

Gratitude Report

2020 - 2021 Annual Report 2022 Calendar



This year marks the 500th anniversary of the conversion of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Convalescing at his family home after incurring a leg injury from a cannonball, St. Ignatius left behind a life of chivalry and games to embark upon a journey of humble service and generosity. St. Ignatius did not take these next steps alone. He was surrounded by new companions in life that continued to invite him to become the loving and generous person he was created to be. One could say that his deep conversion set into motion a lifelong transformation.

Whether we are behind the prison walls or at Ignacio House, our community, too, is graced by the experiences of deep conversions each day. Thrive For Life understands how essential a supportive living community is to permanently and successfully returning home as a contributing member of society.

We are grateful to all the people who partner with us to transform lives behind and beyond the prison walls. Your generosity and care for our mission make possible the continuity of care that we offer returning citizens. The faces and names of the men and women who make up our Thrive For Life community are filled throughout these pages. Despite not being able to be behind the walls for retreats due to the pandemic, volunteer spiritual mentors consistently provide our brothers and sisters behind the walls with a monthly newsletter filled with quality reflective and meditative resources for an examined life. Our university partners generously offer our resident scholars at Ignacio House the necessary scholarship to continue the excellent work of college education that they began while incarcerated. Numerous generous employers and community partners provide meaningful and gainful employment to our resident scholars, so they are prepared to successfully and permanently return to our neighborhoods. Finally, and most importantly, our resident scholars fill this world with the newness of a grace-filled emerging life as they continue to give themselves to academic studies while living together in community at Ignacio House.

This year, we offer you a dynamic Gratitude Report that will nourish you each month in the coming year. Inside this report is a yearly calendar filled with various faces of resident scholars at Ignacio House. Your generosity makes our holistic suite of services possible. May you be blessed for all you do to empower our brothers and sisters to thrive for life!



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Thank you to the dedicated volunteers who accompany our brothers and sisters behind and beyond prison walls.



S S Context The U.S. is the most incarcerated country in the world, housing 2.5 million individuals in its jails and prisons.

Target Market

There are over 150,000 individuals pursuing degrees behind prison walls. Thrive For Life offers a continuity of care for highly committed students and connects them with a holistic suite of services.

Participating Facilities

- Sing Sing
- NYSDOC Taconic
- Otisville
- · Rikers Island
- Manhattan Detention Complex
- NYSDOC Wallkill
- New Jersey State Prison
- NYSDOC Taconic
- Shawangunk
- NYSDOC Moriah Shock Incarceration

- Adirondack
- Gouverneur
- Auburn
- Attica
- Gowanda
- NYSDOC Southport
- NYSDOC Cayuga
- Washington
- Onondaga Dept. of Correction
- NYSDOC Hale Creek



Purpose

Thrive For Life's retreats offer classical quality reflective and meditative tools for an examined life. Participating facilities receive monthly newsletters to distribute. According to St. Ignatius of Loyola, the Spiritual Exercises are "every way of examining one's conscience, of meditating, of contemplating, of praying vocally and mentally, and of performing other spiritual actions."

Notes from behind the walls: I can plant a twisted, dried up thing and Know that this thing

in my hand will be a beautiful liatris flower in the spring. That is hope because I know what it will become even if I can't see it while holding it my hand.

> However, the most beautiful thing in your newsletter is your garden "I loved it." I know when you sit there and feel the breezes as you eat or converse your whole body feel the peace within. You guys are doing a superb job there. May God continue to bless everyone there. I hope that one day I could visit.

Education

Thrive For Life with partners local universities to offer scholarships referrals to our transitional supportive living community at Ignacio House of Studies. Thrive For Life seeks to expand our partnership with Georgetown and Marquette Universities.

















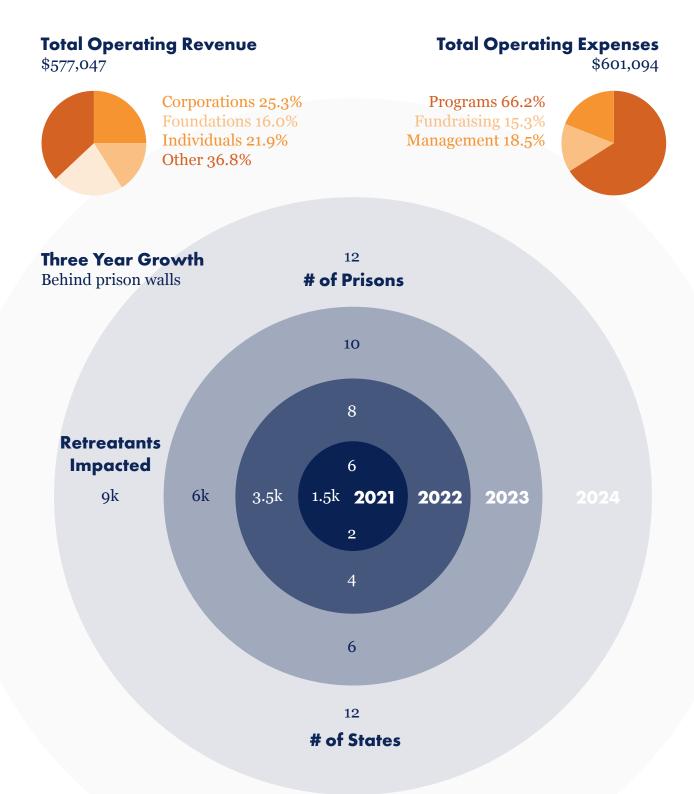




Thrive For Life is most grateful for the generosity from individuals, foundations, corporations, and event-driven donations. We feel confident moving into the next phase of our growth thanks to our community of support.

Financial Highlights

We are pleased to present this financial summary for our 2020-2021 fiscal year (July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021):



Cost Avoidance

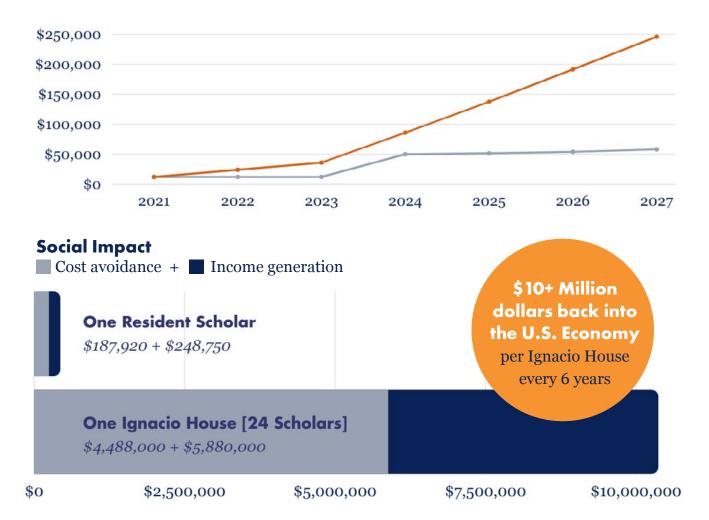
Exponential savings to taxpayers



A single cot in the city shelter compared to a safe, stable and supportive living community.

Income Generation

Upon release, assuming a \$12k annual salary for the first three years and an average \$50k salary in subsequent years, resident scholars become contributing members of society.



Thank You

From long standing partner institutions to members of the Ignatian family, corporations, and foundations. Thrive For Life is proud and grateful to benefactors who support currently and formerly incarcerated brothers and sisters from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

\$50,000+

Sisters of St. Francis - Sacred Heart Charitable Fdn.

USA Northeast Province of the Society of Jesus

\$25,000 to \$49,000

America Media Giving Tuesday Campaign Achelis & Bodman Fdn. Fidinam Int'l. Charity Fdn. **Xavier High School**

\$10,000 to \$24,999

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\$5,000 to \$9,999

Campbell, Frances S. Grant, Annette Erdei-Desai, Zita & Anish Hotaling, Brian

\$1,000 to \$4,999

Bormann, Eugene Bouteiller, Patrice & Leon St. Francis De Sales Church St. Ignatius Loyola Church

Corwin, Mary Lynn Dratler, Sandra J. Facebook Green, Deborah Harless, Mary & Douglas

Jeran Family Fdn. Global Communications, c/o

Brian Munden Lurie, Gabrielle W.

McCarthy, Robert E.

McGonigle, Michael Miller Family Fdn.

Paint & Praise Event

Quill & Dagger Society

Ruconich, John Joseph

Sheehan, Bill & Stephanie

Sheehan, Lorraine M.

Walking with the Excluded **Event Series**

\$500 to \$999

Anonymous Berkopec, Brian Bonacini, Luigi A. Bonadia, Roseann Bulger, William Crouch, Patti D'sa, Peter

Digirolamo, Dominic M. Engelhart, Jacqueline & Thomas J.

Fairfield Jesuit Community

Gallagher, John Gomez, Michelle Hendricks, Brian J Judge, Philip S.J. Lee, Barbara A.

Manuali, Tanya Bastianich

McGratty, Joseph

Melo, Paul

Presutti, Patricia & Steven

Russo, Sharon M. Ruth, Laurence Simpson, Peter Smyley, Ethelyn L. St. Francis Xavier Church The Great Fdn., c/o Garv Freidman, Trustee The Jesuit Community at Boston College High School

Up to \$499

Adam, David R. & Patricia A. Ahles, Alan Albanese, John Alfieri, Stephen Alvarado Puente, Rogelio

Amazon Smile Anderson, Rose Antonucci, Roseanne

Arico, Carl J.

Baker, Cindy & Joe Baker, Thomas Barry, Maryanne T.

Becikesm, Derick Begley, Meredith Bendl, Jaroslav

Benz, Heather Bjordal, Lisa

Bonnette, Kathleen Booth, John & Nancy

Boyne, Alice M. Bruni, Christopher Buck, Katherine Bulger, Bill Canning, William Cannon, Michael Caponi, Cara

Cardillo, Marina

Carlino, Kevin & Warren, Ed

Chin, Elanya Ching, Robert Christiansen, Karina Clancy, Alan Clinton, Jason Colicchio, Thomas Community Foundation of **Collier Country** Conner, Kesha Corsico, Gregory Costantino, Rev. Joseph Crosson, Edward and Ann Curley, Kevin Curran, Mary Ellen D Revilla Candedo, Maria D'Arecca, Nicholas Dailey, Bob Danis, Mark Davies, Robert De Souza, Angela De Weerdt-Duffy, Astrid F. Del Tredici, Judith Deteskey, Henry DeWorsop, Tara Diaz, Luz Marina Dileonardo, Eva Donnelly, Daniel Donohue, James Doyle, Michael Dumas, Charles Engelhart, Paul Erbach, Bart Falci, Judith E. Fava, Nancy Faxel, Dan Fay, Susan C. Ferrara, Robert Fila, Sabina Fishman, Ellen Funari, Paul Fussell, Barbara Gagliardo, Thomas

Gajaraj, Hema

Gilman, Barry Greener, Diann Greenwald, Lewis J. Guss, Elizabeth Gutierrez, Duvan Haas, Peter Hammarth, Patricia Heery-Hyatt, Micaela Hernandez, Robert Herr, Barbara Heverly, Walter Hilbert, Rev. Michael Hillyard, Steven Hoffman, Anne Horwitz, Lawrence Hurko, Roman & Carmen Jacob, Vernel Jensen, Jamie Johnstone, Beverley Jurkanin, Janice Kavanah, Kevin Kelso, Kathleen Kent, Maria & Paul Khan, Aisha Kilty, Kevin King, Eileen Kipka, Kenneth Kittany, Dee Koirtyohann, Kara Kraus, Joyce Marie Lamanna, Michael Lembo, Karen Kleppe & August T. Linsig, Kim Loesch, Dennis Lonzetta, Margaret Lynch, Helen Craig Madsen, Rev. John Maher, Edward C. Maloney, Mary Celeste

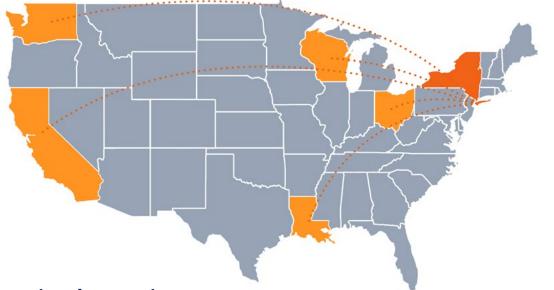
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Marter, Adam Martori, Diane McAuliffe, Thomas McCormick, Kathryn McDermott, Maria F. McDonough, Kristin McElwee, Judith McGahan, Patrick McGovern, Michael McGowan, Ann McGowan, Elizabeth McGowan, Sarah McManus, Mark McNamara, Mary Jean Meister, Christopher Mendoza, Danila Miller, Alison Monet, Steven and Sue Mucci, Julia Ann Mullen, Daniel Murphy, John Nakhjavani, Tamara O'Regan, Dorothy E Oberdick, Ronald J. Oda, Jennifer Ononye, Goziem Onxley, Randy Oswald, Sara Oyeniyi, Kelcey Pasley, Nancy L. Peropat, Gloria Presutti, Jacob Presutti, Zoie Quinn, Terrence Read, David A Read, Sean Reldan, Robert R. Rindone, John Rivera, Guadalupe Robinson, Lynn Roccosalva, David

the Ascension Rosenthal, Harold Russo, Joanne Sabini, Paul Sawyer, Jennifer Scharf, Carl Schecter, Evelind Scullin, Jane Shaghalian, Johanna Sheffler, Margaret Singleton, Boreta Sisters of Charity of NY Sisters of the Divine Savior Smith, Ron Spiller, Christopher M. St. Theresa's Men's Club Stack, Dennis Stamatiou, Maria Stein, David Sweeney, Matthew Szabo, Denise S. Taverna, Robert Tesser, Zoe The Aveni Charitable Giving Tomasovich, Beth Townley, Sarah Trautmann, Emilie Tunney, Michael Tynan, Tracey Valmonte, Nina Vielkind, Natalie Vitali, Colleen Volpicella, Thomas Walsh, Denis & Cecile Warren, John Woolwine, David E. Wray, Michael Yannolo, Paul Zaccarini, Cristina Zega, Michael E.

Roman Catholic Church of





National Expansion

Despite a year of great challenge and consternation due to the pandemic, Thrive For Life looks forward to all the exciting next steps in our journey toward growth. As we reflect and give thanks for the generosity of our donors, volunteers, and friends, we invite you to accompany us as we bring our mission to transform lives behind and beyond the U.S. prison walls to communities across the country. We look forward to partnering with Marquette University in Milwaukee as we begin the process of opening a brand new house of studies in Wisconsin's largest city. In addition, join us as we endeavor to bring our Ignacio House model to Washington, D.C. in partnership with the Georgetown University PIVOT program and to Brooklyn with the help of the local diocese and Catholic Charities. Finally, come along with us to Upstate New York as we forge a brand new partnership with Cornell University's Prison Education Program. All of these and more will be the product of many hours of hard work and dedication, made possible by the support of our entire community. Thank you for helping us along the way. Join us on the road ahead!

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Add Thrive For Life Prison Project as your chosen charity.

In-Kind Donation

Gifts of books, goods, and your time meet a great need.

Consider Legacy Giving

With the help of an advisor, consider including Thrive For Life in your will or trust by specifying a gift be made as part of your estate plan.

Care Packages & Welcome Home Backpacks

Offer incarcerated individuals essential toiletries and modest comfort items that are unavailable or difficult to acquire.

Volunteer

Interested in supporting the Thrive For Life mission?

Visit: www.thriveforlife.org/join





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16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	18	19	20	21	22
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John's story is a rich tapestry of struggle, pain, forgiveness, and hope. A marine veteran who served in Vietnam, he returned from multiple combat tours and soon found himself behind bars. During his 36 years of incarceration, John grew to realize that a critical first step on the road to restoration is learning to forgive himself. Spending the next 15 years training therapy dogs for veterans and survivors of domestic violence, John found a sense of purpose that sowed the seeds for his transformation.





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	8	Thrive For Life Founding Anniversary		
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"Business is a framework for how we develop societies, communities and the world. I pursued my MBA because I wanted a deeper understanding of how business works. It's about believing in oneself, persevering and adopting good business practices. Having the knowledge, the vision and the right strategy to be successful. After graduation I see myself continuing to grow and develop. My ultimate goal would be to leave a lasting impression on this world using all that God has blessed me with; my strengths and my weaknesses."





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There is a comradery associated with going to college while in prison. Incarcerated students dedicate energy to discussion and debate, exercising the mind and engaging their peers. Professors behind prison walls take on a vital role as well, acting both as authority figures and mentors. Finally, college classes provide an alternative to gang life in prison.





			Beginning of Ramadan		
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Palm Sunday		13	Holy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	18				23
24			28		30

New life and growth abound as the winter months draw to a close. So too does the Ignacio House Community garden, dutifully tended to by Jimmy. The project, now in its second year, started as an idea to re-purpose the empty space behind Ignacio House and bring it new life. "Throughout the season, we grow vegetables of all kinds. Come time for the harvest, we share what grows with members of the house and the community."

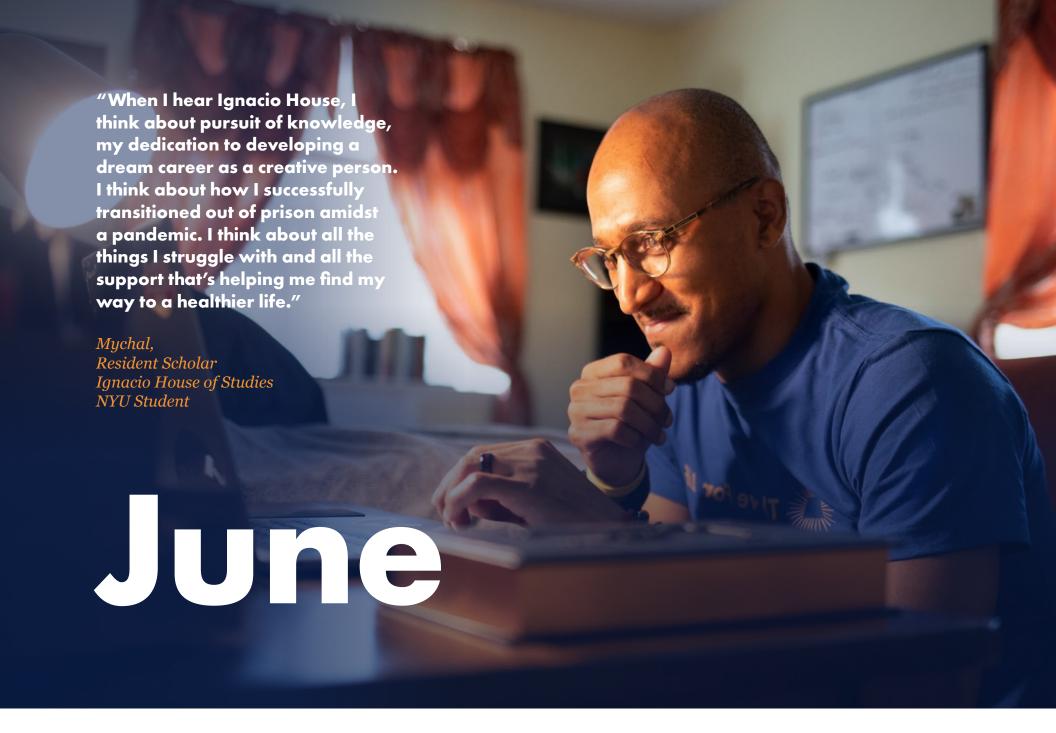




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29	Memorial Day	31				

Gainful employment sows the seeds for success in life. For Italo, his work as a union general contractor has given him the opportunity to cultivate his skills and contribute to his community.

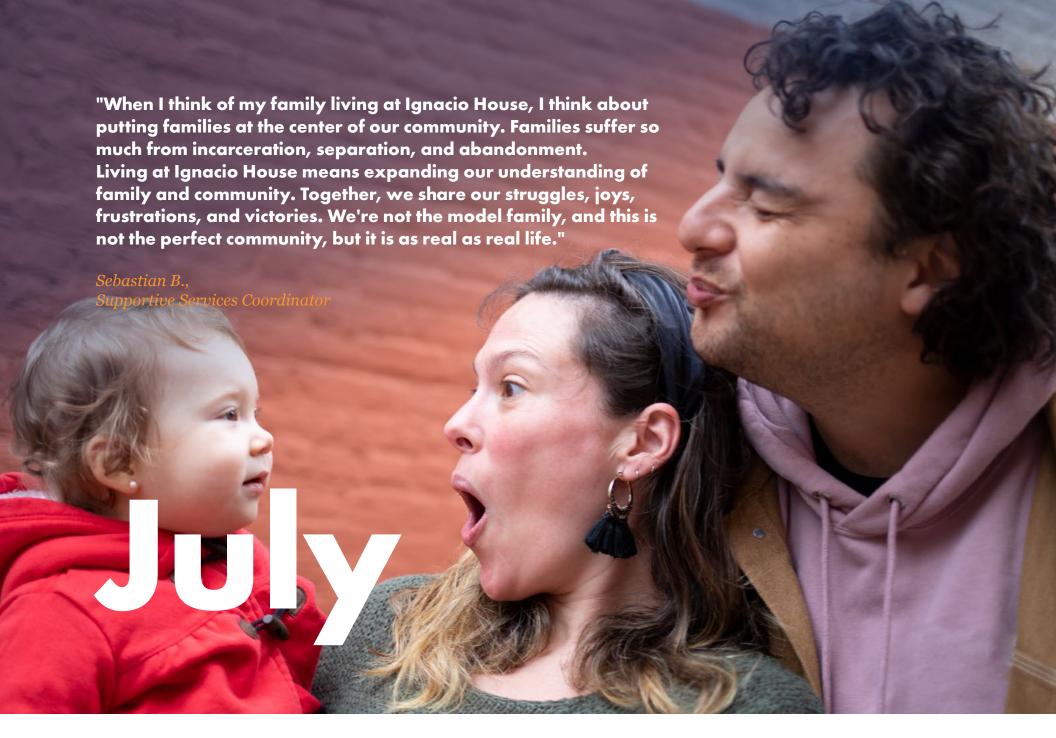




			Ignacio House Anniversary		3	4
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Fr. Zach's Ordination Anniversary	13	14				18
Juneteenth				23	24	
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Since joining the House of Studies, Mychal has focused intensely on his academic work as a full-time student at NYU. Mychal endeavors to apply his adept photography, editing, and videography skills to bring life to stories and branding campaigns. He also dutifully serves on the Ignacio House Resident Leadership Council, in which he welcomes new residents and supports ongoing enrichment programs. Most recently, Mychal took the lead in establishing the Ignacio House Community Library which he stocked with literature for the intellectual and personal growth of his fellow scholars.





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24	25	Feast of St. Anne	27	28	29	Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola
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The care of the whole person has as its source our strong Ignatian spirituality: cura personalis. Thrive For Life seeks to respond to the various pillars of human development (psychological, emotional, physical, spiritual, and intellectual) through complementary and supportive services. That is why our care is holistic and is also tailor-made. If the time behind the walls is traumatic, the process of rejoining society can be just as traumatic if attention is not paid to the person as a whole. With compassion, solidarity, and affection, this community can carry out a task like Ignacio House.





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Art has something to give to everyone. Whether you are the artist or the spectator, creative expression invites one to see life through a unique lens. In doing so, we explore our stories and contemplate the many episodes of our journey. So says Omar, a prolific writer and artist, having successfully published over a dozen original poems. He desires to leverage his artistic skills to help others confront trauma and begin healing through art. Taking that first step down the right road begins the journey.





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"I do community outreach, speak at the mosque I attend, and I've spoken to a few classes at NYU about prison and the effect it has on people. I'm also in a few groups that deal with policing and criminalization and the situation inside of prison during the COVID-19 pandemic. I'm going for my Associate degree in Liberal Arts now. My ultimate goal is to do social work to give back."





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Birth Date of St. Ignatius of Loyola	24			28	
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"I keep proving people wrong. There are a lot of [formerly incarcerated people] just like me. I want to show people we can do better and we can be the solution. We can be hard workers. I want to make it better for the next person, just like others did for me. I want to recommend other guys to Ignacio House who can also be pillars for the community."





		All Saints' Day	2	3	4	5
6		8	9		Veteran's Day	12
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Beginning of Advent	28	29	30			

Thrive For Life is at its core a family. Members of our family come from all walks of life and experience. In particular, we celebrate the many faith community partners who make up a crucial part of our ministry beyond the walls. These parishes share a commitment to our mission to transform lives behind and beyond the prison walls and will play an important role in supporting our new spiritual retreat programming for families affected by incarceration.





					Feast of St. Francis Xavier
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18				23	Christmas Eve
2.5 Christmas Day		28		30	New Year's Eve

Thrive For Life is incredibly blessed to have the support of our many partners and volunteers, without whom our work would be impossible.





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