

## The Society of Jesus: Constitutions and Complementary Norms

Prayerful Study Plan - May 15 – Oct 2, 2017

### Materials

- *The Constitutions of the Society of Jesus and Their Complementary Norms: A Complete English Translation of the Official Latin Texts.*  
John W. Padberg, S.J., General Editor. **(CCN)** ISBN 9781880810248
- *“Our Way of Proceeding”: To Make the Constitutions of the Society of Jesus and Their Complementary Norms Our Own.*  
William A. Barry, S.J. **(OWP)** ISBN 9781880810309
- Journal for thoughts and questions
- Page markers for reading assignments and key passages

### Pre-reading

**OWP: p 1-4** Introduction, especially “Preparation for Prayer” p 3, as this method may be used every day for reading.

**CCN: p vii-xxix** Introduction, Prefaces, Table of Contents, and Notes, which are important to learn to navigate the sometimes beautiful, and sometimes beastly format of this little blue book.

### Schedule for Reading and Prayer

Date	Week	Topic	OWP	CCN	Group Discussion?
5/15	I	The Institute: “Our Pathway to God”	P 5-14	P 3-15 Formulas of the Institute (Popes Julius III and Paul III)  P 19-53 General Examen with its Declarations  P 56-86 CCN Preamble and Part 1  P 92-125 CCN Parts 2 and 3  P 130-187 CCN Part 4  P 192-206 CCN Part 5	Week of 5/29 – First Conversation, Formulas and General Examen
5/22	II	God’s dream: moving from “me” to “us”	P 14-21		
5/29	Break				
6/5	III	First probation, postulancy, novitiate	P 21-34		
6/12	IV	Ongoing studies and their purpose	P 34-46		
6/19	V	Formation for mission	P 46-55		
6/26	VI	Vows and grades	P 55-67		
7/3	Break				

7/10	VII	Vows: chastity and sexuality	P 68-76	P 220-268 CCN Part 6  P 19-53 General Examen with its Declarations	Week of 7/3 – Parts I-V
7/17	VIII	Vows: obedience, conscience, and mysticism	P 76-87		Week of 7/31 – Part VI
7/24	IX	Vows: poverty and community	P 87-99		
7/31	X	Prayer, women, interior and exterior freedom, the “sweet law of love”	P 99-110		
8/7	XI	Ministry: mission and criteria	P 110-124	P 276-294 CCN Part 7	Week of 8/28 – Parts VII and VIII
8/14	XII	Ministry: prudence, mobility, creativity	P 125-137		
8/21	XIII	Ministry: the active laity	P 137-150		
8/28	XIV	Union of minds and hearts: selectivity, obedience and communication	P 150-160	P 316-341 CCN Part 8	
9/4	XV	Union of minds and hearts: community life	P 160-167		
9/11	Break				
9/18	XVI	Spiritual governance	P 168-180	P 356-392 CCN Part 9	Week of 9/25 – Conclusion and Examen
9/25	XVII	The well-being, preservation, and increase of the Society	P 181-188	P 401 CCN Part 10	
10/2	Contemplation to Obtain Love		P 189-190		