



Office of the Vice President for Mission

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Our Way of Proceeding

Pedro Arrupe, S.J.

Lord, meditating on “our way of proceeding,” I have discovered that the ideal way of our way of acting is your way of acting.

Give me that sensus Christi (sensibility of Christ) that I may feel with your feelings, with the sentiments of your heart, which basically are love for your Father and love for all men and women.

Teach me how to be compassionate to the suffering, to the poor, the blind, the lame, and the lepers.

Teach us your way so that it becomes our way today, so that we may come closer to the great ideal of Saint Ignatius: to be companions of Jesus, collaborators in the work of redemption.

Other Apostolates Today

“Our way of proceeding” refers to the Ignatian/Jesuit style of ministry and leadership. This leadership is informed not by a set of rigid rules but by principles that guide a way of living. St. Ignatius, in his meditations and prayer, continually asked himself, “What have I done for Christ? What am I doing for Christ? What will I do for Christ?” Recognizing the presence of Christ in our students and in others we serve, these questions reach to the heart of what guides and informs our Jesuit way of proceeding.

In Chris Lowney’s book, Heroic Leadership, he makes the point that we are all leading, all the time, regardless of whether we are doing it well or poorly. As such we need to recognize our roles, individually and collectively, as leaders and we approach those roles with respect for the gift we have been given. Mr. Lowney also says, “Leadership springs from within. It’s about who I am as much as what I do.” Each of us holds a role of leadership in serving Gonzaga University’s mission. Fr. Arrupe’s reflection addresses how we might exercise that leadership.