

## LOYOLA CONFERENCE FOR SECONDARY HEADS

From Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February (6pm) till Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 (2pm)

### *Can we talk about Jesus?*

#### *Jesuit schools in a multi convictional context*

A plurality of religious and non-religious convictions abound in the Europe of today. This plurality is both enriching and challenging in that this diversity of convictions and traditions makes for a more colorful public discourse. But it can also be inhibiting. For some – both within and outside of our catholic tradition - the very mention of Jesus becomes an obstacle to dialogue, a reason to disengage.

Yet the spiritual journey of Ignatius of Loyola shows us how the encounter with Jesus dramatically changed the course of his life. The still, life-giving dialogue with Jesus, engaging all the aspects of his person, opened Ignatius' s eyes (*conscience*) and heart (*compassion*) and mobilized his intelligence (*competence*) to act in a diversity of ways, always adapting to meet the needs of time and place (*commitment*).

*“The spiritual encounter with Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of Jesuit education and our challenge as educators is to invite students and school communities to discover the inexhaustible richness of it through a personal and communal discernment. Whilst we recognize the diversity of the religious and secular contexts in which our schools operate, Jesuit education cannot happen unless a strong religious and spiritual formation can be offered in our schools.” (Rio 2017)*

The aim of the conference will be to show how Jesus, far from being an obstacle to dialogue, can become the source and the means of an open, deep and fruitful dialogue in a multi-convictional context.

Two Keynotes speakers will assist us in our reflections:

**P. Adrian Porter sj** is a Jesuit priest working in the British Province. Adrian worked as headmaster of St Aloysius College in Glasgow and Wimbledon College, London. He writes and presents on Jesuit education and is a regular speaker on the international circuit.

**M. Dennis Gira**, : Theologian, researcher and French writer of North American origin, specialist of the Buddhism. Based on his experience and on real-life examples. He proposes and develops five rules on to engage in a real dialogue ; these apply in the fields of religions, inter-culture exchange as well as philosophy and politics.

You are asked **to complete and return the registration form (see below) to your Delegate before the 15<sup>th</sup> of December**. The cost of the conference is **500 € / person**, all included. We will send an invoice as soon as we have the registration forms.

The Jecse steering committee,

Ricardo Angulo, Brian Flannery, Ferenc Holczinger sj, Peter Knapen and Bernard Peeters sj



[Here below the registration](#)



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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

First name \_\_\_\_\_

FUNCTION \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

subscribes for the Jecse meeting in Loyola from 27/02 till 02/03/2018

languages spoken :            English            French            Spanish

languages understood :      English            French            Spanish

**In order to organise the transfer from Bilbao to LOYOLA we will have to know these details (when available) :**

day /time of arrival in Bilbao :

flight n° :

day/time of departure from Bilbao:

flight n° :