



“There are very few people who realize what God would make of them... if they abandoned themselves into his hands, and let themselves be formed by his grace.

In calling me to live my special qualities and characteristics, God planted deep in myself an original purpose---what my concrete self adds up to and to live that out.”
Ignatius Loyola

The Ignatian Way: A MAP for Work & Spiritual Growth

The Ignatian Way MAP is a new website in process, applying the teachings of Ignatius Loyola to guide and support people in educational, career, ministry and retirement transitions:

- High School students exploring career and college opportunities
- College and adult learners discerning educational, ministry and career directions
- Adults in career/work/ministry transition
- Adults in or approaching retirement considering meaningful work, ministry and volunteer opportunities

The MAP can also be used for anyone interested in exploring Ignatian Spirituality—learning about Ignatius’s life, travels and ministry while reflecting on his teachings for life application.

The MAP uses European cities where Ignatius traveled as the structure for the web experience i.e. Loyola, Pamplona, Montserrat, Manresa, Jerusalem, Barcelona, Alcala, Salamanca, Paris, Venice, Vicenza and finally Rome.

- Users will interact in a variety of ways in each city—
 - Engaging exercises, readings and reflections pertinent to their education, career, ministry or retirement transition,
 - Become familiar with Ignatius’ work and ministry,
 - Gain insights on Ignatian Spirituality, reflecting on applications to their transition
- Select sections from the resource A Pilgrim’s Testament—Memoirs of Saint Ignatius of Loyola might be used in the website.
 - Unique narratives will help users see the connections between Ignatian principles and addressing the challenges of college/work/ministry transition.

THE IGNATIAN WAY



BACKGROUND:

The Center for Life Transitions, Inc. was founded in 2002 to integrate leading career resources and opportunities for spiritual exploration to people in all stages of work transition. **LifeSHIFT: Work & the Christian Journey** weekend retreats bring these resources together over a Friday evening through Sunday noon experience. www.centerforlifetransitions.net Participants in these retreats are adults in all stages of career/ministry development—new college graduates through retirement.

RATIONALE:

The challenge of making a successful transition (job, career, ministry, retirement) is multi-faceted and often overwhelming. Reasons for lack of success include:

- Flaws in the hard work necessary for success,
- Fear of uncertainty and uncomfortable situations,
- Unclear direction and concrete college/work/career/retirement goals,
- Misunderstanding around deep ideas like “vocation”, “gifts” and “call”
- Inability to see personal connections between existing work and new, meaningful work
- Few resources to help bridge work/ministry planning and faith/spirituality

DESCRIPTION:

- The MAP will bring together web-based tools, resources and narrative which will clarify new work (job, career, retirement) goals while exploring larger life issues of faith, spirituality and vocation.
- The MAP functionality will allow the user to engage web, print and personal resources which will connect larger life/faith/work goals to meaningful jobs, fields, careers, and opportunities.
- The MAP will also address strategies and resources which will assist the user to achieve new work and meet larger life/faith objectives.
- The MAP will use animation and/or graphic design of a younger Ignatius (Ignacio) who will entertain, inspire and educate the user in the above described processes.
- The MAP will also enlighten users on the life of Ignatius, showing his work in

the various cities in which his ministry took place.

- Select sections from the resource A Pilgrim's Testament—Memoirs of Saint Ignatius of Loyola will be used in the website.

THE MAP PROCESS:

Users will engage the MAP in interactive, inspiring ways pertinent to their own transition in the various cities. Their lessons and insights in each city will be summarized and lead to Rome where concrete Goal Setting consistent with “Big Questions” of Vocation will be addressed.

Sample Big Vocational Questions

“Who am I and Whose am I?”-- (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

“Who is my life telling me I am?.....so I can discern what it is I should do.”—(Parker Palmer)

“Where is the place God calls me so that my deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet?” (Frederick Buechner)

“What am I longing for in my work/life?” – (Ignatius Loyola)

“How can “Magis”—the greater, the more—be factored into my thinking, planning and praying for a new life/work direction?” (Ignatius Loyola)

IGNATIAN MAP LINKS:

Web pages with art and functionality for the project were begun several years ago and is therefore dated. The platform needs to be moved to a new working environment where new content, art and function can be developed. Some of the following links may not be operational but will provide a “peek” into the potential for the project.

<https://ignacio.centerforlifetransitions.net/IgnatiusProject/site/intro/>

<https://ignacio.centerforlifetransitions.net/IgnatiusProject/site/intro/journey2.html>

<https://ignacio.centerforlifetransitions.net/IgnatiusProject/site/intro/journey3.html>

<https://ignacio.centerforlifetransitions.net/IgnatiusProject/site/loyola/index.html>

<https://ignacio.centerforlifetransitions.net/IgnatiusProject/site/loyola/cti.html>

<https://ignacio.centerforlifetransitions.net/IgnatiusProject/site/loyola/fear-activity.html>

<https://ignacio.centerforlifetransitions.net/IgnatiusProject/site/loyola/loyola-guide.html>

<https://ignacio.centerforlifetransitions.net/IgnatiusProject/site/loyola/loyola-journey.html>
<https://ignacio.centerforlifetransitions.net/IgnatiusProject/site/loyola/loyola-tasks.html>
<https://ignacio.centerforlifetransitions.net/IgnatiusProject/site/loyola/self-assessment.html>
<https://ignacio.centerforlifetransitions.net/IgnatiusProject/site/loyola/work-values-activity.html>

WHAT IS NEEDED:

The vision for the MAP is clear---to apply the wisdom and inspiration of Ignatius in helping people in education/work/ministry transition be successful.

The existing pages provide a beginning for the work. Much of the remaining content has been developed in Word documents. Web page development is the critical need. There is financial support available for a student or professional with design, technology and animation competencies.

- Identify and hire a graduate student
- Identify a faculty/staff person who can work with Tom Bachhuber in reviewing existing content and provide guidance on new content
- Identify faculty/staff who can help strategize implementation of the MAP with target audiences and develop a business model

Potential for revenue sharing exists with the Ignatian Volunteer Corps, which is an existing partner with the Center for Life Transition, Inc.

NEXT STEPS:

- Review MAP description and beginning web pages at www.ccenterforlifetransitions.net
- Review LifeSHIFT Retreat videos and descriptions to better understand the work and spiritual ideas to be incorporated into the MAP.
www.ccenterforlifetransitions.net
- Contact Tom Bachhuber, Executive Director, with questions, reactions, suggestions. 414 394 9347 tom@centerforlifetransitions.net



PROJECT/JOB OVERVIEW

TITLE: Web Designer

SUMMARY:

Desire student employee with web design/development capabilities and not necessarily formal training. Employee can engage and contribute to a unique web resource for career/work/retirement planning and spiritual exploration with emphasis on Ignatian spirituality.

Employee will work with author who has developed narrative and resources which help people in work transitions to make intelligent, informed work related decisions and explore their faith/spirituality as integral to the process.

A number of web pages have been developed but need “repair” and renovation. New pages need to be developed.

Objective of project is to complete a prototype for the website/resource as a “platform” for research which would lead to funding and full development of the project.

COMPETENCIES/QUALITIES

- Enthusiasm for applying spirituality to life/work issues and transitions
- Web technology interest and design competencies/capabilities
- Some training in web development obviously valuable
- Ability and experience working with professionals in a fluid, project development environment

HOURS/LENGTH OF PROJECT: TBA

COMPENSATION: TBA

Competitive hourly rate for graduate student

OPPORTUNITY:

Opportunity to contribute to unique web resource to enhance nationally prominent program

Opportunity to gain experience with innovative, spirituality based non-profit organization, Executive Director and board, in integrating Ignatian spirituality with life/work transition issues

Opportunity to assist development of larger program, including research, grant development and a longer term role. Role could include managing web resources and working with on line clients

Opportunity to work with project team including Author/Executive Director, Faculty, Outside Consultants, Board, and Artist/Designer

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