

Jesuit Mission Endowment



The Regis University Jesuit Community initiated the Jesuit Mission Endowment with a \$1 million gift in recognition of its partnership with its lay colleagues. The endowment was created to support mission and identity programs for students, faculty and staff designed to preserve Regis' Catholic Jesuit character. Below are some examples of what this endowment provides:

- With financial support from the endowment, the University has enhanced its hiring process and faculty development with a greater focus on mission. Semi-finalist faculty candidates complete an essay about what Jesuit mission means to them and how they anticipate making a positive contribution to the Regis environment and its Ignatian traditions.
- New faculty participate in a retreat and attend conferences in the Jesuit and Catholic network to expand their access and knowledge of the core Jesuit mission and how to integrate Ignatian ideals into the classroom, covering academic topics such as religious studies, business and justice education.
- Allows students who would otherwise not be able to afford it, to participate in conferences and retreats such as the Ignatian Solidarity Network, University Ministry retreats and Service Learning opportunities by defraying costs.
- National and international immersion trips permit students to engage in hands-on encounters with the Jesuit mission of service to others in places such as Ghana, Mexico and New Orleans. (In 2007, Regis University made its fourth Katrina Relief trip).
- Several programs that now operate under the regular University budget were started with seed money from the endowment: Catholic Studies, Health Care Ethics and Justice Education. The Catholic Speaker Series also originated out of the endowment and brings well-known scholars and Catholic leaders to campus.
- The Ignatian Spirituality Program creates opportunities for students, faculty and staff to engage more deeply in Ignatian Spirituality through daily, week-end and week-long retreats, access to individual spiritual direction and Lightworks, a program offered in the evenings during the year that introduces participants to the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius Loyola.

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