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Ignatian Mysticism and Contemporary Culture

Ignaziana begins its fifteenth year with this issue, although with much less fanfare and festivity than a *quinceañera* might merit in some parts of the world. However, the limits and restrictions in response to the pandemic are not preventing students and practitioners of Ignatian spirituality throughout the world from preparing to commemorate the continuing impact throughout the world of the battle of Pamplona on 20 May 1521. At <https://jesuits.eu/news/601-loyola-2021-and-manresa-2022>, for example, one can find some important anniversary initiatives planned in Spain. The weeks and months of enforced quiet following that significant date in the life of Ignatius of Loyola provided conditions in which the mysteries of grace radically transformed him from distracted courtier to practical mystic. In Ignatius's case, a nearly fatal wound provided the opportunity for ever-deeper healing for him and all those familiar with his history and writings. We hope and pray for a similar transformation in us and in our world as the constraints imposed in response to covid-19 begin to fall away.

The current issue of *Ignaziana* presents Carlos Coupeau, SJ's bibliographical review of developments in the study of Ignatius and his spirituality during the past decade, "Guía para investigadores. San Ignacio (2010-2019)." No stranger to readers of *Ignaziana*, Father Coupeau teaches in the faculty of theology at the University of Deusto and in the Ignatian Master's program at the Pontifical University of Comillas (Madrid). Monica Borsari, a graduate in political science from the University of Bologna and a student of Ignatian spirituality at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, reflects on making good choices in "Voglio e scelgo": Riflessioni sulla decisione a partire dagli *Esercizi spirituali* nella società della scelta multipla." Tibor Bartók, SJ, a professor in the Institute of Spirituality at the Pontifical Gregorian University, provides a fascinating study of "Louis Lallemant et l'identité jésuite." This reconsideration of Lallemant's life and *Doctrine* pays particular attention to how the French Jesuit understood the final stage of Jesuit formation and its relationship to Jesuit identity. Father Bartók concludes with reflections on what implications derived from the *Doctrine* might entail for Jesuit identity today.

The members of a faculty study group at the Pontifical Gregorian University recently published the fruit of eight years of collaboration: *Spiritualità Ignaziana e Metodo Trascendentale* (Gregorian & Biblicum Press 2020). For *Ignaziana* readers, Professors Giorgia Salatiello (philosophy), Rogelio García Mateo, SJ (spirituality, emeritus), Ferenc Patsch, SJ (dogmatic theology), Gerard Whelan, SJ (fundamental theology), Dariusz Kowalczyk, SJ (dogmatic theology), and Rosanno Zas Friz, SJ (spirituality) have written short commentaries that summarize the state of the question and suggest directions for future study and research.

This issue's *Rassegna di Riviste* includes three articles that explore contextual themes of Ignatian spirituality. Reprinted from *Manresa* 63 (1991), readers will find Josep Vives, SJ's "Servir en libertad. La espiritualidad ignaciana como espiritualidad de libertad para el Espíritu, libertad en el Espíritu, libertad de Espíritu." Vives situates the relationship between freedom and responsibility in Ignatian spirituality as the context of one's orientation toward God. Eduard López Hortelano, SJ examines the structure of the *Spiritual Exercises* from the contextual perspectives of the one who gives them and the one who receives them in "Los Ejercicios Espirituales de San Ignacio. Análisis del Texto como Proceso Helicoidal y Specular," which originally appeared in *Estudios Eclesiásticos*, vol. 93 (2018), n. 364. Thanks to the generosity of Brian O'Leary, SJ and *The Way*, we are happy to make available his 2013 article (October 52/4), "Ignatian Mysticism and Contemporary Culture." O'Leary sees the everyday mysticism of St. Ignatius as a prerequisite for citizenship and for ministry in a world dominated by the context of postmodernism.

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