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**FYI Gonzaga**

The Francis Youth Institute for Theology and Leadership brings high school juniors and seniors to Gonzaga University for a week exploring nature in the Inland Northwest, studying theology with Gonzaga faculty and praying together in community. Find your purpose, live your faith, and become the kind of leader the world needs now at FYI Gonzaga!

**Our Mission**

The Francis Youth Institute for Theology and Leadership inspires high school youth to consider vocations in theology and ministry in service to the church, the human community, and our common home.

**Our Vision**

Inspired by Pope Francis’ encyclical Laudato Si, The Francis Youth Institute offers high school juniors and seniors transformative experiences that enable them to see the connections between theology, ecology, and economics and empowers them to respond creatively and compassionately to contemporary ethical challenges as emerging leaders in their communities. Grounded in the Ignatian tradition, the program invites participants into a deeper relationship with God and to a new sense of the possibilities for serving God with their lives. By the end of the week-long summer program participants will have explored fundamental theological questions about creation and human dignity, developed spiritual and leadership practices grounded in the Ignation tradition, and acquired a new appreciation for the inter-dependent character of the natural environment and the human community.

**Daily Schedule**

**Morning prayer** – Each day begins with a morning prayer experience based on the liturgy of the hours.

**Theological Investigations** – These sessions offer theological instruction in the form of short interactive lectures, multimedia presentations, panel conversations, and small group discussions with Gonzaga University faculty.

**Lunch**

**Excursion** – These journeys nurture a spirit of inquiry and discipleship by getting students to interact with the natural environment and with people in the larger community.

**Liturgy** – Every day students gather together for prayer, worship, and sacrament.

**Dinner**

**Telling Our Stories** – Each day the students will listen to a presenter or watch a film about people engaged in theology and ministry. These presentations will be followed by conversations in small groups focused on discernment.

**Compline and Examen** – Each night closes with night prayer based on the liturgy of the hours and includes a directed practice of the examen, a central piece of Ignatian spirituality.

**FYI Program Costs**

For more information about costs, financial aid opportunities, and to register, please visit our website: http://www.gonzaga.edu/fyigonzaga