

## Fr. Hugo Rahner Speaking as St. Ignatius

In 1990, Fr. Hugo Rahner was asked by his fellow Jesuits to write a letter to them as if he were Ignatius speaking to his disciples. The gist of what Fr. Rahner wrote---speaking as though he were Ignatius---was: "My dear sons, if you want to understand what it means to be a Jesuit, you need to understand me. In order to understand me you need to know that **I have met God**. Even more, **I know that I have met God**, and I know **how** I came to meet God—**through the spiritual exercises**. I founded the Society of Jesus to **help people come to meet God and discern His will for them by leading them through the Spiritual Exercises**. If you want to be faithful to me and to your Jesuit vocation, then you need to be able to connect whatever work you are doing with these exercises." St. Ignatius died in 1556, and the grace God wrought through him continues to benefit folks in our time.