



St Ignatius of Loyola

FEAST DAY - 31 JULY 2009

Jesuit Spirituality is captured in the vision that St Ignatius of Loyola had in La Storta, some 20 kms from Rome. In the vision, God the Father asked His Son, who was carrying the Cross (in this portrait, nailed to the Cross), to accept St Ignatius to be His companion to continue His Mission of Salvation in the world.

St Ignatius, empowered by the Holy Spirit, willingly accepted Our Lord's invitation to serve His Father's Mission to serve all peoples, in all places and at any time, under the Roman Pontiff, for God's Greater Glory. (Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam – AMDG).

St Ignatius now invites all peoples (represented by the man) to join him in this Mission. In spite of his physical disabilities, (symbolising our unworthiness and imperfections) he accepts St Ignatius' invitation. He strongly believes that God will always provide for his needs; he casts away his crutches and walks forward. . .

Peoples of all walks of life, cultures and nationalities (represented by all the different people around St Ignatius) are invited to participate in this Mission of Christ. We all look on with great attentiveness and openness of hearts. However, will our great desires be concretised in actions? Do we dare to drop the "crutches" (securities) of our lives and respond courageously, generously and trustingly like the man in the portrait? How is God challenging each of us?

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Original Painting in the Church of St Ignatius, Singapore
'Sinners, Yet Called to Serve' - by Alvin Ong