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**APOSTOLIC PLANNING & DECISION-MAKING
THROUGH COMMUNAL DISCERNMENT**

WORKSHOP ON IGNATIAN SCHOOL LEADERSHIP (WISL)

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Seven Fountains Spirituality Centre
Chiang Mai, Thailand





The heart of
**communal
discernment** is
spiritual
conversations.



WHY
spiritual
conversations

WE LEARN
FROM OTHERS.

WE LEARN
WHEN WE SHARE.

GOD SPEAKS
TO US
THROUGH OTHERS.

spiritual conversations

FOR MINISTRY
"TO HELP SOULS"



spiritual conversations

FOR MINISTRY
"TO HELP SOULS"

"We may lead others to good by praying or agreeing with them on a certain good point, leaving aside whatever else may be wrong. Thus after gaining his confidence, we shall meet with better success.

In this sense, **we enter his door with him, but we come out of our own.**"

St. Ignatius

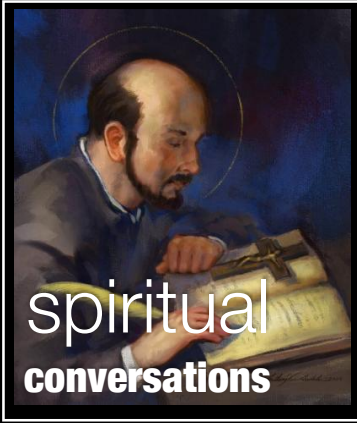


spiritual conversations

FOR GOVERNANCE
"ONE HEART & MIND"



How many letters did Ignatius write in his lifetime?



spiritual
conversations

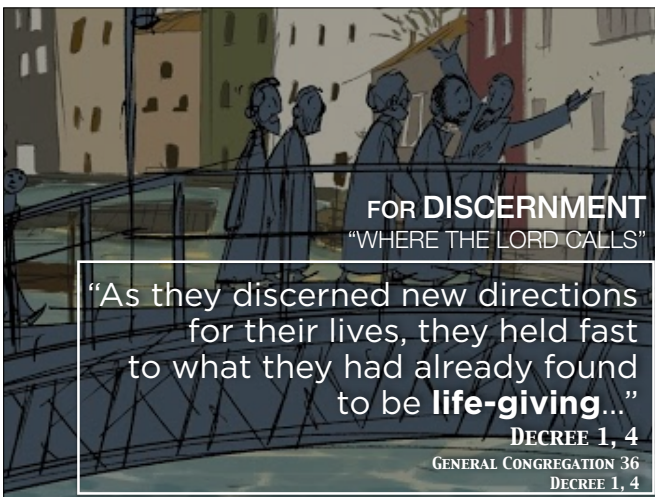
approx. **7,000**

Ignatius wrote his own letters until 1547-- later with Fr. Polanco-- always insisting that Jesuits in the field write back.



spiritual
conversations

FOR DISCERNMENT
"WHERE THE LORD CALLS"



"As they discerned new directions for their lives, they held fast to what they had already found to be **life-giving...**"

DECREE 1, 4
GENERAL CONGREGATION 36
DECREE 1, 4



spiritual conversations

LEADERSHIP BY CONVERSATION

FOR MINISTRY
"TO HELP SOULS"

FOR GOVERNANCE
"ONE HEART & MIND"

FOR DISCERNMENT
"WHERE THE LORD CALLS"

SACRED LISTENING

SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION

SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT

FOR DISCERNMENT
"WHERE THE LORD CALLS"



3 ELEMENTS

BEFORE SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION

IGNATIAN PRAYER + REFLECTION

about THE WORLD

- * My School
- * My Country
- * The Asia-Pacific Region

MY PERSONAL LIFE

What are the fruits of your
prayer and reflection?




SACRED LISTENING
EVERYONE LISTENS
AS ALL SHARE THE FRUITS OF PRAYER & REFLECTION.

SPiritual CONVERSATION Element 1



SPiritual CONVERSATION Element 2

SPiritual CONVERSATION
WE SHARE ABOUT WHAT WE HEARD FROM THE GROUP, WHAT STRUCK US OR TOUCHED US IN THE SHARING.



SPiritual CONVERSATION Element 3

SPiritual DISCERNMENT
FROM WHAT WE HEARD BOTH DURING OUR PRAYER/ REFLECTION AND DURING THE SHARING, WHAT SEEMS TO BE GOD'S WILL OR THE GREATER GOOD?



An Experience of

spiritual conversations





ONE HOUR **YOU WILL PRACTICE**
SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS
IN SMALL GROUPS
(See List).

Round 1: LISTEN as you take turns sharing about what came up in your prayer and reflection. *Strictly 5 minutes each. Strictly no discussion. Just clarify if needed.*

Round 2: SHARE what you heard in Round 1, what struck or moved you (**EXTERNAL EVENTS**), and what you thought and how you felt (**INTERNAL EVENTS**).

Round 3: OFFER thanks to God and to the group for the fruits of the experience.



PREPARE A WRITTEN REPORT
ON YOUR EXPERIENCE OF THE
SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION
30 MINS
