



Firefly (Bogár) community

Welcome our brothers and sisters
in Ignatian spirituality

Why Firefly?

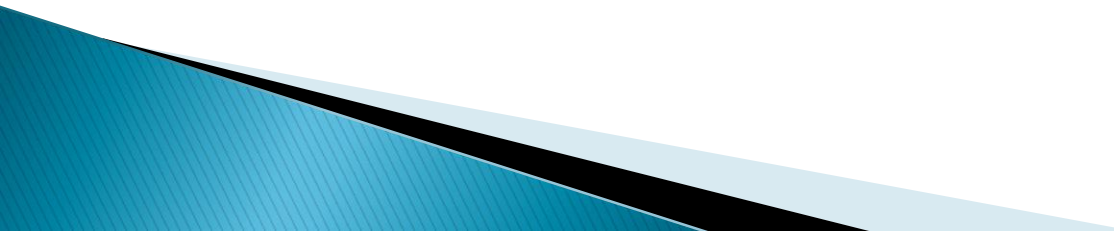
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*Az Isten küld, testvéreim, tinéktek
Hogy sugarai eleven tüzét,
Amik Arcáról a szívembe égtek,
Sugározzam csendesen szertesét
A testvéreknek, kik az éjben járnak.
Az Isten küldött, szentjánosbogárnak.
Sík Sándor SchP*

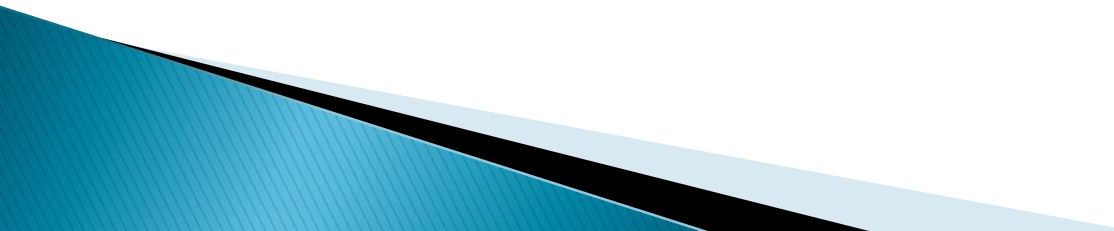
*God sends me, my brothers and sisters, to You
to spread out silently his firebeams,
which burned into my heart from his face,
for the brothers and sisters, who live in
darkness. God sent me to be firefly.
Sándor Sík, SchP*



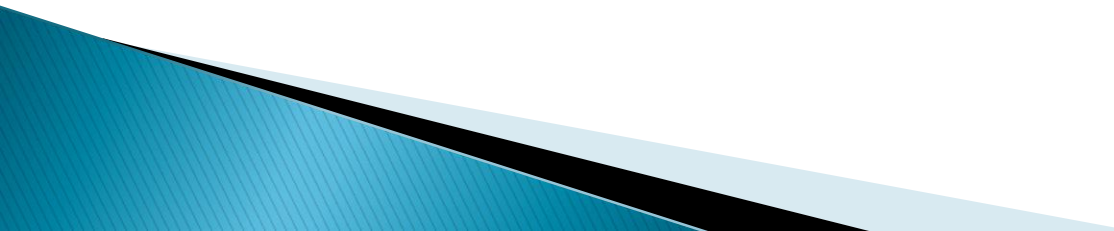
Who We Are

- ▶ Christian value system
 - ▶ Grassroot organisation (founded by families)
 - ▶ Since 1991, (18 years ago)
 - ▶ Non-formal education of children and youth
 - ▶ Ages in camps: 10–15, 16–20, 20–99
 - ▶ Nationwide (Hungary) network
 - ▶ State registered NGO, legal entity
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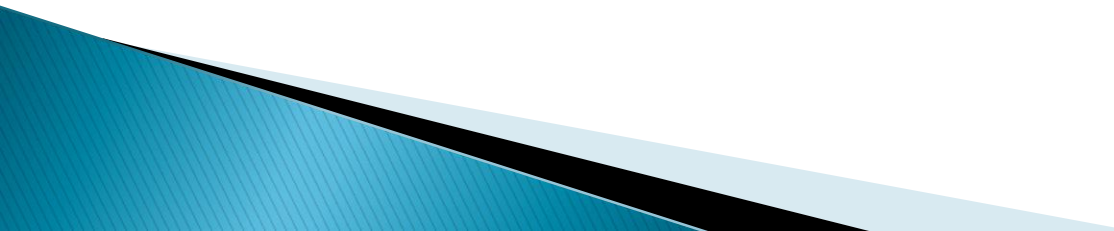
Our main characteristics

1. Community
 2. Games
 3. Summer camps
 4. Ignatian spirituality
 5. Based on volunteer work
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1. Community

- ▶ Relationship oriented (not task oriented)
 - ▶ The glue and basis: strong friendships.
 - ▶ Small groups
 - ▶ Team work
 - ▶ Virtual – mailing list, homepage, forum, individual blogs*
 - ▶ Hardcopy Magazine 4 times a year
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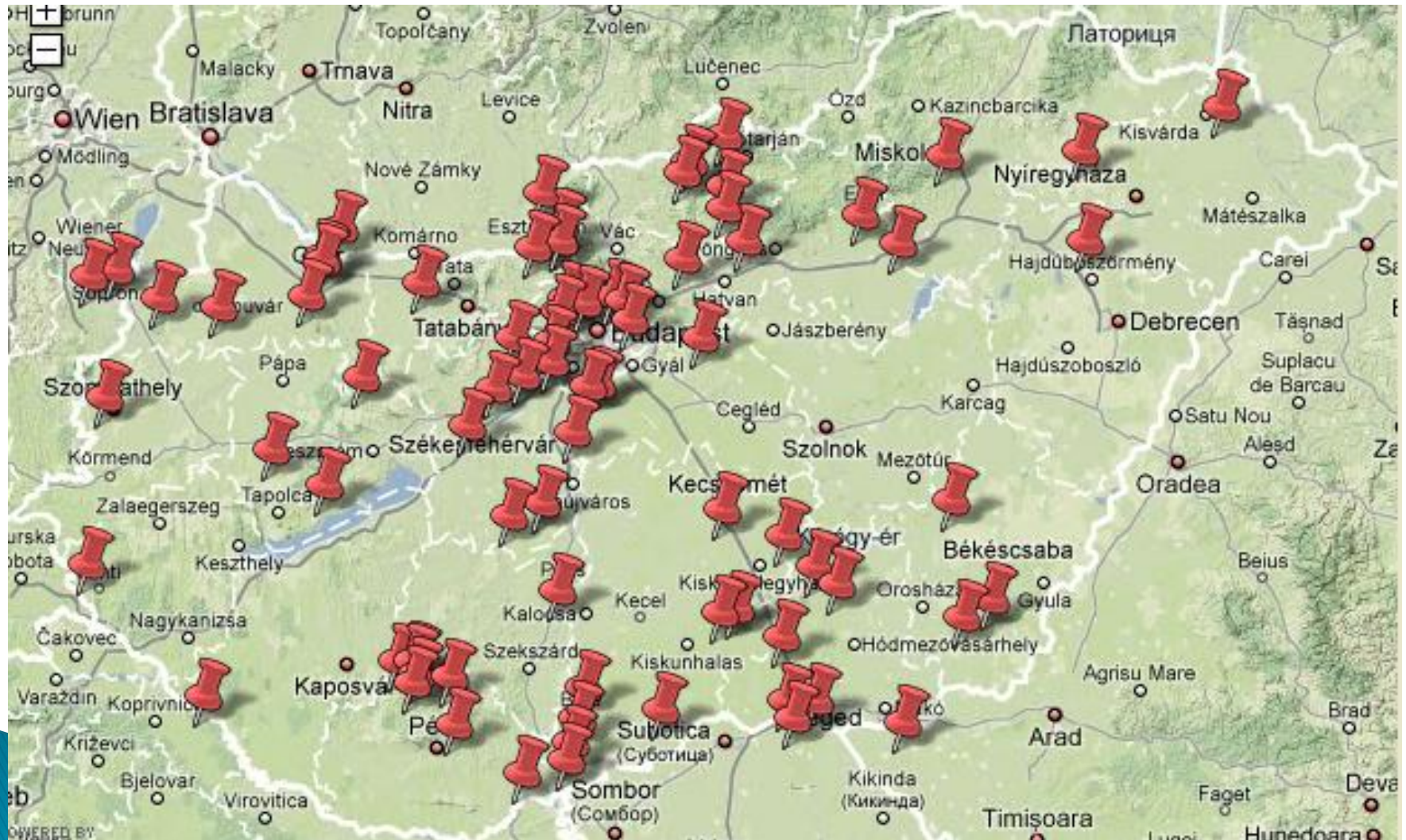
2. Games

- ▶ For fun
 - ▶ To create and build community
 - ▶ Get to know each other
 - ▶ Double meaning (level2: start discussion)
 - ▶ Warm up
 - ▶ Introduction to the topic starting point of the conversation
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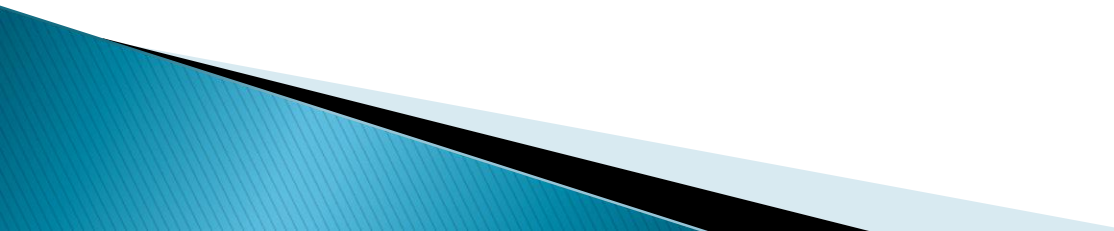
3. Summer Camps

- ▶ In 18 years 115 camps (70–170 people per camp)
- ▶ 5 age groups (children, teenage, youth, young adult, families)
- ▶ In villages and in small towns all over of the country, through hosting families.
- ▶ Personal condition – camp leader, priest, camp assistant, small groups leader, welcoming families and parish priest
- ▶ The structure of the camp – 5 days, special topic each year*, small groups, afternoon activities, camp fire, liturgy, games

3. Summer camps continued...



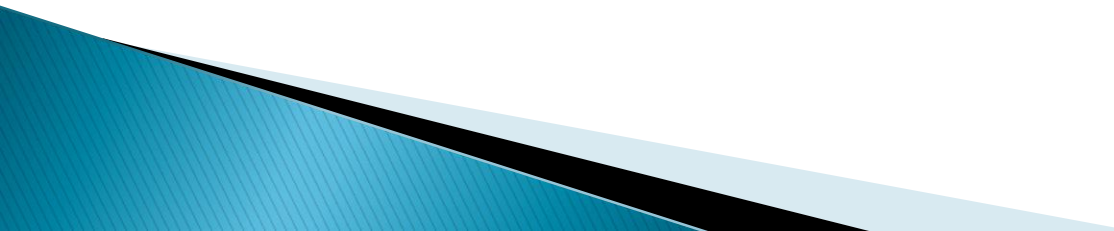
4. Ignatian Spirituality

- ▶ Personal and loving image of God
 - ▶ Reflection
 - ▶ Rootedness in the reality and to find God in that reality
 - ▶ Decision making process (personal and community level as well)
 - ▶ Examen
 - ▶ To cultivate relationship (to God, to others, to myself)
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5. Volunteer work during the year

- ▶ Leadership training (VK)
- ▶ Ball (2x a year)
- ▶ Nationwide „méta” (like baseball) championship
- ▶ Annual meeting (due to legal entity)
- ▶ Retreat weekends for group leaders
- ▶ Preparation days for the summer camps
- ▶ Firefly eucharist/mass
- ▶ Team meetings
- ▶ Outdoor day (Budapest and in the region)
- ▶ School retreats

Strong Jesuit connection

- ▶ Szabolcs Sajgó SJ – main spiritual leader
 - ▶ Jesuit priests and young jesuits formations come to camps
 - ▶ Our office and activities is and have been hosted generously by the Jesuits.
 - ▶ Jesuits issue our magazine 4 times a year.
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Q&A

(Questions and Answers)

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