

Class 1c

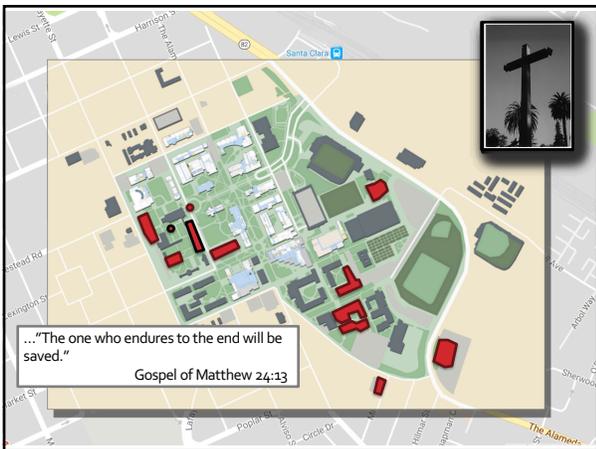
Entering a Story:

The Ignatian Exercises, the Ignatian University



Outline

- Ignatius in our context: A Timeline
- Ignatius' story
- University education as religious vision
- A colloquy with biblical characters
 - fostering "a relish for things from inside"
 - imagination, discernment, engagement, and action



... "The one who endures to the end will be saved."
Gospel of Matthew 24:13

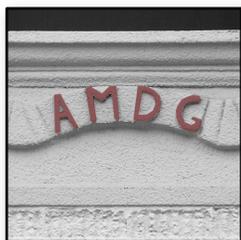
Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

Why or how would work with the terminally ill as a hospital orderly be a fitting training ground for a Jesuit's religious vocation?



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Why or how would a *university* be an appropriate site for a Jesuit work?



Above the north doors of Kenna

University Education as Religious Vision

Inscribed on the book in his hand is his phrase, "**the more universal the good is, the more it is divine.**"

- What does this mean?
- How does it fit what a university does?



Composing Yourself Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises

- a daily practice of moral discernment; a way to reflect on your choices and your purpose or vocation
- the exercises cultivate "the feeling and relish for things from inside"
- one technique to spur interior feeling and knowledge was to enter a conversation with biblical characters, to feel with them
- you learn to recognize your own joys and frustrations as clues to next steps that will enhance your life
- summary of steps: imagine, discern, engage, act

An Account from the Bible The birth of Jesus, according to Luke (2:1-7)

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.



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A Colloquy with the Biblical Characters The birth of Jesus, according to Luke (2:1-20)

With one partner, share the scene you "entered" in Luke 2:1-20

1. What inner feelings did you have, or what did you think about?
2. Do you know why those feelings arose, or those ideas struck you?



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Is there any relationship you can see between the way Luke describes Jesus' birth and Fr. O'Brien's account of his hospital work?
