

OUR MISSION

To form women and men for meaningful lives of leadership and service in imitation of Jesus Christ through a college preparatory education in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition.

OUR VISION

To be the premier Jesuit, Catholic college preparatory school in the nation with an Ignatian-trained faculty offering unmatched and dynamic student learning and formation programming.

We will continue to develop courageous and socially-minded Ignatian leaders who think critically, act justly, and speak eloquently, lighting a path to build a better world for generations to come.

OUR VALUES

Developed from the Jesuit tradition of the *Graduate at Graduation*, our values—*Religious, Intellectual, Physically and Socially-Emotionally Fit, Loving, Open to Growth, and Committed to Doing Justice (RIPLOC)*—guide us to be Ignatian leaders for the world.

Ignatian spirituality is at the core of our mission. As a diverse and committed community inspired by St. Ignatius of Loyola, we

- strive to find God in all things, embracing the invitation to encounter God's presence in every moment and His beauty around us.
- nurture the mind, body, and spirit, recognizing and valuing the uniqueness of each individual (*cura personalis*).
- continually seek to do more for the greater good, driven by a spirit of excellence (*Magis*).

Our goal is to do all for the Greater Glory of God: *Ad maiorem Dei gloriam*.



“
Your word is a lamp to guide my feet
and a light for my path.
—Psalm 119:105
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Dear Rambler Community,

For nearly 500 years, Ignatian spirituality has aimed to form gracious, compassionate, and humble leaders who are more attentive to God's presence in our world, and more responsive to what God is calling us to do. Ignatian leadership has never been more needed or relevant in today's society. In a world marked by volatility, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity, God is calling us to do more—to think more critically, respond more justly, and speak more eloquently.

As the largest Jesuit Catholic preparatory school in the nation, Loyola Academy is prepared to answer this call and light the way forward. Rooted in the Jesuit tradition of *cura personalis*, or care for the whole person, we have the responsibility to form Ignatian leaders who:

- **Demonstrate critical thinking** by being self-aware, self-reflective, and committed to continuous learning while welcoming diverse perspectives.
- **Embody Catholic Social Teaching** by recognizing that every person is made in the image and likeness of God, and nurturing a deep sense of empathy, justice, and commitment to serve others.
- **Model *Eloquentia Perfecta*** by being a good person who speaks well for the good of others, and as a graduate, is able to lead with greater love and courage.

At Loyola Academy, every adult will embrace this responsibility and lead as Ignatian educators.

This is our mission. This is our vision. This will be our legacy. Following in the spirit of St. Ignatius, together, we will shine.

Gregory J. Ostdiek SJ

Rev. Gregory J. Ostdiek, SJ
President

It is not enough for you to be my servant...I will also make you a light for the nations, to bring my salvation to the ends of the earth.

—Isaiah 49:6

OUR PRIORITIES

Our world needs more women and men who are committed to living meaningful lives of leadership and service to God and others. Our way of proceeding is to navigate change with grace, embrace challenges as opportunities, and inspire others in response to Ignatius' call to do more for the greater Glory of God. **We will Be the Light!**

As such, we have set forth the following strategic priorities:



Nurture Ignatian Spirituality

Deepen the formation of the Rambler community in our Jesuit, Catholic traditions by

- developing a comprehensive **Ignatian spiritual formation program** for our faculty, staff, coaches, and Board of Trustees to live and safeguard our Jesuit mission.
- **revitalizing our service programs** including after-school service, immersion trips, and Ignatian Service Learning courses.
- providing **more opportunities for instruction in Ignatian spirituality**, including the Spiritual Exercises and time spent with Jesuit leaders to fully form our graduates as Ignatian leaders.



No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others.

—Matthew 5:15-16

Enhance the Loyola Academy Academic Experience

Provide a learning environment that cares for the whole person (*cura personalis*) by

- **tailoring our college prep curriculum and academic cocurricular offerings** to prepare Ignatian learners for the contemporary needs of an ever-evolving world.
- ensuring consistency of faculty knowledge and application of **Ignatian pedagogy** through a commitment to life-long learning.
- **modernizing our existing academic facilities** to optimize space and enhance student learning, fitness, and spiritual reflection and guidance.



Preserve Our Legacy

Renew our commitment to fiscal sustainability and optimize our business practices by

- ensuring financial accessibility by **fully endowing financial aid** for all qualifying students.
- **continuing to attract, train, and retain skilled faculty and staff** with competitive pay, benefits, and development.
- **reinvesting in the maintenance of our physical plant** to preserve our buildings, athletic infrastructure, and other physical assets to support operations.