BOSTON COLLEGE

Learned Ministry

Ignatian Approach

At the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, students, faculty, and staff have the privilege of engaging in a process of

Church has.

At the same time, we are responsible for lifting up the voices of our tradition, particularly Black voices,

men and women for others as we seek the universal good and engage in the serious study of theology—understood as "fain seeking understanding" (St. Anselm).

God's call for racial justice challenge the way we minister and work right now? How might it call us to

integrate our academic study with the personal, pastoral, and spiritual dimensions of formation. How might our

Contemplative Imagination

We see much value in engaging the work of anti-racism on a path of conversion, guided by the principles of Ignatian

Imagination plays an important role in Ignatian spirituality, especially in contemplative reading of Scripture. We are

not just reading about Israelites, Egypt, Jesus, etc., but encountering them. This style of prayer can be

adapted and expanded, involving family, staff, and students to place ourselves in the "story" of the STM community.

Discernment and Freedom

work. God is unfolding, as we bring how God may be the new Jerusalem can a people, with

A distinctive characteristic of Jesuit ethical orientation is its commitment to school the mind and the heart to see

subjugated to someone else's narrative.

sible.

world.

a. We must call to mind that racial justice is not *our* justice, but God's justice for which we are co-respon

ugh disagreement leads us to a third, more perfect way.

c. Freedom is mysterious. We must not lose faith in the Holy Spirit to guide our work and discussions.

Discernment into and the

formation in the Ignatian tradition is to serve as learned ministers, scholars, and leaders in the church. While

collaboration, shared

which are so characteristic of many contemporary cultures, we are called to a spirit of c

Presuming Good Will

pastoral activities

b. We have a ministerial responsibility to witness how the Church does racial justice; we should resist power