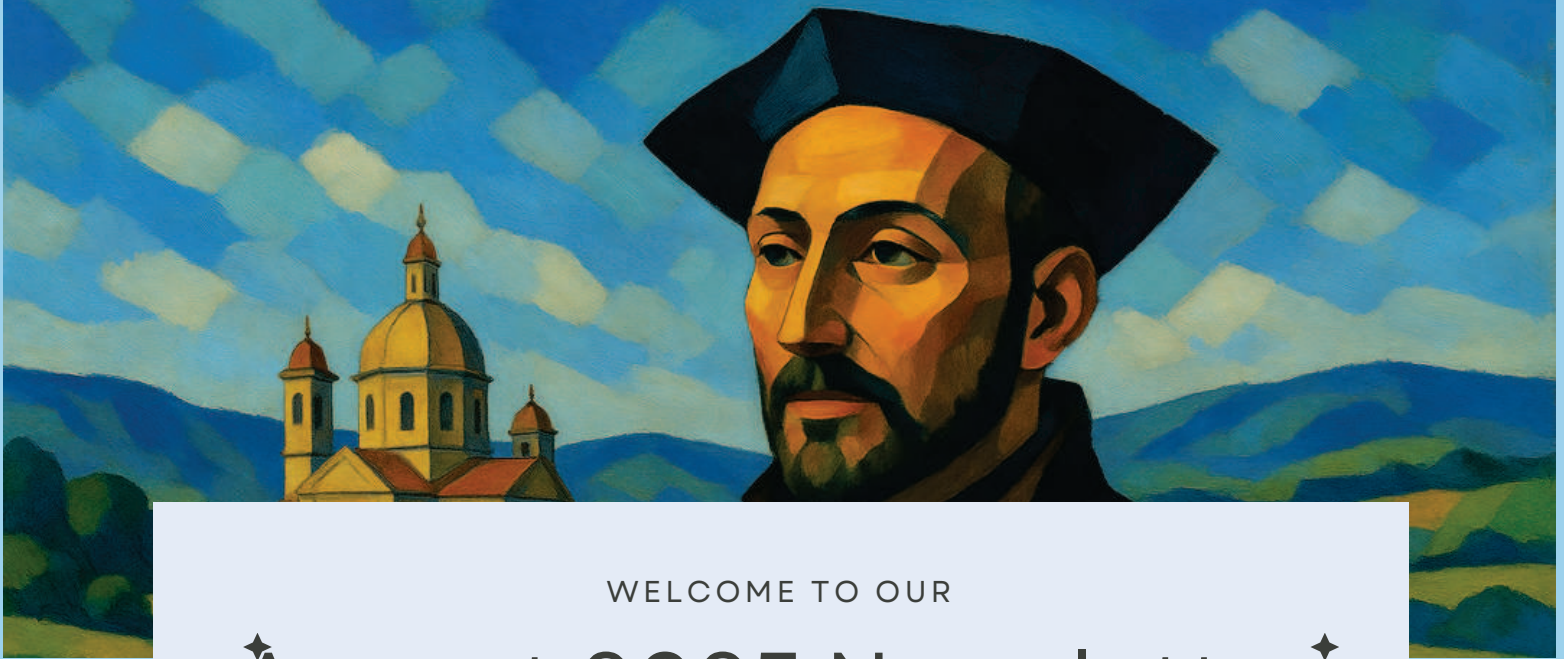


CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY



WELCOME TO OUR

★ August 2025 Newsletter ★



August brings vibrant echoes of celebration, reflection, and shared mission across CLC-USA. From SEED retreats from coast to coast, youth found space to pray, play, and grow in faith. Communities in Atlanta, Pittsburgh, and New York, as well as a group online via Zoom honored **St. Ignatius Day** feast day with commissioning, commitment ceremonies, workshops, and joyful gatherings. Campus ministers met at Creighton to deepen CLC's university presence, while the Globalization & Poverty Frontier continues to guide us in prayer and justice. South Florida hosted a dynamic workshop to advance youth outreach and Ignatian formation. As we prepare for fall assemblies, we remain rooted in discernment, community, and hope.



In this newsletter you will find:

Regional, National, Frontier News, Events & Happenings

UPCOMING *Events*



NW Regional Retreat

The Northwest Region is planning their annual retreat to be held at the Alton Collins Retreat Center, Eagle Creek, OR. ■ Sarah Owens or info@clc-usa.com

October
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St. Ignatius Feast Day Online Celebration

A Night of Reflection, Encounter, and Hope | Over 90 participants | July 31, 2025

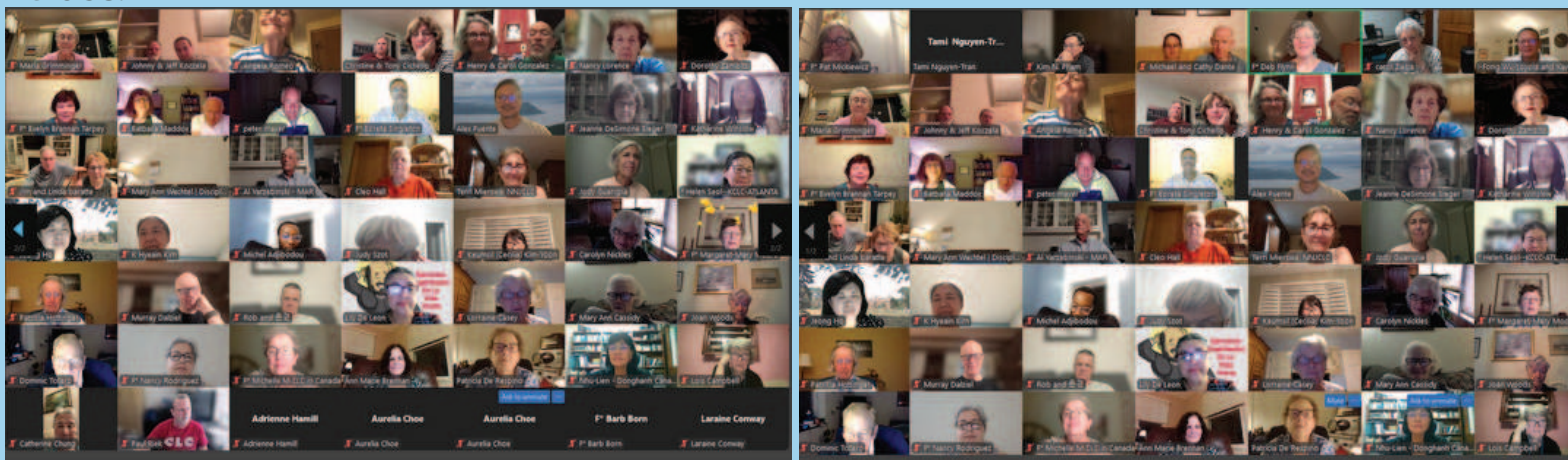
Guest Reflection: Julia Oseka, Synod on Synodality participant and Jesuit university graduate, offered a powerful reflection on the Feast of St. Ignatius. She shared how the Suscipe prayer has shaped her spiritual journey, emphasizing collaboration with God and the beauty of diverse experiences in the Church. Julia spoke of the Synod's call to encounter and humility, and invited us to live as pilgrims of hope—trusting in God's transformative work. Click here to watch the sharing: <https://tinyurl.com/ignatiusfeastday>



Community Reflection Following Julia's sharing, participants entered breakout sessions to reflect on two questions:

- How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through Julia's sharing?
- How has Ignatian spirituality influenced your life?

The responses were rich with gratitude, insight, and renewed commitment to Ignatian values.



Commissioning of New CLC-USA Officers

We joyfully commissioned our new national officers:

- Christine Cichello – President
- Lily De Leon – Secretary
- Helen Hyunju Seol – Member at Large
- May their leadership be guided by discernment, courage, and grace.



● UPDATES FROM THE GLOBALIZATION & POVERTY TEAM

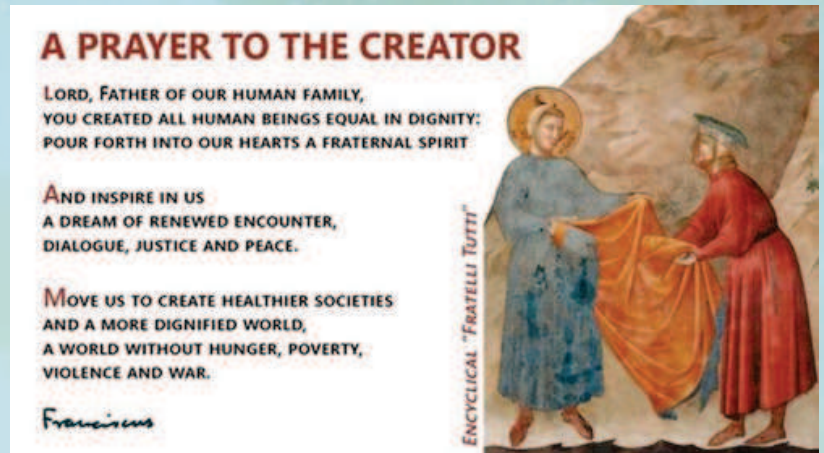
Facilitator: Anne Papinchak – Mid-Atlantic Region (Pittsburgh)

Website: clc-usa.com/globalization-poverty

✦ **Mission** (Inspired by Fratelli Tutti)

Rooted in the Spirit and the call to discernment, the G&P Frontier informs and inspires our CLC USA community by: Upholding the dignity of every global person, Prioritizing the poor & Addressing injustices in the Church and the world.

Visit our website regularly for new resources and updates. If you have a resource or initiative to share, contact Anne Papinchak.



👤 **Monthly Virtual Prayer Gathering**

Join us for a 30-minute national prayer time each month.

We'll pray together and briefly share what's on our hearts, guided by our Frontier themes: Peace, Human Dignity, Race, Migration & Poverty

When: Third Monday of the month at 8:00 PM (Eastern)

📅 **Upcoming Dates:** August 18, September 15 & October 20

🖥️ **Zoom links posted at:** clc-usa.com/globalization-poverty

All are welcome!

🏠 **National Support Project:** The Samaritan.City

An invitation to serve our housing-insecure brothers and sisters.

This simple, powerful initiative lets us pray for, affirm, and support those facing homelessness. 🐾 **Learn more:** Watch the founder's story

👤 **Interested in helping?** Contact Murray Dalziel (Mid-Atlantic Region, Baltimore):

✉️ murray.dalziel@gmail.com

💬 **Regional NCC Members**

Please share these opportunities widely – small steps can make a big impact.

✦ KCLC-ATLANTA ANNUAL COMMITMENT CEREMONY & MASS

July 26, 2025 | Day Retreat & Celebration of Apostolic Life

A Day of Prayer, Commitment, and Community KCLC-Atlanta gathered for a day retreat and Commitment Ceremony, celebrating the CLC way of life and the call to apostolic community. Held during Mass, the ceremony welcomed:

- **3 members** making their **Temporary Commitment**
- **9 members** renewing their commitment to the CLC journey

This annual tradition honors the rhythm of discernment and renewal, guiding members toward permanent commitment through shared reflection and spiritual growth.

“We are one body, called to live in love and mission.”



NEW ENGLAND CLC REGIONAL GATHERING

Clough School of Theology and Ministry
July 26, 2025

A Day of Prayer, Reflection, and Fellowship

Members of the New England CLC gathered at Boston College's CSTM to reflect, pray, and share a meal. The gathering focused on deepening support for one another in making the Spiritual Exercises, forming vibrant communities, and living out personal missions.



*"We came together not just to share space
—but to share Spirit."*

Themes Explored:

- Supporting one another in the Spiritual Exercises
- Building and sustaining Ignatian communities
- Encouraging each other's unique apostolic missions



Location Highlight:

Held at the Clough School of Theology and Ministry, a Jesuit center for theological study and spiritual formation in Brighton, MA



SOUTH FLORIDA REGION UPDATES

CLC France Congress for Peace: Artisans of Peace



From July 12–14, over 2,300 members of CLC gathered in Strasbourg, France for a powerful congress themed Artisans of Peace. Participants reflected on becoming peacemakers in the world, in their communities, and within themselves. *Lily De León*, a member from South Florida, participated in an open-table interview, sharing insights on political and social realities of CLC globally. Her presence highlighted our region's connection to the broader mission of peace and justice.

Regional Workshop: Ignatian Spirituality & Youth Outreach



On July 19, the South Florida Region hosted an in-person workshop at the Center for Ignatian Spirituality in Miami, gathering 30 attendees from across the region. The goal: to develop concrete strategies for youth outreach and deepening Ignatian Spirituality.

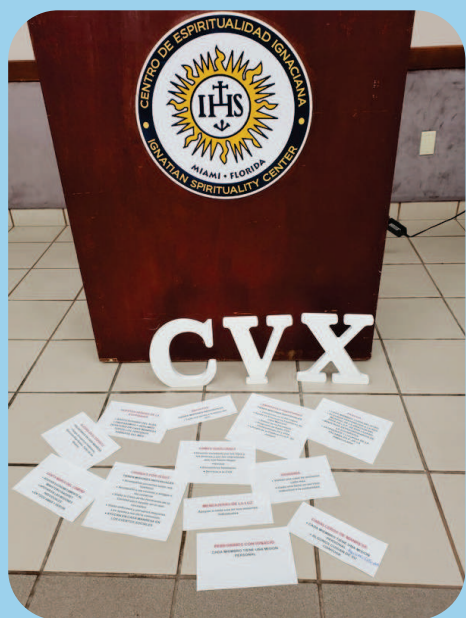


St. Ignatius Day Celebration

On **July 31**, members of CLC South Florida will gather again at the Center for Ignatian Spirituality for a **Mass and community celebration** honoring St. Ignatius. This annual event brings together the Ignatian family in prayer, reflection, and joyful fellowship.

Looking Ahead: Regional Assembly

Mark your calendars!  **October 18, 2025**  **Miami, FL** The next **Regional Assembly** will focus on continuing our momentum in youth engagement and spiritual formation. Stay tuned for registration details and agenda updates.



NEW YORK KCLC

🕯️ St. Ignatius Feast Day Workshop

“Prayerful Reflection – The Light That Illuminates and Transforms”

Hosted by NYKCLC | July 26, 2025 | Zoom | 47 Participants

✳️ **Workshop Facilitator:** Dr. Eunae Christina Kim

Dr. Kim led participants through a powerful session on **prayerful reflection** rooted in Ignatian spirituality. The focus was on the **Daily Examen** and post-contemplation reflection as tools for spiritual growth.

“Through reflection, we see the light that both illuminates and transforms.”

💬 **Key Insights**

- Reflection helps us respond more deeply to God’s invitation
- The Daily Examen reveals interior movements and spiritual clarity
- Case discussions offered practical ways to integrate Ignatian tools into daily life



👤 **Participant Experience**

Members shared how the session deepened their understanding of Ignatian prayer and helped them recognize God’s presence in everyday life. The workshop fostered a sense of spiritual renewal and communal connection.

SEED MINISTRY

SEARCH, EMBARK, EXPERIENCE, DEVELOP

🕊 SEED Retreat Boston & NOLA

Reflections from High School Track Retreatants

📅 Summer 2025 | SEED Boston & SEED NOLA

Young retreatants gathered for a transformative experience of faith, reflection, and fun. Here are two heartfelt recaps:

✨ James Mai – SEED Boston

“SEED retreat is one of the highlights of my summer. It was a short pause from daily distractions, giving me space to reflect on myself and pray. I slowed down, looked inward, and found peace.

Beyond the prayerful moments, SEED was also full of fun activities and new friendships. The sense of community was beautiful and vital for my spiritual well-being.

To sum up, SEED was an opportunity to meditate, make new friends, and nurture my faith.”

📍 **Boston II Retreat** | July 11–13, 2025 | North Easton, MA



☀ Isabella Hoang – SEED NOLA

“It’s really cool because it makes getting closer to God really fun. I learned how God can be different to everyone and present in their lives in unique ways.

I especially loved all the physical activities—even though it was hot! SEED helped me understand more about God and enjoy the journey.”

📍 **NOLA IV Retreat** | July 11–13, 2025 | Osyka, MS

CLC UNIVERSITY CAMPUS MINISTRY GATHERING

Creighton University | Summer 2025

Campus Ministers and representatives from Creighton University, Loyola Marymount, Loyola Chicago, Xavier University, Loyola New Orleans University, Boston College, Corpus Christi College (St. Mark's College) and the University of British Columbia-Vancouver, met at

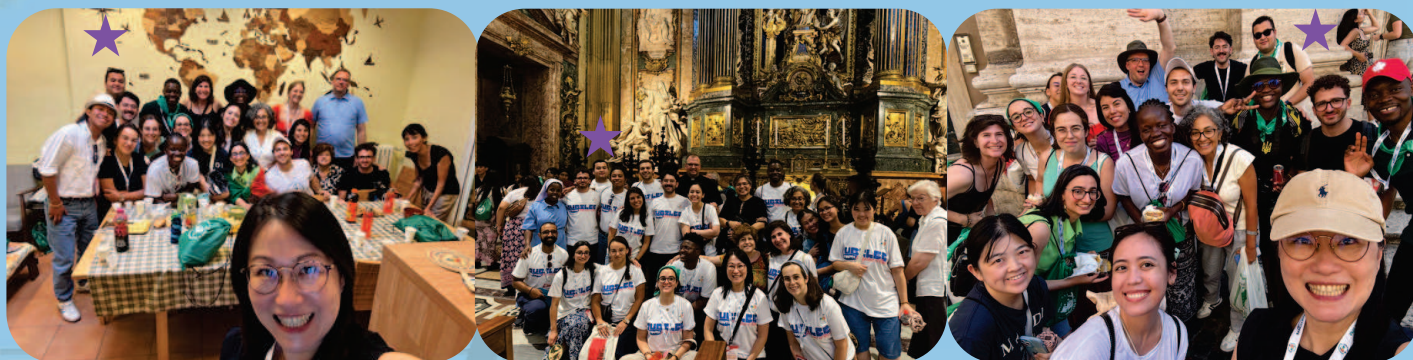


Creighton University to share on their respective programs. We explored the history of CLC at the world and university levels, "the power of why" to help with marketing, Magis Circles, the connection between CLC and the Synod, what is constitutive of CLC at the university and MORE! Fr. Jeff Sullivan, S.J. hosted us for dinner at the Jesuit community one evening and we visited an art museum. Many of us took turns facilitating the conversations and prayer, including a guided Gospel contemplation. At Mass in the beautiful chapels on campus, we had the opportunity to reflect on how the scriptures spoke to us. We affirmed that although CLC at the university level may manifest itself slightly differently on our campuses, we all are CLC and seek to deepen our commitment to CLC as a way of life at the university level.

One evening we met with Omaha CLC member of 52 years, Maryanne Hall, for ice cream. She inspired us as we heard about how she and her CLC group have journeyed together throughout their many stages of life, supporting each other on Mission over the years.

We also Zoomed with Christopher Melchor, a student CLC member at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. He is serving as our CLC in USA youth representative with the CVX-CLC Youth Jubilee Delegation in Rome. He told us about their plans in Rome as well as why CLC makes a difference in his life. We prayed over him and let him know of the support of the wider CLC in USA community.

Please pray for our university CLC Campus Ministers and student leaders as they prepare for the semester. They provide a much needed place where students find a home and experience CLC as a way of life, integrating the three pillars of Community, Ignatian Spirituality and Mission.



Christopher Melchor is pictured where the ★ is—representing CLC-USA at the Jubilee of Youth in Rome.



From **July 28 to August 3**, young leaders from around the world gathered in **Rome** for the **Jubilee of Youth**, a global celebration hosted by CVX-CLC. We were honored to have **Christopher Melchor** represent **CLC-USA** as part of the World CVX-CLC Youth Delegation.

Throughout the week, Christopher joined peers from diverse cultures and communities in prayer, reflection, and dialogue around the future of CVX-CLC and the role of young adults in shaping our shared mission. The gathering was a powerful moment of discernment, connection, and hope.

● What Comes Next:

- We invite you to continue praying for Christopher and the delegation as they carry the fruits of this experience into their local communities.
- Be sure to check out our social media platforms for photos and reflections from the Jubilee.
- We look forward to hearing more from Christopher about his experience and exploring how it can enrich our work with university students and young adults across CLC-USA.

Let us give thanks for this moment of global fellowship and remain open to the Spirit's movement among young leaders in our community.



MID ATLANTIC REGION

🍷 Pittsburgh Cluster Picnic Gathering

Feast of St. Ignatius | July 27, 2025 | Devlin Park

CLC members from across the Pittsburgh area gathered at Devlin Park on July 27th to celebrate the Feast of St. Ignatius with prayer, fellowship, and a joyful summer picnic.



✨ A Joyful Celebration of Ignatian Spirit in Baltimore

Members of the MAR Eastern Cluster (Baltimore area) gathered for a meal and Mass at the Colombiere Jesuit Community Residence to celebrate the Feast of St. Ignatius, sharing prayer, fellowship, and reflection in a sacred and welcoming space.



IGNIS MINISTRIES

OUR YOUNG ADULTS SERVING CLC IN USA

🔥 Igniting the Future: Core Team Gathering in San Jose

The Ignis Ministries Core Team will be gathering in person with **Fr. Mạnh Tran, SJ** in **San Jose from August 8–10, 2025**, for a time of prayerful discernment, strategic planning, and dreaming boldly for the year ahead.

This gathering is a pivotal moment in shaping how Ignis accompanies and empowers young adults across CLC-USA. Among the key priorities is preparing for the upcoming **Young Adult Summit in 2026**—an event designed to unify, inspire, and mobilize young adult ministry on a national scale.

To guide this discernment, we are asking all **NCC Reps, Regional Coordinators, and community leaders** to complete a short survey. The feedback you provide will directly inform:

- The development of new programs and resources
- The support structures Ignis can offer to local and regional communities
- The kinds of collaboration and outreach that will help young adult ministry flourish—especially in communities that currently feel disconnected
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👉 **Please take a few moments to fill out the survey and share your insights.** Your voice matters, and your input will help us build a Spirit-led path forward that reflects the needs and hopes of our diverse communities.

SURVEY LINK

Let's build something beautiful—together.

