

## IM23: The Ignatian Event of the Year Returns for 2023

Jesuit Ignatian Spirituality Australia is inviting the Ignatian community to a flexible online program that will guide participants through their organic spirituality with spiritual conversations and insights.

[Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia](#) is offering an international transformative convocation, an Ignatian Metaphor for 2023 (IM23). This year's theme 'I Am a Tree Of Life' is focused on encouraging the eco-spirituality journey of conversion.

The three-day convocation will be held online between Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May. It will allow you to learn about Ignatian Spirituality through **immersive experiences, inspirational stories and transforming moments** that will leave you feeling empowered on your spiritual journey.

The event will share several **spiritual exercises, forest contemplations and conversations using the life of a tree as a metaphor for an organic spirituality**. With conversations shared from leading Ministry and Spiritual Directors; Michael Hansen SJ, Sue Martin, Murray Adams, and Mary Robson who will provide thoughtful insights from their life experiences through prayer and spiritual conversations.

In honour of **Laudato Si' Week: Hope for the Earth – Hope for Humanity**, Jesuit Ignatian Spirituality Australia is inviting the Laudato Si' community to celebrate with an experience through Ignatian Spirituality.

*“There is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person’s face. The ideal is to discover God in all things.”*

*Laudato Si [233]*

The convocation is designed for those who are interested in learning about Ignatian Spirituality, teaching it or using it professionally with the immersive experience aiming to provide engaging insights that cannot be found elsewhere.

For more information or to register for the conference: [www.jisa.org.au/im23](http://www.jisa.org.au/im23)

**Further commentary on this immersive experience and the IM23 Conference is available from Fr Michael Hansen SJ, National Director of the First Spiritual Exercises.**

#### **About Michael Hansen SJ:**

Michael is a Jesuit based in Sydney presently director of the First Spiritual Exercises, a ministry of JISA. He has been working in the spirituality ministry for twenty-five years and is the author of several spirituality books.

#### **About Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia (JISA):**

[Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia](http://www.jisa.org.au) is a national community of women and men formed in Ignatian Spirituality working in a variety of geographic locations and online.

Giving the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola and accompanying individuals and groups through spiritual conversation and spiritual direction; they offer retreats, ministry supervision and Ignatian formation for leadership and mission. Their facilities are available for day programs, residential retreats, and hospitality.