Frequently Asked Questions

What is Moved to Greater Love?

Moved to Greater Love is a Lenten/Easter invitation to Magnanimity, Silence, Creativity, and Depth, calling participants to consider how God’s love burns away fear and opens us to respond generously and wholeheartedly to the significant changes that will take place in Jesuit ministries throughout the country. The program also offers us an opportunity to connect with three key moments in the Society of Jesus: the deliberation of the First Fathers – their daily prayer, evening gathering, and communal work of creating/designing the Society of Jesus; the 200th anniversary of the restoration of the Society in 1814; the “re-creation” of the Society in our contemporary reality.

Moved to Greater Love will start Sunday, March 2 (Ash Wednesday is March 5), and end on the third Sunday of Easter, May 4. All materials and instructions for Moved to Greater Love will be found at Jesuits.org/GreaterLove.

Who can participate?

The Provincials of the United States have invited all Jesuits and colleagues in Jesuit ministries to use Lent and Easter as a time to ask for the graces we need to discern the Lord’s presence in the many changes coming to Jesuit ministries. These changes, including greater lay leadership, merging of Jesuit communities, and an increasingly secular/spiritual-but-not-religious culture, are the context in which God will work among us in the years to come. Moved to Greater Love will help all of us in Jesuit ministry deepen our dependence on God and sharpen our vision for the movements of the Spirit.

What is the content of the program?

Moved to Greater Love’s nine-week online program will focus on four specific graces: Gratitude, Spiritual Freedom, Vision, and Joy.

- The first week (March 2-8) will serve as “Disposition Days,” readying us for what is to come.
- Beginning March 9, there will be two weeks of prayer and reflection for each grace with daily online content, including questions for reflection, readings and a multi-media component. Each two-week period begins on a Sunday with an introduction that explains the grace sought, the reasons for seeking this grace, the connection to the previous grace, and ends on a Saturday with reflection/repetition/Examen.
How can I participate?

*Moved to Greater Love* has two components: daily individual prayer and three gatherings during its nine weeks.

**Daily Prayer:** Each evening, material for the following day’s prayer will be posted on [Jesuits.org/GreaterLove](https://jesuits.org/GreaterLove). Participants will receive an evening email with the link to the following day’s material for prayer. Each day will include a reading, questions for reflection, and a multimedia component. There is no recommended time for this daily prayer; the materials themselves can be reviewed in 10 minutes or less.

All colleagues who wish to participate in the daily prayer can go to [Jesuits.org/GreaterLove](https://jesuits.org/GreaterLove) and follow the “opt-in” link. All Jesuits in the US will be registered automatically as participants for the daily prayer. A Jesuit can choose not to participate by going to Jesuits.org/GreaterLove and following the “opt-out” link. PDFs of the material will be available by request on the website.

**Gatherings:** *Moved to Greater Love* will include communal experiences as a way to enhance the individual experience, or as a touchstone for people to connect with the graces even if they don’t take part in the daily individual prayer. The desire is that the communal experience will produce a communal sense of gratitude, spiritual freedom, vision and joy which complements the individual experience. These communal experiences would be “spiritual conversations” among Jesuit brothers, friends, and colleagues, helping to lead all to a deepening awareness of God’s presence. There would be three such gatherings, roughly at the beginning, middle and end of the nine weeks, coordinated by the local director of work or his/her delegate for the ministry, and by the local Jesuit superior or his delegate for the Jesuit community. Please see the following sheet for examples of the group process.

Is there an expected outcome?

While one never knows what will happen in prayer and reflection, by asking for graces of gratitude, spiritual freedom, vision, and joy, we will be asking God to deepen these gifts in ourselves, our communities, and in our future discernment.

Directors of works and Jesuit superiors will be asked to share the graces of the experience with their provincial at the end of the process. Individuals will be invited to do the same. Feedback will also be obtained in a “Survey Monkey” format with a brief evaluation on content and process. The Jesuit Provincials of the United States will use the feedback in their apostolic planning and discernment for the future of Jesuit ministries in the United States. With five new provincials taking office this summer, your responses to the experience will be an invaluable aid in their coming to know the Society and its ministries. Your involvement will make a difference.

Thank you for your participation and cooperation. Please direct any questions about the program to mtgl@jesuits.org.