The Jesuit Vision

The Jesuit vision drives the works of the Society of Jesus and we, here at Gonzaga University, are one such work. It is through this vision that we come to meet our calling and assist our students in discovering theirs. It is our hope that Fr. Traub’s description will solidify in each of you an understanding of what that vision is and allow you to reflect upon how you work to fulfill that vision at Gonzaga.

Six Characteristics of Ignatian Spirituality

Here is a description of the Ignatian/Jesuit vision.

- *It sees life and the whole universe as a gift calling forth wonder and gratefulness.*
- *It gives ample scope to imagination and emotion as well as intellect.*
- *It seeks to find the divine in all things – in all peoples and cultures, in all areas of study and learning, in every human experience, and (for the Christian) especially in the person of Jesus.*
- *It cultivates critical awareness of personal and social evil, but points to God’s love as more powerful than any evil.*
- *It stresses freedom, need for discernment, and responsible action.*
- *It empowers people to become leaders in service, men and women for others, whole persons of solidarity, building a more just, humane world.*

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