The Next Chapter

WHAT IS THE NEXT CHAPTER?
The Next Chapter program sponsored by Saint Louis University Office of Mission and Identity is a six month guided journey whose purpose is to assist people to discern who God is calling them to be and what God is calling them to do in their next chapter of life.

WHO IS THE NEXT CHAPTER DESIGNED FOR?
This program is designed for people who are approaching retirement and who are already retired.

WHAT WILL NEXT CHAPTER PARTICIPANTS EXPERIENCE?
- A guided process
- Ignatian Spirituality
- Readings, videos and presentations from the leaders and guest speakers on relevant topics
- Discussions on relevant topics with other similarly situated people
- Exposure to various ways to serve others
- A supportive, consultative community
- Optional opportunities to work with a spiritual director and/or a coach.

WHAT ARE THE HOPES FOR THE NEXT CHAPTER PARTICIPANTS?
- The hope is that participants will benefit from a guided process in transitioning from their current chapter of life to their next chapter of life.
- The hope is that participants will benefit from content presented, the readings, and the group discussions.
- The hope is that participants will be assisted in discerning who they will be and what they will do in their next chapter.
- The hope is that participants will achieve a personal plan for their next chapter.
- The ultimate hope for participants is that they will achieve a personal next chapter plan consistent with who they feel called to be and what they feel called to do that truly excites them to begin their next chapter, a chapter of balance, peace and purpose.

THE NEXT CHAPTER PROGRAM
- The September meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. Other meetings will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at noon.
- Presenters: Chris Collins, SJ, Other Jesuits, SLU Faculty and Staff and others
- Program Leaders: Tom Auffenberg and Don Eggleston

COST OF THE NEXT CHAPTER PROGRAM
Cost = $500 - This fee covers all books and handouts, presenter fees, and food and drink at the meetings.

APPLICATION PROCESS
- To learn more about The Next Chapter program and have an opportunity to ask questions you are invited to attend an information session held in the Loyola Room in Jesuit Hall at St. Louis University starting at 7:00 p.m. on May 23, 2017, or June 28, 2017.
- TO RSVP for an information session please email Tom Auffenberg @tauffenb@slu.edu indicating which information session you will attend.
- If you are interested in learning more about the program and cannot attend either information session, please email Tom Auffenberg with a telephone number and he will contact you.
- Applications will be distributed via email after the information sessions.
- Applications will be accepted through July 14, 2017, and notification of acceptance into the program will take place no later than July 31, 2017.

THE DISCERNING PROCESS
The Discerning Your Future in the Ignatian Tradition

CHRIS COLLINS, SJ, ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR MISSION AND IDENTITY
Christopher Collins, SJ is the Assistant to the President for Mission and Identity at Saint Louis University. His research and teaching are in the areas of Systematic Theology and Spirituality. His publications include The Word Made Love: The Dialogical Theology of Joseph Ratzinger/Benedict XVI (Liturgical Press, 2013) and Three Moments of the Day: Praying with the Heart of Jesus (Ave Maria Press, 2014). He has published articles in America, Review for Religious and The New Jesuit Review. He regularly gives retreats around the country based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Fr. Collins is also the Chair of the Board of the Apostleship of Prayer for the United States.

TOM AUFFENBERG, PROGRAM LEADER
Tom retired in 2016 after careers in teaching, law/financial planning and twenty-five years as a business owner. His education includes a BA in philosophy from the Santa Clara University, a law degree from St. Louis University, a Certified Financial Planner designation, and an MA in theology and a Certificate in Spiritual Direction from Aquinas Institute. Tom participated in a one year program focusing on transitioning from the work years to the retirement years at The Halftime Institute and afterward became a Certified Halftime Coach. Tom is currently the Director for Contemplative Leaders in Action – St. Louis.

DON EGGLESTON, PROGRAM LEADER
Don retired in 2016 after a thirty year career in health care, and served the last ten years of his career as Vice President, Mission Integration for SSM Health. Don has an MA in both theology and organizational development. He has extensive experience in teaching adults, leading retreats and in coaching individuals in leadership roles. He is also the founder of Mission Works, a consulting group.