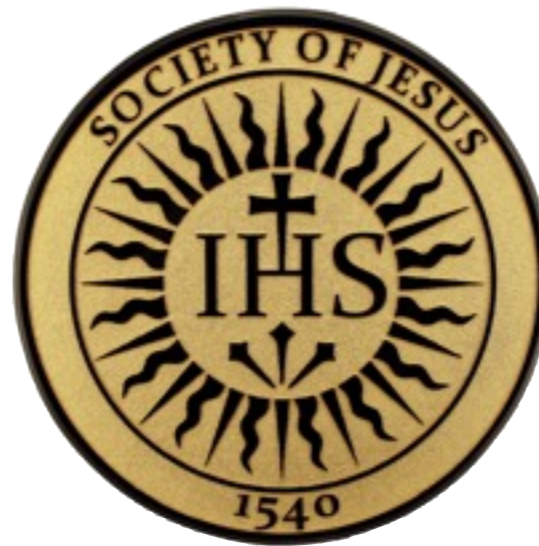


Ignatius of Loyola

(1491-1556 AD)

Ignatius of Loyola was a soldier of Spain and fought in a number of battles. In a battle against the French he was hit by a cannonball, which completely shattered one leg and wounded the other. He had to have his leg broken (and then re-broken) in efforts for it to heal (Don't forget: This was during a time before anesthetics!). While in the hospital waiting for his legs to heal, he grew extremely bored and asked for some books about brave knights and medieval chivalry. However, all that they had to read was a book on the life of Christ and a book on the lives of the saints. So, in an effort to pass the time, he read them, never knowing that they would change his life forever.

Ignatius was impressed by Christ and inspired by the saints (so inspired, in fact, *that he decided to become one!*). Today we know him as St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus (the "Jesuits" - an order of brothers and priests dedicated to teaching), an intellectual fighter during the Counter-Reformation, a holy and prayerful man, and one of the most famous saints to have ever lived.



SOME WELL-KNOWN JESUIT SCHOOLS

1. Boston College
2. Creighton University
3. Georgetown University
4. Marquette University
5. St. Louis University
6. Gonzaga University
7. Xavier University
8. Etc.

