



ARRUPE LEADERS SUMMIT FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

THE IGNATIAN SOLIDARITY NETWORK ARRUPE LEADERS SUMMIT INVITES EMERGING STUDENT LEADERS AND FACULTY TO DEEPEN THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE LINK BETWEEN CATHOLIC FAITH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE AND BECOME EMPOWERED TO EFFECT POSITIVE SOCIAL CHANGE IN THEIR LOCAL AND GLOBAL COMMUNITIES.

“I thoroughly enjoyed this summit. I have learned so much about what it truly means to serve others and be a leader. I cannot wait to get back to school and apply these skills!”

2014 Participant

“The Ignatian Solidarity Network has provided well-organized, intentional, and meaningful programming for our faculty and students...It was prayerful, engaging, and age-appropriate for high school students. By far one of the best events I have ever brought students to.”

Ben Horgan, Director of Mission and Identity, Loyola Blakefield High School

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The Ignatian Solidarity Network's High School Leadership Summit, which has been renamed Arrupe Leaders Summit, invites emerging student leaders and faculty chaperones from Jesuit and other Catholic high schools nationwide to deepen their understanding of "a faith that does justice," share ideas and resources for social justice programming, and become empowered to enact positive social change locally and globally.

Throughout the three-day program, students explore The Student Leadership Challenge: Five Practices for Exemplary Leaders and Heroic Leadership through the life lens of Fr. Pedro Arrupe, S.J. Arrupe, a former Superior General of the Society of Jesus, known for his strong leadership of the Jesuits during a tumultuous period in global history and his commitment to the Jesuits to engaging the Second Vatican Council's call to solidarity with all of humanity.

DAY 1 HIGHLIGHTS

- Opening & Closing Prayer
- **Session 1: Model the Way**

DAY 2 HIGHLIGHTS

- Opening & Closing Prayer
- **Session 2: Inspire a Shared Vision**
- Faculty Development Sessions 1/2
Discussions and best practice sharing around effectively engaging students in working for social justice.
- Social Justice Round Robin
- **Session 3: Challenge the Process**
- **Session 4: Enable Others to Act**
- Dinner & Dreaming
Schools dine together to discuss programs and initiatives they plan to develop upon their return home.
- The Ultimate Leadership Challenge
Series of leadership competitions based on skills discussed in each session
- **Session 5: Encourage the Heart**

DAY 3 HIGHLIGHTS

- Mass & Missioning
- Staying Connected



AGENDA SPOTLIGHT: SOCIAL JUSTICE ROUND ROBIN

School delegations are paired up to talk about the culture around faith and justice at each school as well as to share social justice programming ideas. Once the pairs have gotten to know each other, they are asked to share their conversations with the larger group. Multiple delegations have reported that they have started new programming on their campuses due to ideas shared during the social justice round robin. Students not only gain new ideas, but work on their abilities to gather and share new information with their peers and school staff.

AGENDA SPOTLIGHT: MODEL THE WAY

The weekend is broken into 5 teaching sessions based on the 5 leadership best practices. Session one, Model the Way, asks students to examine the values and experiences that drive their desire to work for peace through a process of discernment and group sharing. Students also learn about the experiences that helped shape Fr. Arrupe's early discernment process.

BRINGING THE SUMMIT HOME: The momentum from this program is not isolated to the students' expressions of re-invigoration for their justice work (as denoted in post-Summit survey feedback), but also in **new social justice programming taking place at Summit participant schools as a direct result of conversations started at the Summit.**

- Xavier College Preparatory High School (Palm Desert, CA) enacted a **week-long "Youth Incarceration Awareness Week,"** which included constructing a jail cell in their quad for students to sit in during breaks and write reflections on CA's youth incarceration policies.
- Regis Jesuit High School (Denver, CO) students designed and facilitated a **Leadership Advisement for the entire freshmen class** in order to encourage their newest classmates to creatively respond to issues facing the school and Denver-area communities.
- Saint Ignatius High School (Cleveland, OH) students have developed a **proposal to re-structure and increase required service hours.**