



Our identity in educating for
a faith & hope-filled future

Acknowledgment of Country



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Saint Ignatius' College Riverview





Please, be brave! I will tell you one more thing and please don't forget it! Pray, pray much. The problems we have been discussing will not be resolved by human power. I am saying to you something that I want to underline, a message, perhaps my swan song for the Society!



In our three-day meetings, if we spend half a day in prayer about the conclusions we expect to come to, we will have very different inspirations. We will come to quite different syntheses, ones we could never find in books nor arrive at through discussion.



If we are at the forefront of a new apostolate, we must be illuminated by the Holy Spirit. These are not the pious words of a novice master: what I am saying is 100% Ignatian! We must have a basic union of minds for this new apostolate which is being born.



Entering

Believe that you are 'looked at' or in the gaze of God; this helps to take the focus off ourselves. Ask for what you want. In Ignatian language it's known as 'asking for a grace'.



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Praying (being real with God)

Take a moment to review how you are at this moment. Imagine how God looks at you; Then listen - what is the message of love or compassion you need to hear?



Exiting

Finish by being grateful for the prayer.

Work out if there is any practical decision you have to make. Commit yourself to another session soon.



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Lord,

We pray for those who have travelled to be members of this community these days. May the time be life giving, illuminated by graced insights that serve to enliven the communities to which we will all return.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.



Lord,

We pray for the students that our schools serve, particularly for those students who find themselves on the margins of our communities. Give us the capacity lead in such a way that all are encouraged to walk with our students as the peaks and troughs of the lives of children and young people seem to become ever more varied.

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Lord, We pray for those in our communities who are travelling at this time in pursuit of furthering the mission of reconciliation and justice, and receiving the gifts of humility and simplicity that are being offered. We entrust those in Timor L'Este, the Philippines, Cambodia and the Top End to your loving care. For those who are coming together as representatives of Jesuit and Companion schools at sporting and cultural events, we pray that the students and staff with a reinvigorated sense of Catholic, Jesuit and Ignatian identity.

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*God of Courage,
Your Son and Ignatius of Loyola
went to gardens, mountains,
plains - quiet places - to pray
and renew their relationship
with You and Creation,
nourishing, sustaining their
mission of transformation,
faith and justice.*



*May our hearts and minds
continue to be open to Your
Spirit, fearlessly acting to care
and protect our common
home.*



*As we discern our next steps
across the Province, may we
continue to live and lead
courageously, as Jesus and
Ignatius did, making conscious
life-giving choices for our
planet and one another*



*Always trusting in Your
goodness, living justly, kin to
kin.*

*We ask this through our friend
and brother, Jesus Christ.*

Amen

