



Left: Page from the *Spiritual Exercises*, St. Ignatius of Loyola, 16th century, downloaded from the Internet Archive, <https://ia600404.us.archive.org/27/items/exercitiaspirituallia/esercizi-web.pdf>.
Right: *Recibe San Ignacio y sus compañeros y se ordenan sacerdotes* (St. Ignatius and his companions are received and ordained priests), oil on fabric, Miguel Cabrera, 1756, Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia de México, http://mediateca.inah.gob.mx/islandora_74/islandora/object/pintura%3A2498.

COLLABORATIVE THEOLOGY INITIATIVE

History and Charisms of the First Jesuits: Discovering Our Friends and Our Friendship in the Lord

A pilot program organized by the Collaborative Theology Initiative (CTI) and hosted at Hekima University College in Nairobi, Kenya.

Program Dates

June 13 - July 11, 2026



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This 4-week course seeks to introduce students into a reflection on Ignatian spirituality with a selection of lesser-known first-person documents composed by Ignatius of Loyola and the first companions. These 16th century texts, studied in English translations, with their themes of friendship, studies, mission, and hope in God, perhaps read for the first time, can offer a new impetus to deepen our spiritual and theological reflection on these topics and others.

The program will take place at Hekima University College, a CTI member school. As part of the course and general program activities, students will learn from and engage with guest speakers from various CTI member schools and participate in local visits and activities that will enhance their understanding of the historical, cultural, and spiritual context of this year's host country, Kenya.



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Course Registration

TSP3001 / Spirituality
(transfer credit)

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About the Collaborative Theology Initiative

The Collaborative Theology Initiative (CTI) seeks to respond to Pope Francis' call for a theology that is synodal, contextual, global, transdisciplinary, intercultural, interreligious, and responsive to the needs of the church and the world. Through academic and administrative collaboration, CTI strives to form and sustain new working relationships among Jesuit theology centers around the world, and to better prepare students to contribute to theology as a work of the Society of Jesus, ministering to the universal church of the 21st century. This collaboration is a testimony to the possibility of reconciliation in a fractured world.

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