



*St. Ignatius Loyola
1491-1556
Founder of the Society of Jesus*

St. Xavier High School

Department of Religious Education

...to assist young men in their formation as leaders and men for and with others through rigorous college preparation in the Jesuit tradition.

The Religion Dept. of St. Xavier High School is comprised of 15 faculty members, full and part-time. The philosophy and approach of the department is to:

- Invite students to a deeper understanding of our relationship with God who became incarnate in Jesus Christ through study of both the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures
- Encourage students to experience God as present in his own life and the sacramental life of the Church
- Equip students with a systematic approach to forming conscience and confronting personal and social moral problems
- Explore various dimensions that are involved in living as disciples in the modern world

Each student is required to take eight semesters of religion throughout their high school career. Their regimen will run as follows:

- **Freshmen**: Scriptures: Old and New Testament
- **Sophomores**: Faith, Church, and Sacraments
- **Juniors**: Christian Morality/Social Justice
- **Seniors**: A choice of two of the following electives:
 - Bioethics*
 - Gospel and Popular Culture*
 - Ignatian Themes in Film*
 - Meditation*
 - Question of God*
 - Relationships*
 - Responding to Violence*
 - World Religions*
 - Walking the Way*

The Religion Department works in concert with the departments of Campus Ministry and Community Service.