The Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice (IFTJ) is an annual gathering for members of the Ignatian family (Jesuit institutions and larger church) to come together in the context of social justice and solidarity to learn, reflect, pray, network, and advocate together. It is a place where people are empowered, re-energized, inspired, challenged, and supported by a community that sees faith and justice integrally linked.

IFTJ usually takes place in Washington D.C., but this year, we have the unique opportunity to experience the conference in a virtual setting.

APPLY TODAY! Please complete this form by Sept 11 at 3pm

Who: The Ignatian Family Teach-In is open to Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors // Facilitators of this experience will be Ms. Catalan (Director of Community Involvement) and Mr. Buell (Religious Studies Teacher; Director of Catholic Identity)

When: Oct 19-26, 2020

- **Oct 19-23:** This is the High School Pre-Sessions track in preparation for the weekend conference. Each day after classes are complete, Monday through Friday, 60-90 minutes of on-demand (recorded) content including keynotes, student speakers, student-led workshops, and prayers will be available. The content for each day will be based on a theme, beginning with the legacy of the Jesuit martyrs as context for the Ignatian Family Teach-in for Justice, followed by issue-area specific days, and ending with a call to action.
Here are the social justice themes for each day:
  ○ **Monday**: Prophetic Resilience. Breaking Down, Building Up (conference theme)
  ○ **Tuesday**: Migration Justice
  ○ **Wednesday**: Ecological Justice
  ○ **Thursday**: Racial Justice
  ○ **Friday**: Moving to Action

- **Oct 24-26**: Sessions will be taking place throughout the weekend ([tentative schedule here](#))
- All content throughout the week will be available through June 2021!

**Commitment and Participation Expectations:**
- **Pre-Trip Meetings**: In order to foster community between all students participating in this conference, students must attend the two scheduled pre-trip meetings:
  ○ Sept 30 (1:30pm-2:30pm)
  ○ Oct 8 (1:30pm-2:30pm)
  ○ Optional meeting with the students from Bellarmine College Prep
- Acknowledging the importance of taking screen breaks, from Oct 19-23, we are asking each participant to commit to watching content from any two days of their choosing. Content may be viewed when students are not in class each day. Each evening, there will be an optional debrief session for students to process what they have watched and experienced. Evening meeting times will be determined based on student feedback.
- **Oct 24 pm**: Commit to attending a meeting to debrief the week’s content and prepare for the weekend conference
- **Oct 25 pm**: Commit to attending a meeting to check-in and debrief what you’ve experienced so far
- **Oct 24-26**: Commit to attending the Ignatian Family Teach-In Conference!
- **Post-Trip Meeting**: To further discuss how we will put our experience into action, we will reunite and share all that we have experienced from a meaningful week

**If you foresee any conflicts or have unique needs or circumstances, please contact Ms. Catalan**

**Cost**: $50; All students receiving financial aid will be offered a discount for required out-of-pocket expenses related to academic and school sponsored programs. The discount will be calculated based on the percentage discount the family receives for tuition. Please [use this form](#) to submit requests for non-tuition financial aid. Please complete this form by Sept 11 at 3pm.

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**Questions**: Please contact Ms. Catalan, Director of Community Involvement