

# Connect to the Creighton mission

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Division of Mission and Ministry







## Ignite a passion for Creighton's Jesuit, Catholic tradition through a Mission and Ministry experience.

The Division of Mission and Ministry offers a variety of mission-based programs and activities designed to meet your interests and schedule. We encourage you to join us to learn more about the Creighton mission and your own spirituality.

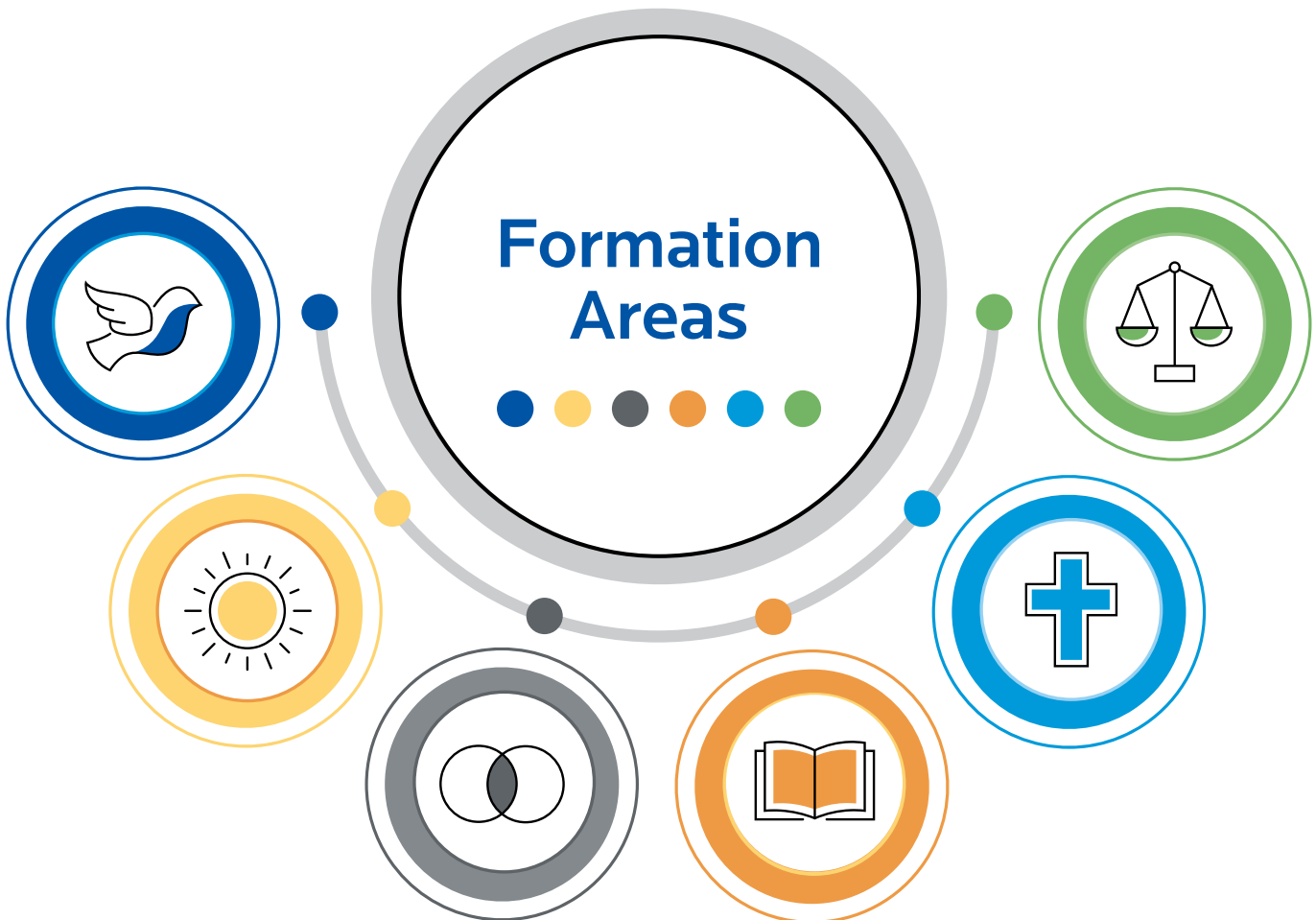
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*“One who goes about to reform the world must begin with the self.”*

—St. Ignatius of Loyola  
*Founder of the Society of Jesus*

# Mission and Ministry Opportunities

## for Formation in Jesuit, Catholic Identity and Values



### All opportunities are covered by one to six different formation areas:

- Spirituality – personal and communal
- Intellectual appropriation of Creighton history, culture and Jesuit values
- Integration of head and heart – discernment and leadership skills
- Ignatian pedagogy and Ignatian leadership skills
- Catholic Tradition – intellectual, historical, sacramental, liturgical, doctrinal, scientific and humanistic
- Faith that does justice and engages reconciliation and Catholic Social Teaching

*Note: Each formation area is represented by a color circle.  
The circle(s) are located next to each Mission and Ministry opportunity to indicate the formation area(s) covered.*



All opportunities are available at three levels of experience and required time:

### LEVEL 1 – Introduction

Experience a starting point to the formations areas through short workshops, presentations, city immersions, prayer opportunities, retreats, orientations and more.

**Time commitment:**

Varies from one hour to a day or overnight, with no specific projects required.

### LEVEL 2 – Deepening

Experience more comprehensive offerings: longer-term seminars, courses, community development, multiday retreats, book studies, etc.

**Time commitment:**

Typically shorter periods over four to eight months; usually a short project is required of participants.

### LEVEL 3 – Mastery

Experience most or all of the six formation areas through an intensive combination of courses, retreats, immersions, service projects, research opportunities, course development and more.

**Time commitment:**

A year to 18 months, involving national and/or international travel, extended retreat experiences, project outcomes in teaching, leadership or research.

## LEVEL 1

# Introduction

### Newcomers Orientations Valuing Ignatian and Creighton Engagement (NOVICE)

This program introduces new employees to the Jesuit, Catholic educational mission of Creighton University. Extending over two semesters of the academic year, NOVICE introduces Ignatian history, the practice of reflection and discernment, Ignatian Pedagogy and Leadership, and other mission-based programs.



### St. Ignatius and Creighton's Mission Today

This session is an opportunity to reflect on the life and spirit of St. Ignatius, founder of the Society of Jesus/ the Jesuits. Experience one or two presentations by the Rev. Larry Gillick, SJ, and the Rev. Greg Carlson, SJ, who will invite us to relate the life of St. Ignatius to our own work together at Creighton.



### How to Create an Ignatian Workplace

St. Ignatius believed that every person had gifts to share. How do we share those gifts so that we can realize our full potential and contribute to the mission of Creighton?



### A Retreat Day on Campus or Away from Campus

Come away with your Creighton colleagues to find quiet time for reflection and prayer. Presentations by Susan Naatz and/or Frs. Gillick and Carlson will invite you to center on your life. The Rev. Howard Gray, SJ, said, "A retreat is a focused encounter with God that centers on the quality of my personal response to God's self-revelation in prayer and reflection."



### An Overnight Silent Retreat

We live in a world filled with activity, commotion and constant technological intrusion. This retreat is an opportunity to leave your everyday world and come into the silence where you will be invited to listen to God's movement in your life.



### Students Share Their Service and Justice Trip Stories

Come and listen to our students talk from their hearts about their transformational service and justice experiences during fall and spring break.



### A Fall and Spring Reading Group

Each semester, the Collaborative Ministry Office, directed by the Rev. Andy Alexander, SJ, as part of the Department of Ignatian Formation and Ministry, chooses a book which invites the Creighton community to reflect on our Jesuit, Catholic mission.



### Managing to the Mission

"A leader's greatest power is his or her personal vision, communicated by the example of his or her daily life" (from *Heroic Leadership* by Chris Lowney). Mission takes root when managers take a personal interest in the mission.



### Discernment of Spirits

"The goal of the spiritual life, as St. Ignatius conceived it, is to choose what better leads to God's deepening life in me" (from *What is Ignatian Spirituality?* by the Rev. David Fleming, SJ).



### Take It to Heart: Experience Ignatian Prayer

Our imagination can be a powerful tool for prayer, as St. Ignatius believed. This session on Ignatian contemplation explores the "prayer of the heart."



### Restoration Through Reflection

Use the gift of deep reflection—a key threshold in the landscape of Ignatian spirituality—to feel refreshed and empowered. Learn how to implement self-reflection practices for your life.



## Jesuit University in a Broken World

At the core of our mission is the commitment to human dignity. This initial conversation will share the basics of Catholic Social Teaching. Why would Pope Francis wash feet in a detention center?



## St. Ignatius and Creighton's Mission Today

An opportunity to reflect on the life and spirit of St. Ignatius. Join other faculty and staff for a presentation inviting us to relate his life to our own work together at Creighton.



## The Faith That Does Justice

Jesuits and colleagues have taken seriously the call by the Rev. Pedro Arrupe, SJ, to commit themselves to social action. Learn why six Jesuit professors and two lay colleagues were killed in El Salvador in 1989.



## Local Community Orientations

*(Four options)*

Join us to learn from local community partners and better understand our Jesuit, Catholic mission. See how various social justice topics interact locally with Catholic Social Teaching. Learn history, consider challenges, discover assets, engage community leaders and enjoy lunch in the community.

### North Omaha: Context and Connections



### South Omaha: A Dynamic Immigrant Community



### Climate Change: Faith, Hope and Action



### Journey to Omaha: Exploring the Refugee Experience





## LEVEL 2

# Deepening

### Catholic Social Teaching: A Lunchtime Introduction

This yearlong faculty/staff formation series co-sponsored by the Division of Mission and Ministry and Justice and Peace Studies Program introduces participants to the foundations, themes and topics central to Catholic Social Teaching which ground Creighton's mission.



### Faculty Seminar on Jesuit Higher Education

*By invitation from deans and Division of Mission and Ministry*

This seminar was started by a group of faculty who came back from a Heartland Delta Conference inspired to engage more in a focus on mission for our campus. Since the start of this yearly program in 2004, over 200 individuals from all areas of campus and the Board of Trustees have participated. A variety of topics are explored, which include the history of St. Ignatius, the Spiritual Exercises, Ignatian pedagogy, research, a faith that does justice and related topics.



### Catholic Social Teaching Seminar I

Focus on international service learning and research in the Dominican Republic. Available to faculty and staff, this program will focus on core principles of Catholic Social Teaching as they apply to differing academic disciplines. A final project could be a teaching/learning unit or course; or could be a research project in a specific academic discipline.



### Creighton Colleagues Program (CCP)

*By invitation from supervisors and Division of Mission and Ministry*

A yearlong formation opportunity to provide managers and administrators with a deeper look at the implications of Ignatian Leadership values in the workplace and in professional service, and to introduce Catholic Social Teachings. The program is modeled after the National Ignatian Colleagues Program directed by the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities.





## LEVEL 3

# Mastery

### Certificate in the Ignatian Tradition

This new program includes two graduate courses in the Spiritual Exercises and the history of the Ignatian tradition, and a prayer pilgrimage/retreat to Ignatian sites in Northern Spain, Rome and Paris.



### 30-day and “19th Annotation” directed Ignatian retreats

Participants will learn an understanding and the life choices of the Exercitant to provide him/her greater freedom to seek and act upon God’s deepest desires.



### Ignatian Colleagues Program

Enrich your collaboration as a lay partner in the Apostolic Mission of the University.



### Catholic Social Teaching Faculty Seminar II

An interdisciplinary approach to a single topic for research that involves one of the tenants or concerns of Catholic Social Teaching (such as the human cost of forced migrations—medical, legal, business, educational, etc.). This yearlong seminar will require a commitment to preparing for publication a juried article or book chapter. The seminar will include an opportunity to travel together to work with Jesuits and colleagues in other parts of the world who are specialists in the topic chosen.



# Annual Special Events

Faculty and staff are welcome to join in these special events and many more Creighton celebrations.

### Welcome Week Mass

After move-in days, Creighton welcomes a new class of students with the annual Welcome Week Mass for the students and their families

### Baccalaureate Mass

Graduates and their guests as well as campus faculty and staff celebrate Mass the day before Creighton commencement.

### Red Mass

Red Mass is celebrated in cities across the nation to initiate the opening of the fall term of the courts. The name of the Mass is derived from the red vestments worn by the priests, to signify the fire of the Holy Spirit, and by the scarlet robes worn then by judges and doctors of Law.

### Founders Week Mass

Founders Week, celebrating the lives and vision of Creighton’s founders, commences each year with the Founder’s Week Mass.

### Feast of St. Francis

An annual celebration with St. Francis and a re-commitment to Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato Si’*, which calls for urgent action on climate change.

### Mass of the Holy Spirit

A long-standing tradition in Catholic and Jesuit high schools and universities to celebrate the beginning of the new academic year.

### Interfaith Prayer Service

A cornerstone during Creighton Founders Week, this service tradition brings together students, faculty and staff from many faith traditions in an inspiring celebration of the diversity of religious cultures.

### St. Ignatius Day

Creighton celebrates St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, at a Mass with special blessings.



# Personal Support for Community and Mission Formation

## Masses, Campus Ministry and St. John's Church

- Daily Mass is offered several times a day all week long in St. John's Church.
- Masses are also celebrated frequently in the chapels of Criss I and the School of Dentistry building, and weekly in the Ahmanson Center and Mike and Josie Harper Center. Masses are celebrated for students in the evening in the residence halls' chapels at least once per month.
- Taizé ecumenical prayer, liturgy of evening prayer and a memorial service for those recently deceased are offered on regular schedules and are announced in *Creighton Today*. Regular opportunities for the sacrament of reconciliation, and for anointing of the sick are posted on the St. John's website.
- Protestant liturgies are celebrated on Sunday evening in the chapel in lower St. John's.
- The process for joining the Catholic Church with the sacraments of initiation (baptism, confirmation and eucharist) is provided for those interested through St. John's and Campus Ministry.
- Ignatian lay communities (Christian Life Community and Ignatian Associates) have faculty/staff groups meeting on campus as well as student groups. Ordinary spiritual direction and pastoral counseling are also provided when requested.
- A volunteer group of faculty and staff provide Bereavement Ministry to all employees who have recently lost a family member in death. The committee visits on the first month after death, the third month, sixth month and the one-year anniversary.

## For more information, contact:

Division of Mission and Ministry at [vpmm@creighton.edu](mailto:vpmm@creighton.edu), or St. John's Parish at [stjohns-creighton.org](http://stjohns-creighton.org) for referrals, or times and locations of services.



## Creighton Online Ministries

Experience continuing spiritual support and development through the many offerings of Creighton's Online Ministries:

- Daily reflections on the Scriptures: [creighton.edu/daily](http://creighton.edu/daily)
- Online meditations on the Spiritual Exercises (with guided groups on campus) over a 30-week period each academic year beginning in late September
- Community prayer requests and notices for the Creighton community members

Email Fr. Alexander at [andrewalexander@creighton.edu](mailto:andrewalexander@creighton.edu) to be put on the email list or to request prayers.



In one year, Creighton's Online Ministries website **received more than 70 million visits from 208 countries.**

“When the heart is touched by direct experience, the mind may be challenged to change.”

—Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, SJ  
*Former Superior General of the Society of Jesus*

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