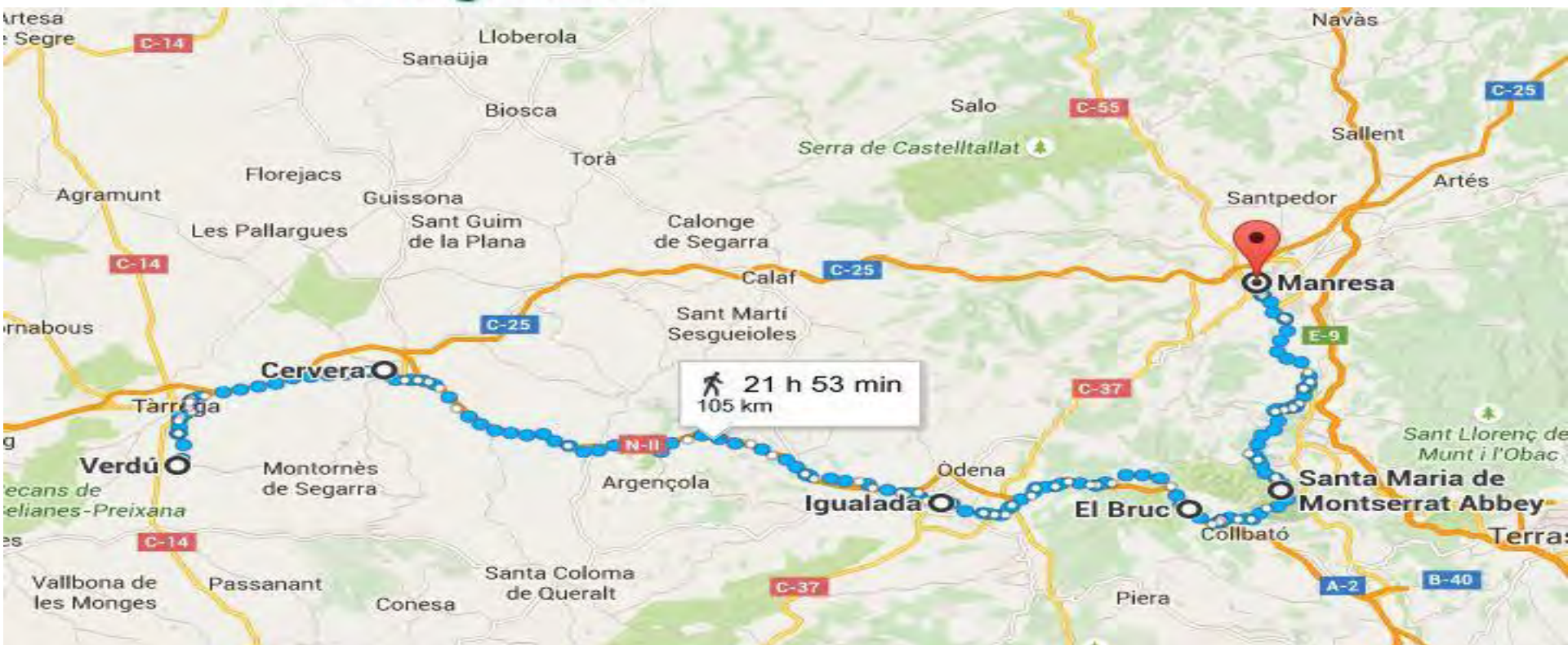




Walking Ignatius' Journey

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The Ignatian Way

* The “Camino Ignaciano,” or the “Ignatian way” begins at the birthplace of Ignatius Loyola in Spain’s Basque country, a village called Azpeitia and ends at Manresa near Barcelona.

* This journey is about 400 miles or 650kms long and it would take roughly around 30days to complete it on foot.

Meet The Guide: Fr. Josep Lluís Iriberry



***Fr. Josep Lluís Iriberry, SJ was born in 1959 in Spain.**

***He is a biologist, counsellor and theologian. He is a professor right now at the University Ramon Llull in Barcelona.**

***In 2011, he was commissioned to design and promote the Ignatian Camino and he still continues to focus on this task wholeheartedly.**

***Fr. Josep is not only an excellent guide with great knowledge and genuine passion for it, he is also an awesome Jesuit with good sense of humor and is an outstanding doctor who knows how to treat the painful blisters with his gentle touch and with God's healing grace.**

Regis group includes:

- 2 Jesuits
- Dean of Student Life
- 2 staff
- 11 students

We all arrived safely to Loyola on Friday May 8th, 2015



The
Question
WHY?



Why did I want to do this camino?

Throughout my spiritual life, God has lovingly, generously, and unconditionally blessed me with abundant gifts of Himself, of His Holy Spirit, and of His Divine consolations. However, there was something still missing... Like a beautiful puzzle, it can not be perfectly or completely done without its one missing piece.

I responded to a deep and strong call to go out to look for my own 'puzzle's missing piece' from my heart.

May 9th, 2015

We visited Ignatius' home town

-Ignatius Loyola Basilica

-Mass in Ignatius' family's castle, in the chapel where he experienced his conversion

-Ignatius' baptismal well

-My Feeling this time...

-New experiences...



He points down and says:
"I got baptized here"

MAY 10TH

MARY OF THORN BUSH CHURCH



**Ignatius came here, prayed,
and made a vow of chastity
-My "Whys" came up again...**



May 11th, 2015



-Something very unique about this picture. Any guess?

-Practice walk

-Orange arrow

-How many orange arrows did I see today?



*Verdú,
St. Peter
Claver's
Hometown*



*St. Peter Claver: Slave of the Slaves
Whom or what I am slaved of?*





May 12th, 2015 (Verdu to Cervera)

****Heading out for the "REAL" walk today**

****Excited, energized, and very intertwined at first...**

****Silence, solitude, and distance grows as time goes by...**

****It was time for reflecting, praying, and... talking with my inner self...**



Leaving Cervera for Igalada early today

*-What do I want to do
with my pain, tiredness,
and weariness?*



May 13th, 2015 (the longest day)



May 14th (Iqualada to Montserrat)



Learning to rely on the arrows: Orange is St. Ignatius' while yellow is St. James' and they are opposite direction from one another
Looking back to the arrows have been there in my life...



*** Climbing up 2 mountains and climbing down 1 today, we finally approached Montserrat.*

*** Although not all of the students did this by choice, they all did it with good spirit and with excellent attitudes.*

*** I grew to admire them, to love them, and to realize how blessed I was to be a part of their journey.*

What are the mountains in my life that I need to overcome?



*The rocks are symbolized our old lives which left here
on the Altar to trade for the new life in Chris like
Ignatius did here 500 years ago* (morning of May 15th)
IGNATIUS' LIFE STORY VS. MY LIFE STORY... REFLECTING ON MY OWN THOUGHTS



Montserrat to Manresa

May 15th, 2015



The last day... Easy for some, but hard for others... Hope, joy, excitement for some, but mental and physical breakdown for others... How about me? Gratitude, Clarity and Confirmation



“He sat down for a little while with his face to the river—Cardoner—which was running deep. While he was seated there, the eyes of his understanding began to be opened; though he did not see any vision, he understood and knew many things, both spiritual things and matters of faith and learning, and this was with so great an enlightenment that everything seemed new to him. It was as if he were a new man with a new intellect.” (Ignatius’ Autobiography)



“*Manresa* where Ignatius spent almost a year in solitude and in prayer.

It was the post-conversion time when he came to term with his conscience and to gain his spiritual bearings.

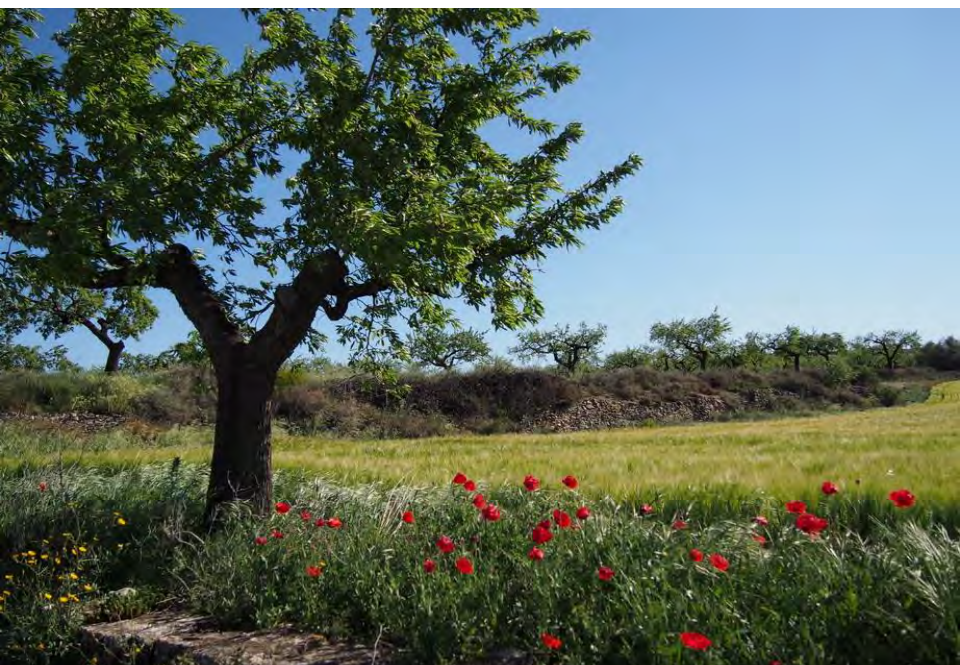
It was at *Manresa* where Ignatius put together the early notes for the *Spiritual Exercises*.”
(Howard Gray, S.J)

* Although St. Ignatius has been known to me for only a decade, he's become one of my favorite saints because he is the one who has helped and taught me to know God more personally, to love God more intimately, and to follow God more closely.

* Before the Camino, St. Ignatius was a very holy, heroic, and saintly figure to me whom I only could adore, admire, and inspire of as "one of the Saints"...

* During the Camino, I have learned to know St. Ignatius as a human person and a fellow pilgrim who had walked the same path, endured the same physical pains, and struggled with the same human weaknesses and limitations to aim for the same destination which is GOD.

* Consequently, I can talk with him, complain to him, being teased by him, and laugh with him on a personal level which I had never experienced before.



With the experience from this Camino, I have learned to look at things through the eyes of a pilgrim, that is: "During the pilgrim's journey, nothing is perfect nor completed until he/she reaches his or her destination which is God."

Ultimately, God creates all humans' caminos; therefore, He draws the arrows to show us the way and to direct us to Himself who is the Source of all things that we have ever desired, thirsted, hungered, and longed for. Lyn Tran May 2015