

Our modern lives are busy, filled with many distractions and calls for our attention. Our family, work, church, neighborhood, friends, and our own personal needs all make legitimate demands on our energies. It is often difficult to keep our priorities centered on God's loving presence.

Just as each drop of water contributes its uniqueness to the whole, CLC holds sacred each person's unique expression of God's creative love while exploring the individual's and the community's response to the many calls we experience in our daily lives.

*to see Thee more clearly,
love Thee more dearly,
follow Thee more nearly,
day by day.*

— St. Ignatius of Loyola

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY:

- is a lay organization
- is a world community lived out in a local community of 6-10 people
- has a common way of life based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius
- has members in all walks of life
- provides the space for members to respond more fully to God's loving desires for them.



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CLC offers ways to find a place where we personally connect with a spiritual, loving, and apostolic community. It's where everybody knows the name by which God intimately calls us. Come and see!



DISCERNING

The core communal experience of CLC members is Ignatian Spirituality flowing from the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, not simply as a retreat experience, but a way of life. Ignatian spirituality is an integrated spirituality — a “process” which guides us to bring together our faith and daily living. Ignatian discernment is a way of prayerfulness in the midst of all our human life experiences that leads to:

- a greater awareness of God's presence in all areas of our lives
- a deeper appreciation of God's life-energy in all of creation
- an increased sensitivity to those activities, desires, and attitudes that lead us to either:
 - a deeper participation in God's life and a sense of peace or
 - a sense of alienation, frustration, and burnout.
- a freedom to respond more fully to God's loving desires for us.

COMMUNITY

The primary commitment in CLC is to a common worldwide way of life lived out in a local community. This holy communion provides:

- a sense of graced history — we experience the power of the Spirit working through our communal history
- a forum for an on-going discernment that brings the fruits of deliberations at the local level to the world community and the fruits of discernment at the world community to the local community
- a sense of the sacredness of unity in diversity; an awe of the Spirit reflected in all cultures and ethnic groups
- a broader context for discernment in our local community, seeking the more universal good which transcends geographical and cultural world views
- solidarity with those around the world living the CLC way of life.

FOR MISSION

Mission in the context of CLC is not an activity, but a focusing of one's energy and passion on living as Christ — focused passion. This expresses itself through:

- a preferential option for the poor
- a simplicity of lifestyle
- a sense of Church that leads us to be present where people and situations limit God's love.
- a desire to develop community in all areas of our lives: family, work, parish, etc.
- a willingness to collaborate with all people of good will to reveal God's presence.
- an openness and flexibility towards life that enables us to respond to the needs of the world.
- creative fidelity — living Gospel values in a way that speaks to our society today.

