



BELLARMINE
Jesuit Retreat House

Ignatian Spirituality Institute: Giving Witness Practicum

June 8-12, 2026

Retreat Ministry Formation

The practicum is an intensive workshop that explores aspects of retreat planning, unfolding of Ignatian themes, and offering talks and presentations that lead others to encounter and prayer. The practicum offers insights on the following:

- Formulating and framing presentations and talks rooted in the dynamics *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius
- Developing themes and flow of presentation based on the framework of the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius
- Identifying audiences: Who is the audience? What do they need? What help do you have to offer?
- Exploring best practices for the use of scripture, handouts, technology, artwork, music, liturgy and sacramental symbols in retreat design

Participants need to have made the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius (complete 19th or 20th annotation). Participants who have only made preached retreats need to have experienced making at least 7+ years of annual weekend retreats at a Jesuit retreat center or house.

Presenters



Carol Atwell Ackels

is the Director of the Ignatian Spirituality Institute in Dallas, TX. She is an Ignatian spiritual director and has an MA in Theology and Leadership from Gonzaga University.



Fr. Michael Graham, SJ

holds degrees from Cornell College, the University of Michigan and the Weston School of Theology. He was Xavier University's President from 2001 to 2021.

Learn more and register at jesuitretreat.org/practicum
or scan the QR code

Registration deadline: April 30, 2026 (or when all spots are filled)

