



Between May 20, 2021, and July 31, 2022, the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) worldwide celebrates a special “year” that commemorates significant events in the life of St. Ignatius Loyola. May 20, 2021, marks the 500th anniversary of the “cannonball” moment, when Ignatius was wounded defending a fortress in Pamplona, Spain, an event that began his conversion journey. March 12, 2022, marks the 400th anniversary of the canonization of both St. Ignatius and Jesuit companion St. Francis Xavier. July 31, 2021, the annual liturgical feast day of St. Ignatius, brings this “Ignatian” year to a close.

In his letter promulgating this special year, Father General Arturo Sosa, SJ, states this year can remind us of the opportunity to experience a new conversion in our own hearts inspired by the personal experience of Ignatius. It is a call to allow the Lord to reveal to us a new enthusiasm, interior and apostolic, a new life, and new ways of following Christ. It is a time for all of us in the Ignatian Family...*to see all things new in Christ.*

For additional information related to this Ignatian Year and for general resources about Ignatian Spirituality, please explore the following links...

<https://www.jesuits.global/2021/05/19/ignatian-year-a-year-of-renewal/#>

<https://www.jesuits.org>

<https://www.jesuitprayer.org>

<https://pray-as-you-go.org>

<https://thejesuitpost.org>



The logo presents in Latin the name of the Founder of the Society of Jesus, “Ignatius”. The cross is visible in the center of the word, and it also points to the classic emblem of the Society, “IHS”. The "S" at the end of the name doubles as the figure "5" at the beginning of the number 500 which connects Ignatius’ old signature with our days by means of a new design. Consequently, combining the epoch of Ignatius’ conversion (500 years ago) with the theme of the Ignatian Year celebration: *To see all things new in Christ.*

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