CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS –2014 Cohort

“Companions in Inspiring Futures” (CIF)
Conversations on teaching and learning in the Ignatian/Jesuit tradition

Manresa for Faculty in the Center for Teaching and Learning announces a new cohort beginning in January 2014 of “Companions in Inspiring Futures” (CIF), a year-long interdisciplinary faculty learning community that will explore teaching and learning in the Ignatian/Jesuit tradition. At the heart of Ignatian pedagogy is the invitation to “reflect on one’s experience.” Participants will reflect on their teaching and student learning in light of the 500 year history of Ignatian practice and the contemporary direction of Jesuit higher education worldwide. Each participant will engage in developing an Ignatian course assignment that they will use in the 2014-2015 academic year.

Structure
A maximum of 10 faculty members across disciplines will be selected for this on-going “conversation, reflection, action” group that will include:
- Five 90 minute meetings in the course of the semester to be scheduled at a mutually-agreed upon time;
- A mandatory two day retreat in May or June 2014 (overnight stay is not required);
- Development of an assignment using elements of Ignatian/Jesuit pedagogy
- A public presentation (workshop) for faculty across campus.

Participants who complete the process will receive an $800 stipend payable in salary dollars in June 2014.

Outcomes: The CIF learning community will:
- engage in an inquiry-based exploration of teaching and learning using the foundations of Ignatian/Jesuit Pedagogy;
- examine the contemporary application of Ignatian/Jesuit pedagogy and explore best practices and ways to be more intentional about its use with students;
- commit to being public advocates of good Ignatian pedagogical practice by sharing their experiences with others in their departments as well as in inter and cross disciplinary situations;
- develop assignments to be implemented in the 2014-15 academic year with particular attention given to Ignatian/Jesuit pedagogy

Application: Apply by email (by January 10) to susan.mountin@marquette.edu and include responses to the following items in your application:
1. Name
2. Department
3. Indicate two of three of your most pressing concerns regarding teaching and learning in a Jesuit institution
4. Part of this program is an individual teaching project pursued by each participant (course redesign). At this time what course are you interested in redesigning? How many students does it serve? Why this course?
5. In two or three paragraphs: What do you think you can contribute to this faculty learning community? And why do you want to participate?