

THE JESUIT ORDER

The Society of Jesus is a Roman Catholic religious order of men known as the Jesuits. It was founded in Paris by St. Ignatius of Loyola more than 470 years ago. In addition to their work in parishes, primary and secondary education, the Jesuits sponsor twenty-eight colleges and universities through the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU).

The Jesuits are the founding order of Creighton University and turned the governance of Creighton over to the Board of Trustees in 1968. While the main focus of the Jesuits in the United States is on education, the order is primarily a missionary order which is also involved in spiritual direction, retreat centers and social justice work. On campus, you will see members of the Jesuit community as your instructors, pastors, chaplains, and university administration and staff.

The Jesuit tradition strives to form women and men to be of service for and with others. The hallmarks of a Jesuit education are excellence, service, leadership and faith. St. Ignatius of Loyola saw the world as manifesting God's goodness, and graduates of Jesuit universities and colleges are called upon to "set the world on fire" by studying it, engaging with it, and changing it so that all people recognize their true identity as beloved sons and daughters of God.