

# Celebrating the Feast of St. Ignatius - July 31



Dear Friends,

As many of you know, July 31 marks the Feast of St. Ignatius Loyola, who founded the Jesuits nearly 500 years ago! On this special day, I would like to invite you to join me in prayers of gratitude to our founder and to the Jesuits and lay colleagues who continue to share his inspiration throughout our province and the universal Church. We are truly blessed by Ignatius' enduring legacy and his spiritual contributions, which have shaped so many lives.

*Lord, in your providence, you guided Saint Ignatius Loyola through his discernment process. His calling was to found the Society of Jesus and serve as its first Father General. Make us all one with you in holiness and love, that we may continue to discern your will and carry it out with renewed constancy and vigor.*

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*In Corde Jesu,*

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