

In light of both the recent statement of the Catholic Doctrine of the Faith (CDF) and an earlier Vatican document in 2019 from the Congregation for Catholic Education that many in the LGBTQ+ community along with their family, friends and allies have found hurtful and alienating, the parish community at St. Ignatius wants to reaffirm simply and boldly our Mission Statement:

As a Jesuit parish community, animated by the spirit of St. Ignatius, we welcome ALL to share in the joy of the Gospel and to come to know, love and serve God and one another.*

To our current LGBTQ+ parishioners and to those who may be considering becoming part of our faith community, we want to assure you that you are an essential part of that 'ALL.' You are not only welcomed, but absolutely belong. We want to walk with you in your pain and outrage, suffering and anger, and in your feelings of marginalization by the institutional church and the larger society.

If you allow us, we will always be honored to accompany you in good times and in bad, baptizing your children, celebrating your love, sharing your pain, grieving with you in times of loss, and sharing with you the joy of the Gospel. Thank you for being authentically you.

* The Pastoral Council in 2019 adopted capitalizing ALL in our welcome.