



In March 1522, Ignacio de Loyola experienced a moment of great moral drama: while passing through the town of Luceni, after arguing with a Muslim on religious issues, Ignacio felt that his moral obligation called him to give a strong punishment to the Muslim, including his death for blaspheming the Virgin Mary. Fortunately, the inner call to follow Jesus Christ by doing good is stronger than the blind ethic of honor of

the Christian knight. Sensing inner doubt, he decides to suspend his judgment and let God's judgment decide. Thus, he releases the reins of his mule and asks God to direct his steps: if the mule takes the road to Pedrola (according to the historian Plazaola sj.), Then he will follow the Muslim and punish him as he deserves; If the mule follows the Camino Real, then all will be forgiven. The mule took the path of reconciliation and understanding. Saint Ignatius began to believe that the best thing was to be carried away by the wisdom of the Spirit and to be flexible, to flow with life. This event made a great impression on Ignacio, who thirty years later was still explaining it to his fellow Jesuits.



Thanks to the donations of several private pilgrims, and especially the pilgrims from the Philippines, from the CLC, we got the sculptor Ramón Oms, from Manresa, to make us a beautiful sculpture representing that encounter of 1522.

Now all pilgrims, as they pass through the town of Luceni, can contemplate the sculpture and feel the presence of Íñigo riding on his mule. An episode of his life that he remembered with great clarity and



recounted in his Autobiography.

Many thanks to everyone who has collaborated. Come see it at Luceni!

