

Giving the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola: Advanced Study and Practice

Sponsored by Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House

Applications are accepted until June 15, 2025

by emailing your completed application to

BOTH Fr. Bill Creed, S.J. (billcreedsj@gmail.com) and Dr. Lauren Schwer (lschwer@luc.edu).

Once you submit your application, the instructors will schedule a brief Zoom interview.

Upon completion of this process,
you will be notified of your acceptance into the program.
Upon acceptance, you will register at the Bellarmine site.

1. Name
2. Email Address:
3. Phone Number:
4. Mailing Address:
5. Age:
6. Gender:
7. Occupation:
8. What is your religious denomination?
9. Are you receiving spiritual direction? For how long? With whom?
10. Please share about what is currently happening in your relationship with God.
11. When did you make the full Spiritual Exercises in either the 19th or 20th annotation form? What was the grace you received at that time?
12. Have you made the Exercises in other forms: weekend or week-long privately directed retreats? If so, please comment on each – when, where, the grace received.
13. What has been your experience of giving the Spiritual Exercises (if any)?
14. Why do you now feel drawn to participate in an in-depth study of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius?
15. What do you hope to gain from this internship? How do you hope to utilize the fruits after the program? What are you curious about?

16. Have you been practicing as a spiritual director? If so, for how long? What are your strengths and growing areas as a director?
17. If you plan to direct someone in the Spiritual Exercises while you participate in the Advanced Internship (not required), in what context will you be giving them (college, parish, etc)?
18. Are you seeking supervision in your spiritual direction practice through the Advanced Internship?
19. This course will meet online from 5:00 to 6:30pm CST on the following Wednesday dates in 2025: August 20, September 3,10,17, October 8,22, November 5, December 3; the following Wednesday dates in 2026: January 14, 28, February 11, 25, March 11. Do you commit to attending these dates?
20. Do you commit to emailing short reflections on the topic for each class?
21. Do you commit to doing the readings for each class? Please note this requires that you have a copy of Michael Ivens, S.J. Understanding the Spiritual Exercises. Additional readings will be made available to participants.
22. Do you commit to paying \$750 for the internship without supervision or \$1000 with supervision? Further details will be presented upon registration at the Bellarmine site.
23. What questions do you have for the leadership team (Fr. Bill Creed, S.J., and Dr. Lauren Schwer)?

For further information contact Fr Bill Creed, S.J. billcreed@aol.com, Dr Lauren Schwer lschwer@luc.edu,