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Synopsis

It is quite common for a Jesuit to mention the importance of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius for their life. The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius is a source of spirituality or teaches one how to live and how to keep living his spiritual life. How does the Spiritual Exercises really help for Jesuit formation?

JESUIT MAGIS presents a study of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola in a practical perspective: how does Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola in Jesuit formation? The experiences of 6 (six) early Jesuits, from three different times in the course of Spiritual Exercises, are presented in the context of understanding the Spiritual Exercises as a way of initial formation of a Jesuit: how and in what sense? Hopefully this book will help us know how some of the early Jesuits practiced the Spiritual Exercises. This book could serve to encourage many people to make use of the Church's rich spiritual tradition, the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola.

This book also describes the essentials of a Jesuit's initial formation as well as the essentials of the Spiritual Exercises. In addition, this book also invites us to recognize and present the experiences of the Spiritual Exercises of six Jesuits from the three early periods of the birth and development of the Society of Jesus. The hope here is that inspiration can be drawn from the use of the Spiritual Exercises for spiritual formation with its apostolic character that brings forth to individuals with an apostolic spirit in their day, as well as for today.

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