

Fr. Kolvenbach Blesses Ignatius Sculpture on Renovated Mall  
October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004

Thank you, Fr. Schlegel, and congratulations on the renovation of this beautiful mall. And thank you for your vision in placing this statue of St. Ignatius here, as an important symbol of the inspiration for Jesuit education. And thank you all for coming to be a part of this blessing and important afternoon and evening together at Creighton University.

Let us pray.

Lord, God of all Creation, we give you thanks for St. Ignatius of Loyola.

You allowed this pilgrim to experience the power of your love for us, through Jesus,  
and invited him to be a companion of Jesus, in Jesus' own mission from you.

Long before Ignatius was ordained, you guided him to be a servant for others and to share his *Spiritual Exercises* with us, to help us all grow in spiritual freedom  
and imitation of your Son in offering our lives in love for others.

And, thank you for inspiring Ignatius to found the Society of Jesus and all the blessings that have come from this instrument of yours.

Finally, thank you for guiding Ignatius and his early companions to welcome associations of lay persons to support and direct the works they began.

Send your blessing upon this statue  
and upon all who will draw strength and inspiration from it.

Through the intercession of St. Ignatius,  
may this campus always be dedicated to its Mission,  
and may Creighton always call forth the gifts of this richly diverse community  
for your greater glory and the service of others.

Grant these blessings and petitions we pray, (*using holy water sprinkler handed to him*)

+ in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.