

**"Go forth and set the world on fire."  
St. Ignatius of Loyola**

Over 500 years ago, St. Ignatius said these words desiring there to be an almost literal Pentecostal rejuvenation of the world's spirituality. Of course, cell phones, iPods, laptops, tablet pcs, or Wi-Fi hot spots not only did not exist but were also beyond anyone's imagination. Getting a letter from Rome to the Holy Land involved a prayer that your wax-sealed message got to its intended recipient within the year.

Today, one can connect with people on the other side of the globe in the blink of an eye. Connectivity has become the new norm and has taken over more than just the way we communicate with other people. It has changed our language, the way we view distance, and our understanding of social norms as a whole. What can we do with this seemingly fast evolving notion of connectivity? How can we incorporate the words of St. Ignatius, a 16<sup>th</sup> century mystic, in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

We need to allow God to meet us where we are. Fr. James Martin, S.J. writes in his recent book, *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything*, that prayer, and therefore connectivity with God, is not about quantity or type of prayer, but depth. If we are to use and carry out the words of this 16<sup>th</sup> century mystic, we have to desire that same Pentecostal rejuvenation. We have to use all of the tools and skills available and necessary to set the world ablaze with the Word of God.

Therefore, let us welcome God and meet God where we are. The new parish Facebook page will allow us to have constant reminders of God's presence in our hearts, minds, and our "news feeds." This will allow for our parishioners and anyone interested to stay connected with the parish, Ignatian Spirituality, and ways to do our part in setting the world ablaze with the Word of God.

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