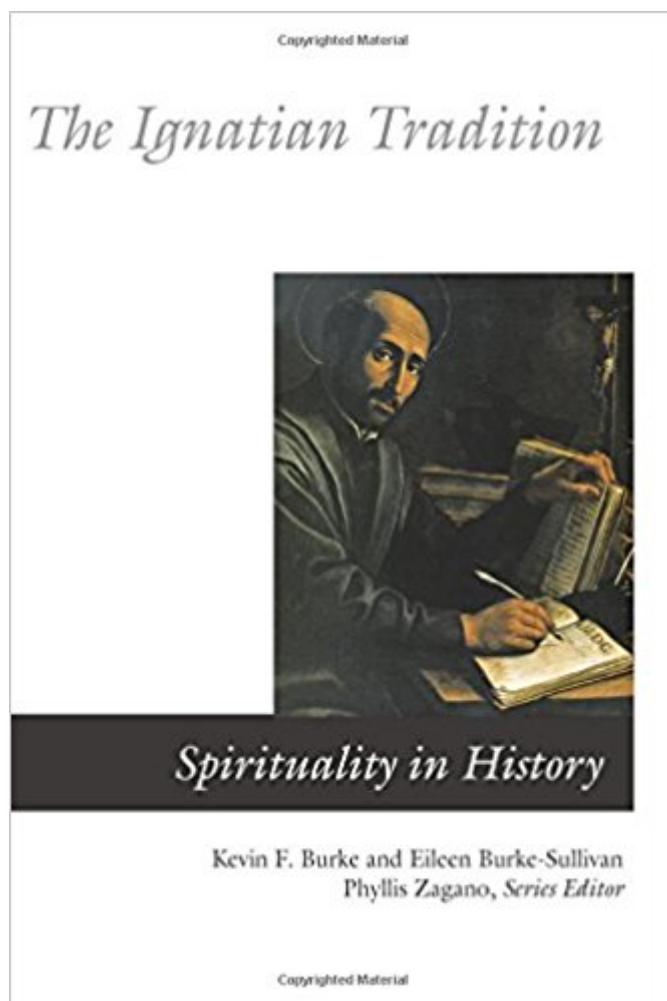


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The Ignatian tradition sprang up in the sixteenth century, the fruit of graces bestowed on a Basque nobleman, Ignatius of Loyola. Guided by a passion to find God in all things, Ignatius and his first companions founded the Society of Jesus and inspired many other religious orders and lay movements. Their influence spread across the globe even as they embraced various aspects of the cultures, languages, and institutions they encountered. This introduction is a mere sampling of the men and women influenced by Ignatius 'draws on the stories and writings of nineteen exemplary individuals as well as the corporate voice of the Jesuit order. Here we meet missionaries, scholars, artists, advocates, and martyrs. Contemplatives in action, they follow Christ by serving others. They embody the freedom born of a passionate knowledge of God's unending, unconditional love; precisely in this, they show us how to live well today. Eileen Burke-Sullivan, PhD, is a theologian, spiritual director, liturgist, and musician. She currently teaches at Creighton University where she also directs the Master of Arts in Ministry program. A well-known lecturer, she has served as a lay ecclesial minister in both parish and diocesan settings, and as a national and international leader in the Ignatian-inspired Christian Life Community movement. Kevin F. Burke, S.J., is a theologian, poet, and younger brother of Dr. Burke-Sullivan. He currently serves as the acting president and academic dean of the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley. He recently edited Pedro Arrupe: Essential Writings and coedited (with Robert Lassalle-Klein) Love that Produces Hope, a collection of essays on the thought of the Jesuit theologian and martyr, Ignacio Ellacura. — a.

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Those who are assisting others in the Spiritual Exercises or those interested in the history of spirituality would find this book valuable. Emmanuel Magazine The Ignatian Tradition presents a distinctive introduction to Ignatian Spirituality. Highlighting famous and not-well-known practitioners, the authors provide a historical and imaginative narrative to the development of the Ignatian approach. The scope and insight of their presentation will make this volume a valued resource for years to come. Rev. Thomas H. Smolich, SJ President, Jesuit Conference of the U.S.A. Witnessing to the evolution of Ignatian spirituality from the time of Ignatius himself to contemporary reflections on its adaptation to the issues and personalities of our own day, this is a fascinating and helpful volume. The authors' introductions are insightful and fresh; their selections, solid and richly diverse. It is a work which will prove helpful to those seeking orientation to the tradition and stimulating to those seeking to deepen their understanding of its meaning and challenge. Howard J. Gray, SJ, Assistant to the President, Georgetown University

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If you are looking to see how Ignatian Spirituality has been influential throughout the past few centuries, this is the book for you. It highlights individuals, both men and women, who have been

influenced by St. Ignatius and how they have applied in their own lives, both in the religious and secular life (to include culture). I read the book for a class, but it was helpful to see how St. Ignatius has shaped a part of the history of Christianity.

The section on the Jesuit, Fr. Alfred Delp, SJ, killed by the Nazi's in the last months of WW II is priceless, worth the book alone for that section. The other sections are enormously valuable. The section on Fr. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, S.J. is priceless, as well as the introduction by Kevin Burke on Teilhard's life.

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