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Dear colleague,

A member of your office or department has expressed interest in participating in the coming year's cohort of "Companions in Mission." Sponsored by the Office of Mission and Ministry, Companions in Mission is a year-long on-campus program that aims to develop a cadre of faculty and staff who are (1) well-grounded in the Ignatian heritage shared by the Jesuits, the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary, and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange and (2) capable of communicating its meaning and adapting its implementation in the everyday life of the University.

Though the exact dates and timing of the program components differ slightly from year to year, a typical year in Companions in Mission includes:

- an on-campus retreat (weekend half-day) in early September
- four luncheon presentations during the fall on various aspects of Ignatian history, pedagogy, and spirituality
- an off-campus weekend retreat in February
- a weekend service experience in the spring (one-day or overnight)
- a concluding luncheon in the spring

The Companions in Mission program offers an opportunity for faculty and staff to deepen their understanding of LMU's identity and their own relationship to it, while also forming and strengthening relationships with colleagues across the university. There is no cost to participate (to either the participant or their originating office/department), and all materials and program costs are covered by the Office of Mission and Ministry.

I sincerely hope you will support your team member's participation in this unique program that is deeply tied to our mission and identity. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me directly at any time. Additional information may be found on our website at mission.lmu.edu/companionsinmission.

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