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## TRUSTING GOD TO RESPOND TO OUR NEEDS

*“Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean.”* The leper approaches Christ with certainty, by stating a fact. He doesn’t ask Jesus a question, and he doesn’t try to convince the Lord to heal him. The leper is certain of three things. First, his need to be cleansed. Second, the authority Christ has in choosing whether or not to heal him, and third, that Christ has the ability to heal him, even if he chooses not to. When we pray, we ought to be more like the leper.

Are you aware of your inherent need for the presence of Christ in your life?

Do you remember that God knows what is best for you?

Do you trust God and his authority with your desires and intentions?

Today, let us approach the Lord with certainty, humility, and trust.

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## PRAYER

*Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,  
my memory, my understanding,  
and my entire will,  
All I have and call my own.  
You have given all to me.  
To you, Lord, I return it.  
Everything is yours; do with it what you will.  
Give me only your love and your grace,  
that is enough for me.*

—Suscipe prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola

SOURCE: [www.JesuitPrayer.org](http://www.JesuitPrayer.org)

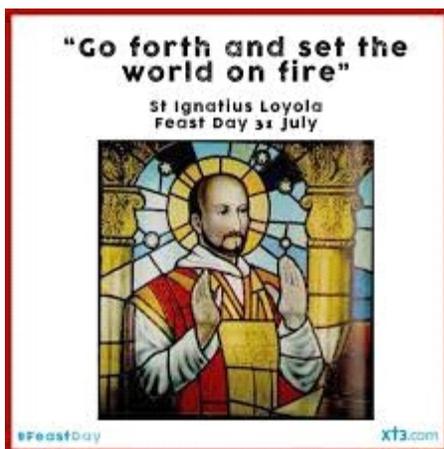


## ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

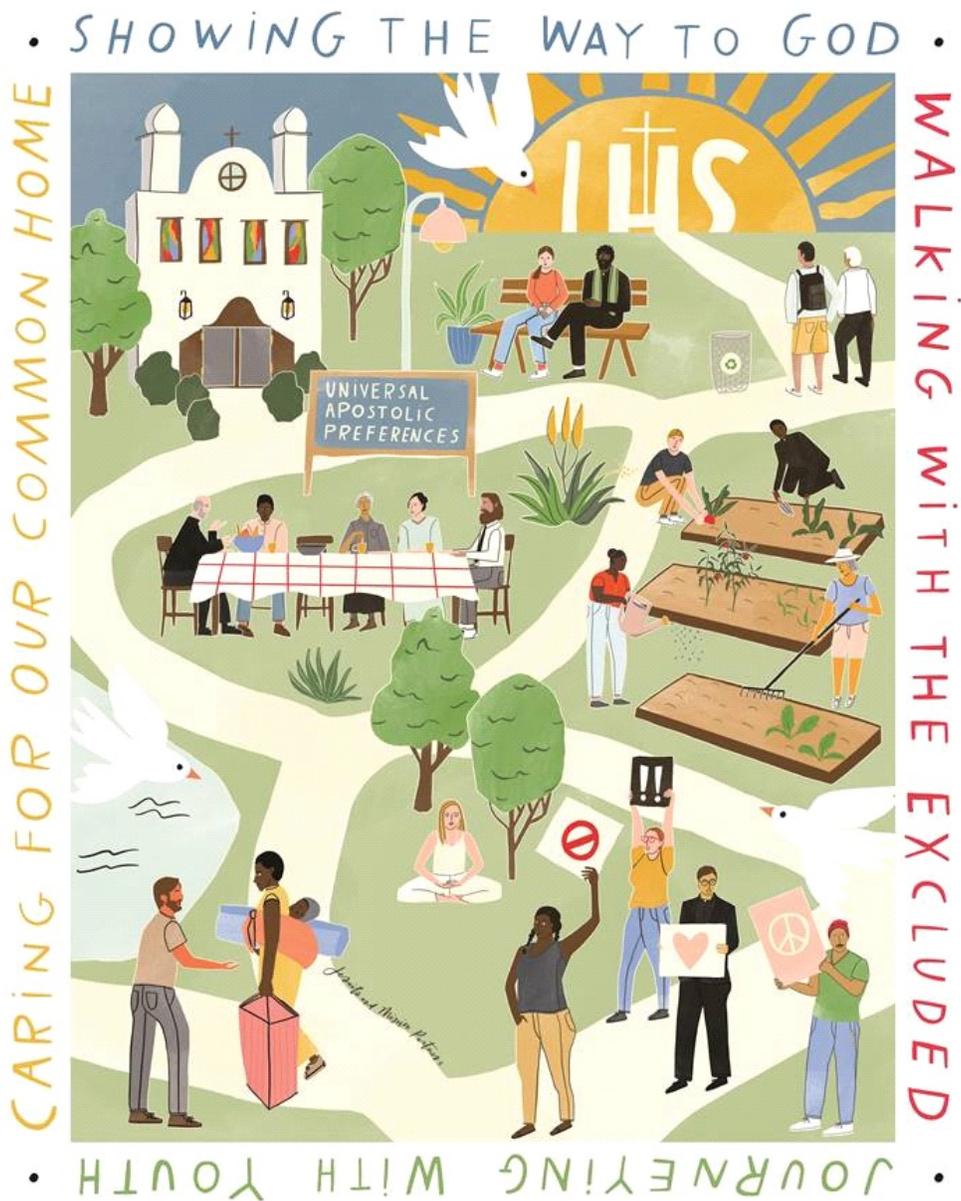
October 23, 1491 - July 31, 1556

Ignatius was bored. The Spaniard was used to a life of action - as a soldier, as a gambler, as a ladies' man, and a fighter. (*He had the arrest record to prove the last*). Both his legs had been injured in battle, with one requiring resetting twice. His brother's wife gave him a book about Jesus, and the Bible and lives of the saints were also around. They weren't his usual reading material, but they were all that were available. So Ignatius read, and read, and read. He began to see a way of putting his dissolute youth behind him and using his leadership skills to serve God. After Ignatius left Loyola, he was never bored again. Through his travels, he connected with a group of young men including Francis Xavier (*December 3*) that took on the formal title of **Society of Jesus** in **1537**. They received **papal approval** in **1540**, and took their vows and named Ignatius their superior the following year. His **Spiritual Exercises** were first published in **1548**.

Boredom is often a place that temptation and evil creep into our lives, but Ignatius had great faith resources available to combat it. Let's remember his story and turn to God, not our social media feeds or trash novels or television, when we feel at loose ends.



# UNIVERSAL APOSTOLIC PREFERENCES - ROADMAP FOR THE FUTURE



Artist **Erica Tighe Campbell** illustrated the **Universal Apostolic Preferences** for the **Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States**. The image depicts the **four principals** interwoven together and features people of all ages and backgrounds together.

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## FIRST PRINCIPLE AND FOUNDATION



*Lord my God,  
when your love spilled over into creation  
you thought of me.  
I am from love, of love, for love.  
Let my heart, O God,  
always recognize,  
cherish and enjoy  
your goodness in all of creation.  
Direct all that is me toward your praise.  
Teach me reverence for every person,  
all things.  
Energize me in your service.*

*Lord God,  
may nothing ever distract me from your love;  
neither health nor sickness,  
wealth nor poverty,  
honor nor dishonor,  
long life nor short life.  
May I never seek nor choose to be  
other than what you intend or wish.*

**SOURCE:** St. Ignatius Loyola, First Principle & Foundation,  
trans. Bergan & Schwan, 1985.