PPC Update - Paul said there was lots of discussion on church security at the March meeting. The by-laws are being sent to Father Gillespie for review. Under the by-laws, you can serve a second term on a committee.

- ISJI Committee - John went over the draft membership rules. We discussed whether it would be okay for a member to serve either a full (3 year) or partial (1-2 years) extension after completing a three year term. (John edited the rules to state that a member is eligible to serve a second term. In the event of resignation before the second term ends, then a replacement will be identified to serve the rest of the term.) The by-laws will also require that the committee chairs are approved by the PPC and pastor after being nominated by the committee. The committee chairs are allowed to serve a second year. (John recommend against this for ISJI. The committee chair should rotate among members in order to maximize participation and fresh ideas.) John and Catherine will work to publicize new member recruitment in the bulletin, which needs to occur soon. Recommendations of individuals, by the Pastoral Associate, or committee members, for committee membership will continue to be part of the recruitment process.

- Review past events - Catherine
 - Lenten Retreat - Emily ran this. Looking for ways to increase in-person participation in the openings and closings of retreats.
 - Setting Captives Free Retreat - Two cohorts, one Jesuit and one non-Jesuit. The Washington Area Ministers of Spirituality group (which sponsors the retreat) are reviewing the evaluations.
 - Lenten Simple Supper - 20 March 2026 - Lots of praises among ISJI members over how well organized it was, and participants seemed really satisfied.
 - Lenten Trinity Faith Sharing - Good comments received. Participants liked the bibliography of Ignatian spirituality resources.
 - YAC Faith Sharing - Going well.

- Review ongoing and upcoming events - Catherine
 - YAC Retreat - 11-12 April 2026. Emily is shadowing.

- Possible July program. Emily and Ed are organizing a "Come and See" activity over three Sundays that will include guided prayer and meditation on Gospel of John.
- Round Robin (Goings on in Parish) - Very positive experiences during Triduum. Bernadette suggested ISJI become more involved as volunteers next year.
- Closing prayer - Paul closed us in prayer.
- Next meeting is 14 May 2026 (Examen)

DUE OUTS:

- Catherine to send history articles to help plan the guided reflection
- John to schedule planning call on guided reflection for 150th anniversary (before 4/22 or after Bernadette back)
- Update membership rules (done - see above)
- Draft new member recruitment pitch for bulletin (done)
- Catherine to ensure the new member recruitment pitch is published in the bulletin for at least 2 consecutive weeks
- John to follow up with Renee
- All to start informal recruiting of new ISJI Committee members

Meeting	Prayer Lead*
May	Examen - No Prayer Lead needed
June	TBD

* **Prayer Lead** is responsible for leading opening and closing prayers for the meeting, as well as for inviting reflections and the naming of spiritual consolation and desolations. The opening prayer is a reflection on a text, with time for silence and sharing