



Ignatian Retreat Giving

Accompanying Ignatian Spiritual Exercises is a demanding and responsible ministry that calls for careful preparation. It requires theological, communicative, psychological, and spiritual competence as well as a thorough familiarity with Ignatius' book of Spiritual Exercises.

This programme is intentionally designed as an advanced course. Applicants are expected to have prior training in spiritual direction and several years of practical experience, personal experiences with the dynamic of the full ignatian exercises, and a sound understanding of the content and meaning of St. Ignatius Loyola's book of Spiritual Exercises.

The purpose of the course is to prepare participants to competently guide eight-day individual Ignatian retreats — whether as residential retreats under Annotation 20 or as retreats in everyday life under Annotation 19 — in accordance with the standards of the German Bishops' Conference.

The course is taught in English. Both active and passive command of English is therefore required. Where qualifications are equal, preference will be given to candidates under 50 years of age. The programme is open without denominational restrictions to women and men and others - pastors, religious, and lay persons - whether employed full time or serving as volunteers. The training is promoted in several European countries.

The training comprises four times four full days of training in presence, one internship in accompanying an eight-day course retreat and one in accompanying spiritual exercises equivalent to an eight-day retreat according to annotation 19 of the retreat book. Between course units, participants are required to organise themselves at least one online meeting in small groups for intervision.

Successful completion is recognised with a certificate.

Attendance dates:

7th of June 2027, 3 pm to 11th of June 2027, 1 pm

4th of October 2027, 3 pm to 8th of October 2027, 1 pm

22nd of November 2027, 3 pm to 26th of November 2027, 1 pm

14th of February 2028, 3 pm to 18th of February 2028, 1 pm

In spring 2027, there will be an online information and assessment meeting

Venue:

Priester- und Pastorseminar Speyer

Maximum number of participants

18 persons

Fees:

2900,- Euros

Volunteers from the Diocese of Speyer receive financial support

Direction :

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Registration deadline:

15th of December 2026

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