



# All Things Ignatian



## College of Arts and Sciences: Connecting to Spirituality

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The College of Arts and Sciences provides a variety of opportunities for its faculty and staff to engage in collective ways to develop their own spirituality and explore ways to enable their spiritual growth to enrich both their coursework and their students. These multiple opportunities are in partnership with various offices, programs, and centers.

The College has selected five Ignatian Charisms to guide the development of its students, staff, and faculty:

- Finding God in All Things
- Cura Personalis
- Magis
- Men and Women For and With Others
- Faith That Does Justice

It is through these charisms that we come to know God and the gifts that we can offer to the world.

### Faculty Silent Retreats

The Reverends Greg Carlson, SJ, and Larry Gillick, SJ approached the Dean in 2011 with the opportunity to offer silent retreats to the College faculty. The first retreat was held in the fall of 2011, then in spring 2012, and in spring 2013. Held at the relaxing facilities in the beautiful Creighton Retreat Center in Griswold, IA, Fathers Gillick and Carlson have led the retreatants in silent reflection and meditation through the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Thirty-one faculty members have had the pleasure of making this silent retreat with very humbling and grace-filled experiences. The woods and the solace are the perfect settings to hear God's Word exposed in our hearts.



Montserrat Motel and walkway in Griswold, IA.

Past retreatants have provided these remembrances:

> *The silent retreat gave me peace and focus.*

(Bob Whipple)

> *I learned that my faith calls me to embracing my humanity fully.*

(Patrick Murray)

### Faculty Mission Fellowship

The College of Arts and Sciences partners with the University Office on Collaborative Ministry, the other undergraduate colleges, the Center for Catholic Thought, and the CU Jesuit Community to pair junior faculty members with senior faculty colleagues in a mentoring relationship to support the mission of the University.



Creighton University campus

The pairs discuss a series of readings about the Catholic, Jesuit/Ignatian roots of the mission and identity of Creighton, add a mission component to a course in the junior faculty member's field, and create an intellectual contribution in his/her discipline consistent with the mission. This collaboration has occurred for the past two years with six junior and six senior faculty members paired from Arts and Sciences. Kris Boyle, one of the junior faculty members who was paired with mentor Tom Kelly, had this to say: *Participating in the Faculty Mission Fellowship has provided me with a better understanding and deeper appreciation of the university's mission and the important role that it plays in the education of our students.*



Forest pathway in Griswold, IA.

### Faith Discussions in Departments

The Dean has encouraged departments to welcome the dynamic duo of Fathers Carlson, SJ and Gillick, SJ to department meetings to have a conversation about how faculty from such diverse departments can embed the Ignatian charisms into their lives and curricula. These discussions over the past year have led to lively conversations, personal directions and paths to living the Ignatian charisms, and even a department retreat. Departments will continue to meet with our Jesuits to connect the mission and Ignatian charisms to their disciplines and work.

### Center for Catholic Thought

The Center provides the College, the Creighton community, and the world with outstanding podcasts lectures and partnered programs that explore and promote the Catholic intellectual tradition. Under the expert direction of John O'Keefe and Wendy M. Wright, professors in the Department of Theology in Arts and Sciences, people around the world can tap into the podcasts, and the local community can participate in the stimulating Lawler Lecture series and various symposia and other events.

Other outstanding Ignatian mission-based programs and guidance are offered by the active College Mission and Identity Committee, various College departments, and partnerships with other university offices.

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