

"The Society of Jesus is an apostolic body of men of the Church, animated by a deep personal love of Jesus Christ, who as contemplatives in action and in partnership with others, are men on mission, ever searching for the magis."

The Jesuits are men who belong to a Catholic religious order called the Society of Jesus. This group was founded by St Ignatius of Loyola over 450 years ago.

Over this period, Jesuit priests and brothers have lived an amazing story of serving the Church in new and unexpected ways. We are still men on the move, ready to change place, occupation, method-- whatever will advance our mission in the Church. We are expected to do anything or go anywhere to teach Jesus Christ and preach his Good News.

Today that "we" has expanded to include men and women who share this vision of service to faith and to the justice that faith demands.

Together Jesuits and lay partners place ourselves in the presence of God and ask ourselves the questions that St. Ignatius suggested to his first companions during the period of prayer that led to their permanent companionship:

- What have I done for Christ?
- What am I doing for Christ?
- What will I do for Christ?

For more information about our history and faith please visit the [Australian Jesuits](#) website. This website also contains Jesuit profiles and talks.

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