As a Catholic, Jesuit institution, Loyola University Chicago affirms the presence of God in all things, and promotes spiritual development as an essential component of a full Jesuit education. Loyola offers a wide variety of opportunities for worship, fellowship, service, and spiritual practices, so students may grow into a community of compassionate leaders of faith. The second floor of the Arnold J. Damen Student Center serves as the hub for Campus Ministry and faith based student organizations.

“Practice the seeking of God’s presence in all things: in your conversations, your walks, in all that you see, taste, and hear.”

ST. IGNATIUS
Loyola
CAMPUS MINISTRY

St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, encouraged women and men to look within their hearts and to pay attention to their deepest desires and longings. Ignatius taught that the voice of God could be heard within these movements of the heart. The Jesuit education tradition invites students of all faiths to make time for quiet prayer, to reflect on their experience of God’s movement in their lives, to join others in communal prayer, and to serve others with love and compassion. Campus Ministry provides programs and activities that aid students in coming to a deeper awareness of their God-given gifts and invites them to consider how they might live those gifts in the service of others.

CATHOLIC LIFE AT LOYOLA:
Madonna Della Strada Chapel, located on the lake shore, is the heart of Catholic sacramental and worship life. Mass is held daily and three times on Sundays. Students are involved in the liturgies as extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, lectors, servers, choir members, cantors, and musicians.

The sacrament of reconciliation is offered on Sundays at 8:00 p.m.

Students who are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation or learning about becoming Catholic participate in the ancient Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

Taizé prayer is held Wednesday evenings at 9:30 p.m. and provides a contemplative, ecumenical Christian prayer.

FAITH TRADITIONS:
Loyola celebrates its religious diversity, and encourages all students to grow and develop in their respective faith traditions through our many faith-based organizations.

The Catholic Student Organization (CSO) • The Catholic Student Organization assists students in learning about the Catholic faith through communal prayer, fellowship, and discussion groups.

Hillel at Loyola • Through Hillel, Jewish students meet one another, interact with Jewish faculty and staff, celebrate holidays, and actively participate in the Loyola community. 

Hindu Students’ Organization (HSO) • The Hindu Students’ Organization at Loyola serves those who want to grow in their Hindu faith. The Puja room serves as a sacred space for prayer and spiritual practice. 

Muslim Students’ Association (MSA) • The Muslim Students’ Association offers Muslim students opportunities to grow in faith and foster community. The Baitu-Salaam Mosque provides a sacred space for worship and prayer.

Protestant Ministries • Christian students from various backgrounds gather as an interdenominational community that follows Jesus and seeks to love God and others through worship, bible study, small groups, service, and community.

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITIES (CLCS):
Christian Life Communities have their origins in the Jesuit educational tradition first being organized more than 450 years ago. Today students meet weekly in small groups of six to eight to continue the practices of shared prayer, community, and service. CLCs members strive to integrate Ignatian spirituality and Christian values into their daily living.

LITURGY SCHEDULE
LAKE SHORE CAMPUS:
Madonna della Strada Chapel
Sunday Mass: 10:30 am, 5 pm, 9 pm
Weekday Mass: Noon, 5:15 pm
Taizé Prayer: Wednesdays, 9:30 pm

WATER TOWER CAMPUS:
Sunday Mass: 7 pm
St. James Chapel, Quigley Center
Weekday Mass: Tues. & Thurs., 12:10 pm
All Saints Chapel,
Terry Student Center, 3rd floor

“As a Catholic, Jesuit university, Loyola embodies the Ignatian spirit of doing all things for the greater glory of God, particularly through the development of one’s own faith.”

GENERAL CONGREGATION 34, SOCIETY OF JESUS
SERVICE AND JUSTICE

Loyola’s Ignatian values inspire Ramblers to be individuals who put their faith into action, serving those who are poor, needy, and marginalized. In conjunction with the Office for Service and Community Action, Campus Ministry provides service opportunities in Chicago as well as alternative break immersions experiences during the university breaks.

ALTERNATIVE BREAK IMMERSIONS (ABIs) provide students with the opportunity to learn about a community and to respond to the suffering and injustices experienced by its members. Destinations include Appalachia, Guatemala, and El Salvador. ABI participants seek to live simply, keep faith, build community, and work for justice.

LABRE MINISTRY: Departing from the Water Tower Campus, students walk a route and along the way meet the homeless, engage them in conversation, and provide food.

IGNATION FAMILY TEACH-IN: The annual Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice gathers members of the Ignatian Family (Jesuit schools, parishes, social ministries) in solidarity to learn, reflect, pray, network, and advocate in the context of social justice. Keynote and student speakers address issues such as domestic poverty, worker’s rights, human rights and foreign policy in Latin America and Africa, humane immigration practices, and sustainable environmental practices. Students apply to Loyola’s delegation.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Recognizing that students are inspired and motivated by the example of their peers, campus ministry and the faith based student organizations provide many opportunities for students to serve as peer leaders and ministers. Students plan and lead small faith sharing groups, Bible studies, retreats, immersion trips, interreligious dialogue groups, and forms of community worship common to each faith tradition. These leadership opportunities in campus ministry prepare students to be leaders in their faith communities at Loyola and beyond.

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