



Three Universities from USA came together to walk the Ignatian Way last month of May 2022. 26 pilgrims, boys and girls from Creighton, St Xavier and John Carroll walked the Camino, starting in Loyola and ending their pilgrimage in Manresa. 12 days of spiritual experience, walking and enjoying the landscapes as much as the gastronomy of Euskadi or Catalonia. Points of prayer were given every day for the meditation and mixed groups of sharing helped to go deep in the experience. Very well-prepared liturgies celebrated every day by the Jesuit from Creighton (Jeff Sullivan sj.) guiding the pilgrimage, helped to keep the presence of Jesus very alive all along the experience. A bus helped to shorten the distance and to keep inside the schedule. Long days of 32 km put the pilgrims to the limit, and some felt deeply the penance of walking under the unmerciful Sun. May was hot in Spain, with the first wave of African wind coming just in the middle of the pilgrimage. But with lots of water, everything went right. Some comments written on postal cards as evaluation:

“The laughter kept us all going on long days. I’m excited to see where my journey goes from here.” Abbie

“Thanks for the experience! Thank you for guiding me towards the light of God. Before arriving on this pilgrimage, I cannot fully say I believed and now I can say I believe in God, and that is because you said yes to making this trail that follows the footsteps of St. Ignatius!” Mary

“Walking, you have such good insight in the life of Ignatius that it helped me on my personal spiritual journey. This is a blessing!” Molly

“This trip allowed me to have one of my first real prayer experiences and I attribute that to the Ignatian guidance. I got the call to dive deeper and to invite Jesus into my life, and I will take this with me forever on my pilgrimage of life.” Courtney

“The way the stories about Ignatius and history of locations we visited made them come to life. I was able to see God working in and through the community of pilgrims. I will be always grateful of this experience!” Meredith

“I truly saw God this past week. As someone who was struggled with faith over the past 5 years, I have become inspired to pursue my relationship with God again. I’m leaving this journey so excited to share about my experiences!” Emily

“I wanted to thank you SOO so much for hiking with our group and being a fantastic guide. The group has told me how much they enjoyed your presence and loved walking with you! The students have nothing but fantastic things to say about the whole experience.” Anne, adult in charge at John Carroll talking about Fr. Joseph.





Memorial of the greatest illumination of Ignatius

