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*Jesuits and our lay collaborators have today an extraordinary opportunity to have a hand in helping to shape the future, not only of our own institutions, but of the world.*

The most fundamental way is to place ourselves in the spiritual space of Ignatius and the first companions and — with their energy, creativity and freedom — ask their basic question afresh: What are the needs of the Church and our world, where are we needed most, and where and how can we serve best? We are in this together, and that is what we must remember rather than worrying about Jesuit survival. I invite you to think of yourselves as co-founders of a new religious group, discerning God's call to you as an apostolic body in the Church. In this globalized world, with all its light and shadows, what is the best way we can respond to the mission of the Church and the needs of the Church? I think every generation has to re-create the faith, they have to re-create the journey, they have to re-create the institutions. This is not only a good desire. If we lose the ability to re-create, we have lost the Spirit.

— V. Rev. Adolfo Nicolás, SJ
*General of the Society of Jesus*

*Challenges to Jesuits Today*
Mexico City, April 23, 2010

# Welcome to *Jesuits* Magazine!

We are happy to present this first issue of our new tri-province magazine and to share with you our excitement and optimism for the many Jesuit ministries in the Maryland, New England and New York Provinces.

Jesuits and our companions in mission are doing outstanding work for the Church. At our secondary and middle schools, Catholic and Jesuit is not just a slogan but a lived reality. We provide students with the finest academic preparation and the grounding that allows them to experience their relationship with God along with the call to justice and the care for those most in need.

Our three provinces are the home to 12 Jesuit colleges and universities. Our schools combine academic excellence with vigorous efforts to share Ignatian spirituality. Exceptional programs ensure that Jesuit higher education includes exposure to the needs of the world and the demands of faith and justice.

Parish work is deeply appreciated by the parishioners and bishops of the many dioceses in which we serve. Many Jesuits support the local Church on weekends by providing assistance to the diocesan clergy and a distinctive approach to ministry that is welcomed by parishioners. Jesuits work in hospital and prison ministry, offering sacramental services, skilled listening and a quiet presence as they give help and hope to those who are ill and those who are incarcerated.

Our work with the *Spiritual Exercises* is done extremely well at our retreat houses and apostolic centers and on a tri-province level through The Jesuit Collaborative. This vital and uniquely Jesuit apostolate meets with great success in accompanying others as they explore their relationship with Christ.

Our health care centers are apostolic powerhouses. Our older and infirm Jesuits take seriously their mission to pray for the Church and the Society of Jesus. We depend on their prayerful ministry to sustain us.

In Central and South America, Jamaica, the Middle East and Near East, Africa and Micronesia, Jesuits and our colleagues continue to fulfill the Society's mandate to serve the Church wherever the Holy Father asks for our assistance. Our missions continue to grow and the Church continues to flourish.

In the midst of all this service *ad majorem Dei gloriam*, we are in a time of change and transition in our provinces. The Society of Jesus is well equipped to face the challenges of the present day as we work to deepen our spiritual roots, strengthen our religious life and tap the spirit of heroism and daring that has characterized the Society's history. To do so, we need imagination and creativity. Our Superior General, Fr. Adolfo Nicolás, has made this clear in his challenge to Jesuits and our lay colleagues around the world (see sidebar).

We continue to move forward toward the creation of a new east coast province that will extend from Maine to Georgia. We pray to be filled with imagination and freedom as we do this. We know we must be daring, prayerful and confident in God's abiding presence throughout this process. As we assess the needs, the resources, the opportunities and the challenges, we are re-creating what it means for Jesuits to be bold and faithful in a new time.

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**About Our Cover**

Vincent J. Marchionni, SJ, receives the greeting of peace from Fr. Joseph E. Lingan, SJ, director of novices, during the Vow Mass on August 14 in Syracuse, New York. Read more about the Jesuits who pronounced First Vows on page 9.

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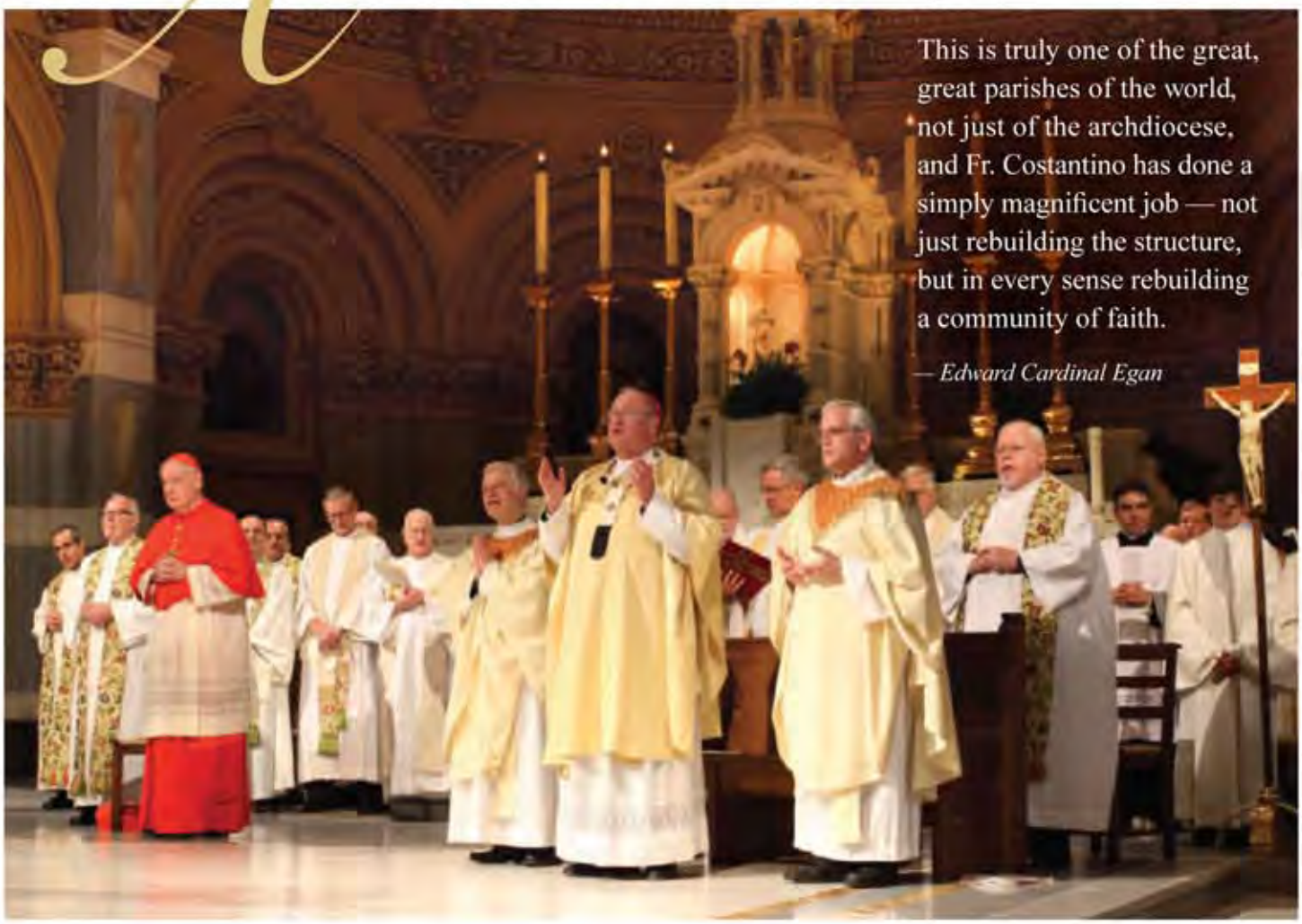
# A Booster Shot of Hope



This is truly one of the great, great parishes of the world, not just of the archdiocese, and Fr. Costantino has done a simply magnificent job — not just rebuilding the structure, but in every sense rebuilding a community of faith.

*— Edward Cardinal Egan*

*Archbishop Dolan consecrates the new altar with sacred chrism.*

After years of extensive interior and exterior renovation and restoration, the Church of St. Francis Xavier in New York City was rededicated last June.

Archbishop Timothy Dolan presided at the liturgy during which he thanked the people of the parish "because not only have you renovated and restored this magnificent, historic church, you have given this entire community, this entire archdiocese, a booster shot of hope. You have a varied community that has come together and said, 'We love our church, we are proud of our parish and we are going to show it.'"

Fr. David Ciancimino, SJ, provincial of the New York Province, spoke of the essential faith of the parish as it is expressed in an impressive array of ministries:

"From the time of its founding some 163 years ago, St. Francis Xavier Church has been a house of prayer and a place of prophetic witness. This parish has been in the middle of civil rights movements, anti-war pacifism, labor movements, championing the rights of the hungry, the homeless, the disenfranchised and the estranged. Yet the parish has always been centered on the

Eucharist and steeped in the spirituality of St. Ignatius, as indeed your patron, Francis Xavier, had been. Throughout the years, the Xavier parish has been of, for and by the Church."

In remarks following the Mass, Edward Cardinal Egan, retired archbishop of New York, expressed his appreciation of the parish, of its pastor, Fr. Joseph Costantino, SJ, and of the Society of Jesus:

"This is truly one of the great, great parishes of the world, not just of the archdiocese, and Fr. Costantino has done a simply magnificent job — not just rebuilding the structure, but in every sense rebuilding a community of faith.

"Here in the archdiocese, as Archbishop Dolan will come to know more and more, we are so indebted to the Jesuit community. I don't think we tell the Company of Jesus often enough how much we love them, how much we admire them and how much we need them."

# A New President for Marquette

Fr. Scott A. Pilarz, SJ, has been named the 23rd president of Marquette University. He will assume his duties in Milwaukee in summer 2011. He has been president of the University of Scranton since 2003.

Fr. Pilarz, 51, entered the Society in 1981 and was ordained to the priesthood June 13, 1992. He earned his BA in English from Georgetown University, his MA from Fordham University and his doctorate from the City University of New York. He was a teacher of English and drama at Loyola Blakefield in Towson from 1985 to1988. He spent a year as an English professor at Saint Joseph University in Philadelphia before going to Georgetown University in 1996. He was an English professor there from 1996 to 2003 when he became president of the University of Scranton.

Fr. Pilarz, a native of Camden, New Jersey, is the author of a book, *Robert Southwell, SJ, and the Mission of Literature 1561-1595: Writing Reconciliation*, and he has also written numerous articles on Southwell, the English poet John Donne and medieval drama.

# Fr. Shea in India

Fr. James Shea, SJ, provincial of the Maryland Province, spent 10 days in July visiting Jesuits of the Jamshedpur Province, including Jesuits from the Maryland Province who have served in India.

During his visit July 12-22, Fr. Shea toured schools in Jamshedpur, Chaibasa, Chaira and Bubaneswar. He also visited the grave of Fr. John Deeney, SJ, a Jesuit from the Maryland Province who ministered in India for more than 50 years.

Fr. Shea returned to the States accompanied by Fr. S. Tony Raj, SJ, the newly appointed advancement director for the Jamshedpur Province. Fr. Raj spent a month in the Maryland Province to meet many longtime donors to Jamshedpur. He was frequently accompanied by Fr. John Guidera, SJ, a Baltimore native who has spent many years raising funds for Jesuit efforts in India.

*For more photos of the provincial's visit, go to www.mdsj.org*

# Celebrating Jesuit Jubilees

The New England Province of Jesuits honored 35 Jesuits celebrating jubilees ranging from 25 to 75 years of service in the priesthood or in the Society of Jesus. At a Mass and reception held at Boston College High School on September 19, more than 400 Jesuits, family members and friends came to honor the 18 Jubilarians in attendance.

The 34 priests and one brother observing jubilees in 2010 come from all over New England and have traveled the world to serve in a wide range of roles such as physicians, professors, geologists and lawyers in diverse locations, including Iraq, Jamaica and Africa. Jubilarians include seven who celebrated 25 years of service; 14 who celebrated 50 years of service; 11 who celebrated 60 years of service; two priests who celebrated 70 years of service; and Br. Italo A. Parnoff, SJ, who celebrated 75 years in the Society. Four of the 2010 Jubilarians have gone home to God.

*For more about the Jubilarians, please visit www.sjnen.org/Jubilarians2010*

Photo by John Gillooly

*Top row, l-r: Philip S. Kiley, SJ, John P. Reboli, SJ, Donald A. MacMillan, SJ, Arthur H. Paré, SJ, Provincial Myles N. Sheehan, SJ, Richard J. Stanley, SJ, James F. Walsh, SJ, William A. Barry, SJ, John J. Paris, SJ, Paul C. Kenney, SJ.*

*Front row, l-r: James W. Skehan, SJ, James P. Carr, SJ, Perard C. Monestime, SJ, Normand A. Pepin, SJ, Robert J. Daly, SJ, George A. Gallarelli, SJ, Joseph A. MacWade, SJ, Italo A. Parnoff, SJ.*

# Auriesville Shrine Marks 125 Years

*Fr. David Ciancimino, SJ, and Bishop Hubbard distribute communion at the Anniversary Mass.*

On this year's August 15 feast of the Assumption of Mary, 368 years to the day when Isaac Jogues first arrived and 125 years after the first Mass at the Shrine of Auriesville, New York, hundreds of pilgrims paid tribute to the Jesuit martyrs of North America and the renewal center that stands where they were killed.

The Shrine, Fr. David Ciancimino, SJ, New York provincial, noted during his homily at the anniversary Mass, is evidence that "holiness is possible." Auriesville, said Fr. Ciancimino, offers a place for those on the spiritual journey to draw "deeper into the Divine Life of God." The grounds are abundant with spiritual significance, he said, pointing to the village of Ossernenon, the birthplace of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, the first Native American recognized by the Church for holiness; the ravine where Isaac Jogues and his companions were martyred; and the Shrine's Jesuit cemetery.

*(It is) a special site for the pilgrim seeking the Lord's holiness. We need to be reminded of that in the hustle and bustle of our world.*

*— Fr. David Ciancimino, SJ*

Bishop Howard J. Hubbard of Albany thanked the New York Province Jesuits for the Shrine. He noted that the sacrifice and missionary zeal of Isaac Jogues and his companions bore fruit in the Church in the New World.

Fr. Peter Murray, SJ, director of the shrine, said that pilgrims continue to visit Auriesville to "see God in all things." The Shrine is more than a homage to history; it is a place of renewal, noted Fr. Murray.

*For more about the Auriesville Shrine, please visit www.martyrshrine.org*

# Praying Together *to discover our future*

By Fr. Myles Sheehan, SJ

Photos by Jean Santopatre

After becoming provincial of the New England Province, I invited all of the men under 65 to a retreat at Fairfield University from July 24-31. The retreat is now completed and I am taking this opportunity to let you know why we came together this way, how it went and my hopes for the future.

The call to the retreat was met with great generosity. Approximately 110 Jesuits took advantage of the opportunity.

A retreat in the Ignatian sense has nothing to do with getting together for long hours and talking, strategic planning and creating a list of deliverables. It is a silent experience, where a person seeks God's will for one's life, its direction, the areas of needed change, and discerns the ways in which God's love is sustaining the person and calling the person to a new future.

Fundamental to an Ignatian retreat is the reality that our entire life, good and bad, is part of how God calls us to a closer relationship. With that in mind, I asked the men to consider how God had blessed us in ways that are obvious and in ways that might seem very difficult, filled with pain and causing us to be downcast.

Ignatius urges that we be very clear about desires and to ask God to grant what the person feels is most needed. I realized, both in myself and in what I sensed, that all of us are called to greater freedom, generosity and commitment so that we can be even more faithful on our mission as Jesuits, working for faith and justice, and responsible in our loyalty to the Holy Father.

The retreat experience was designed to allow God and those on retreat to spend time with one another. Each day had a short talk on a theme taken from the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius followed about two hours later by the Eucharist. Frs. George Collins, Todd Kenny, Charlie Gallagher, George Williams and Steve Sanford each presented a theme.

The liturgies were celebrated by the various communities of the province. From the first moments of

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*Seeking God in the midst of the beauty of Fairfield's campus*

# Men on Fire for Christ

By Fr. James J. Hederman, SJ

*The formation programs for the Maryland, New England and New York Provinces now have one provincial assistant, Fr. Thomas Feely, SJ, who oversees all of the scholastics. Jesuit novices begin their life together at one novitiate, St. Andrew Hall in Syracuse, New York. Fr. Charles Frederico, SJ, is vocation director for the three provinces, and Frs. James Hederman, SJ, and Fred Pellegrini, SJ, share the responsibilities for vocation promotion.*

Jesuits who attended the first vows ceremony in Syracuse last August expressed a great deal of enthusiasm and support for vocation promotion. They were interested in the new emphasis being given to this work by Fr. Adolfo Nicolás, SJ, Superior General of the Jesuits. They had many questions, some suggestions, and an outpouring of prayers and support for this tri-province venture. They all realize the impact it has on the future of the Society of Jesus, a future they all look forward to with hope.

Meeting the candidates for the Society who were at the novitiate for the vow weekend was also important. Each of the seven men had attended a Jesuit high school or college. I recognized their hunger and search for God's plan for their lives, a search that St. Ignatius and the Jesuits have helped so many people discern through the examen, time in retreat and reflection, two-way communication in prayer with Jesus, and the unique mentoring and guidance of a spiritual director.

Our vocation promotion efforts brought the team in September to the North American Vocation Directors' meeting at University of Scranton. Five presidents of Jesuit colleges compared programs already under way that are fostering vocation exploration for students, such as Christian Life

Please join us every day in praying for vocations:

Gracious God, give to the Society of Jesus men who are on fire for Christ and desire in all things to love and to serve you and all of your people. Amen.

*Fr. Charles Frederico, SJ, speaks about vocations to a class at Loyola School, New York City.*

Communities and discernment groups that meet with the presidents or with campus ministry staff. New possibilities were suggested, such as including advertising for becoming a Jesuit in alumni magazines and on athletic event advertisements.

The Jesuit Secondary Education Colloquium for the New England Province was an opportunity to present the new structure of vocation promotion to interested members of the faculties of our Jesuit high schools. Local on-site vocation promoters are being identified at each school, so that if anyone has a conversation with a young man wanting to know more regarding the possibility of becoming a Jesuit, they will know to whom to refer the student.

This meeting also allowed for an invitation to Boston College High School alumni at the college to a pizza dinner and social. The upperclassmen generously shared their wisdom and experiences about programs at the College of the Holy Cross that they participate in and benefit from. We will meet again during the semester to nurture bonds that had begun between these students and the Jesuits at BC High and that now continue to thrive at Holy Cross.

*Mr. Timothy O'Brien, SJ, spoke with students during last year's Vocation Awareness Day at Scranton Prep.*

Another important event is the annual Jesuit Vocations Day on November 5. Our apostolates throughout the United States mark this Feast of All Saints and Blessed of the Society of Jesus with vocation promotion events.

The vocation team cannot work alone. Every Jesuit and colleague in our ministries is part of the vocation "team," and so are you, the readers of *Jesuits*. You, too, are graced by God to be instruments of God's call, recommending to relatives and friends, to students in our high schools and colleges, to fellow workers, that they listen deeply to the movements of grace in their hearts.

Do not be afraid to give voice to that all-important question, "Have you thought about being a Jesuit?" The need has never been greater. Our response must be as generous as God's grace has always been to each and every one of us.

*Fr. James Hederman, SJ, is a vocation promoter for the Maryland, New England and New York Provinces.*

*For more information, visit www.jesuitvocation.org.*

# Eastern Conversations

Over 70 faculty and mission and identity officers, including 14 Jesuits from all 12 of the East Coast Jesuit colleges and universities, gathered in June for the inaugural meeting of Eastern Conversations hosted by Saint Joseph's University.

Modeled on the long-standing and successful regional Western Conversations, Heartland-Delta Faculty Conference, and the New England Province Dover Conversations, the gathering was designed to provide attendees from the East Coast Jesuit institutions the opportunity to establish connections, engage in dialogue with one another and consider initiatives that might strengthen collaborative efforts in the areas of mission and identity as they relate to faculty formation and development.

The theme for this meeting focused on learning about our current generation of students and how to balance the demands of academic life while also contributing to a shared educational mission of *cura personalis*.

"We were generously and magnificently hosted by St. Joseph's and are very grateful to Dr. Springs Steele and all those who worked so hard to organize the event," says Fr. Robert Daly, SJ, provincial assistant for higher education for the New England Province. "We are all looking forward to more collaboration in the future."

*Dr. Monica R. Sylvia of Le Moyne College contributed information for this story.*

*For more information on Eastern Conversations, please contact Dr. Springs Steele of Saint Joseph's at 610-660-1027, or visit: www.ajcunet.edu*

# Welcome to Our New Novices

It is with great joy that the Provincials of the Maryland, New England and New York Provinces announce that the following men have entered our Jesuit Novitiate at St. Andrew Hall, Syracuse, New York.

*Back row, l to r: Jason Downer, David Gregory, Christian Clark, Robert Condon*
*Front row, l to r: Jonathan Beech, Douglas Ray, James Tomasino, Timothy Casey*

**Jonathan Beech,** age 24, earned a BS in accounting with a second concentration in philosophy from the University of Scranton and a master's in real estate development from the University of Maryland. He is also interested in architecture, urban revitalization and new urbanism. Jonathan most recently worked as a tax consultant to investment management companies at Deloitte Tax, LLP. He has also worked as a tutor at Washington Jesuit Academy and as a volunteer at *So Others Might Eat*.

**Timothy Casey,** age 28, is a graduate of St. Joseph's Preparatory School in Philadelphia. He holds a BA in economics and classical studies from College of the Holy Cross and an MA in classical studies from Boston College. Tim has taught high school Latin, Greek and Mythology for the last seven years, worked as a student class advisor and coached both track and field and middle school baseball. He was the recipient of a Fulbright Grant in 2008 to study archeology at the American Academy in Rome.

**Christian Clark,** age 23, was an analyst in Capital Markets group at Citigroup in New York City. He is a 2009 graduate of Boston College with a BA in history. While at Boston College, Christian was a member of the lacrosse team and was on the NCAA Division Champion intramural basketball team. He spent his junior year abroad at Oxford University. Christian's other fields of academic interest include theology and philosophy.

**Robert Condon,** age 30, holds a BA and BS in Spanish and communications from Eastern Connecticut State University. He also holds an MA in public relations from Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana. He has recently taught high school and middle school Spanish in the Connecticut public school system. Bob has also been a catechist, RCIA instructor and lector at St. Augustine Church, in North Branford, Connecticut, and has volunteered at Angel Food Ministries and for the Knights of Columbus.

**Jason Downer,** age 29, recently worked as the associate director of residence life at Fairfield University. He is originally from Rochester, New York, where he graduated from McQuaid Jesuit High School. He earned a BA in history and an MS in college student personnel administration, both from Canisius College in Buffalo, New York. After college, Jason worked for the Mercy Volunteer Corps, where he set up an after-school program at Mercy Center in the south Bronx. He enjoys movies, reading, walking and football.

**David Gregory,** age 22, is a 2010 graduate of Georgetown University with a double BA in philosophy and theology. He is also a graduate of Regis High School in New York City. While in college, he did a summer internship with Fr. Rick Curry, SJ, for the Academy for Veterans at Georgetown, volunteered with the Knights of Columbus and tutored at Don Bosco Cristo Rey School. He has traveled to Europe, the Philippines and Australia and made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2010.

**Douglas Ray,** age 36, is a native of New York City and a graduate of Regis High School. He received a BA in history from Princeton University and a JD from Harvard Law School. He spent four years working as an attorney for a life insurance company and the last seven years as a securities lawyer at a large firm. Doug volunteered as a tutor at the Nativity Mission School in Manhattan. He enjoys reading and urban hiking and he has traveled to Panama, Peru, Canada, Ireland, Britain, France and Australia.

**James Tomasino,** age 29, was a multimedia designer. He is a graduate of Shawnee High School in Medford Lakes, New Jersey, and holds a BS and MS in media arts from Indiana University. Other fields of academic interest include comparative religion and ancient history. James was a volunteer for the Boy Scouts of America and he enjoys hiking, backpacking, kayaking and back country camping.

# A Commitment
## *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*

**Ten Jesuits** of the Maryland, New England and New York Provinces pronounced First Vows in the Society of Jesus in August, eight in Syracuse, New York, and two in Kingston, Jamaica. The occasion marked the conclusion of two years of formation as novices that included a 30-day retreat experience of the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius, apostolic experiments in a variety of Jesuit ministries, and study of the history and Constitutions of the Society. The perpetual vows of poverty, chastity and obedience are a commitment of their lives to serve God, the Church and those to whom they are missioned *for the greater glory of God.*

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*Ricardo Avila, SJ, Patrick Nolan, SJ, Keith Maczkiewicz, SJ, Brian Konzman, SJ, Fr. Myles Sheehan, SJ, Fr. James Shea, SJ, Fr. David Ciancimino, SJ, Vincent Marchionni, SJ, Kevin Hughes, SJ, Richard Nichols, SJ, and Timothy O'Brien, SJ*

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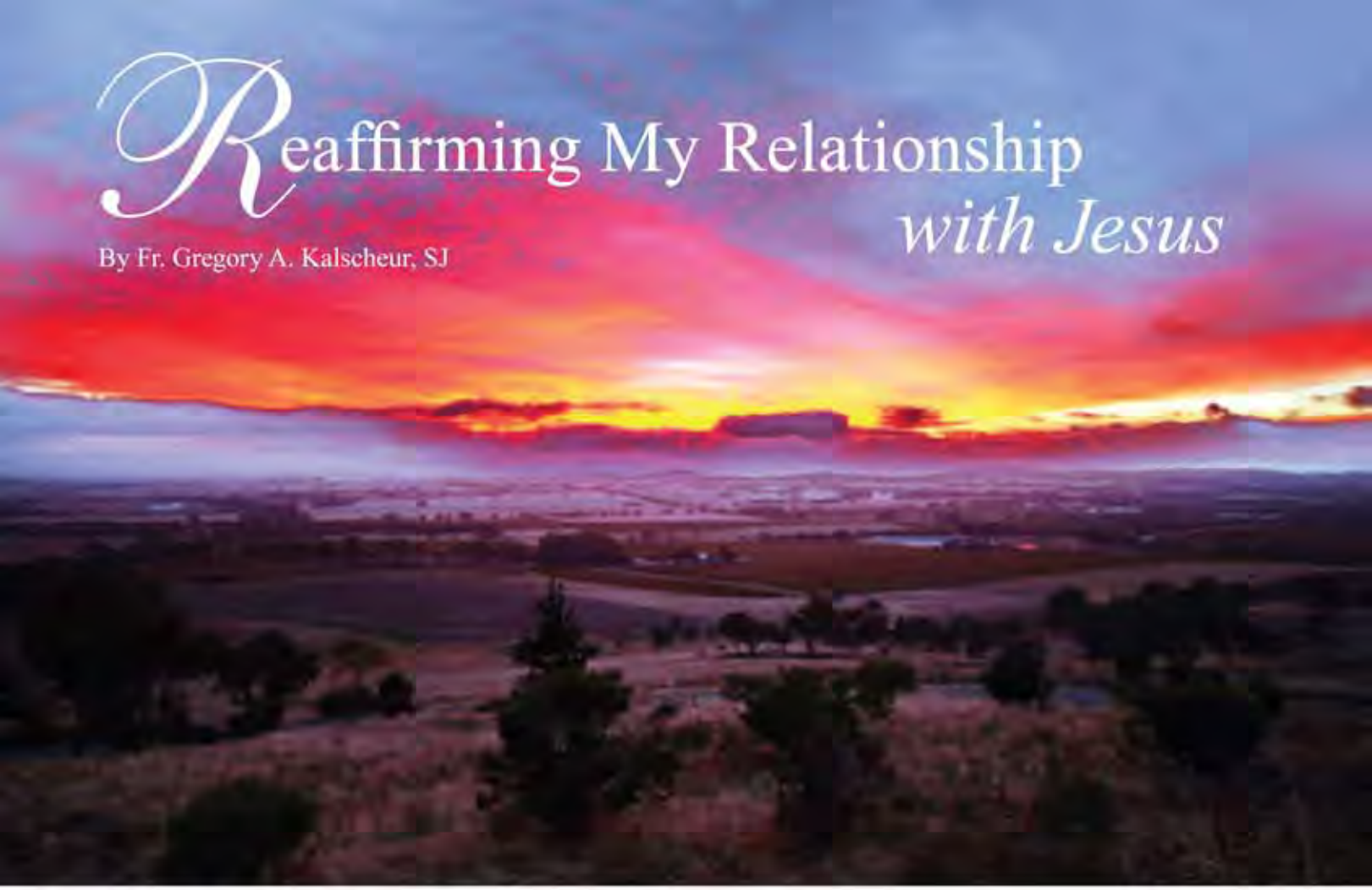
*Garvaundo Antonio Hamilton, SJ, and Dayne Malcolm, SJ, professed first vows in Kingston, Jamaica. More than 200 Jesuits, family and friends were in attendance. Jamaica is a mission of the New England Province.*

# Reaffirming My Relationship with Jesus

By Fr. Gregory A. Kalscheur, SJ



*In the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high breaks upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet in the way of peace.*

Easter Sunday 2010 fell on a repose day near the end of our Australian tertianship long retreat. Six of us gathered in the early morning darkness, outside of St. Aloysius College, Sevenhill, in the Clare Valley wine country of South Australia, where a small group of Austrian Jesuits began their mission to Australia in 1851. We headed for the nearby Quarry Hill Lookout to watch Easter dawn over the Polish Hill River valley stretching to the east.

As the sun rose over the horizon, splashing red and gold on the sparse clouds drifting across the sky and brightening the autumn-brown valley below, I found myself praying the closing words of the Benedictus: "In the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high breaks upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet in the way of peace." It was a powerful way to enter into the Fourth Week of the *Spiritual Exercises*.

Later that same Easter day, all the tertians and the Jesuits from the Sevenhill community gathered with Jesuits who had traveled the 130 kilometers north from Adelaide for the feast.

We enjoyed a spectacular Easter dinner as we celebrated both the Resurrection and the 60th birthday of the director of the retreat center, Br. Ian Cribb, SJ. The hearty laughter, lively conversation, and enthusiastic renditions of "Happy Birthday" in several of the different languages native to those present were all clear evidence that this was a group of Jesuits gathered together in grateful celebration of their common identity as companions of Jesus and friends in the Lord.

We first met as a community of tertians on January 20, 2010: twelve Jesuits from nine different countries and three U.S. provinces (Austria, Australia, China, the Czech Republic, Indonesia, Korea, Slovenia, Thailand, California,

*St. Ignatius Loyola wanted Jesuits to be tested over a long period of formation, beginning with the Novitiate, leading through alternating periods of study and work, to a time of spiritual formation called Tertianship which takes place after the study of theology (and ordination, for priests).*

◀ *Tertians and Jesuits from the Sevenhill community gather for Easter dinner to celebrate the Resurrection and the 60th birthday of Br. Ian Cribb, SJ.*

Maryland, and New England). Each of us brought to tertianship markedly different backgrounds and experiences. At that first meeting, Fr. Adrian Lyons, SJ, our tertian instructor, told us that tertianship is a gift that the Society gives to the tertian.

These two stories of Easter at Sevenhill capture much of what I am grateful for as I reflect back on the gift of my seven months in Australia. This has been a time to experience in a new way the depth of my desires to see myself and all things in the light of God's love, to be more attentive and responsive to the ways in which God is always alive and at work, always loving, in all things, even in the midst of darkness and confusion, and to labor alongside Jesus helping people to know how passionately God loves them and how deeply God desires that they experience freedom, wholeness and fullness of life.

It has been a time to realize again, with great gratitude, that I was made for this life of companionship with Jesus and to reaffirm how deeply I want my relationship with Jesus to be the defining characteristic of who I am.

Tertianship has also been a time in which I've been reminded of the fragility of my capacity on my own to be faithful to all those desires, and for that I am grateful as well. While tertianship in one sense brings to a close the process of Jesuit formation, these seven months have reminded me that there is much more for me to learn in companionship with Jesus and in the company of my friends in the Lord.

*Fr. Gregory Kalscheur, SJ, is an associate professor at Boston College School of Law.*

▼ *From left to right: Greg Kalscheur, SJ, (Maryland), Nano Setyodarmono, SJ, (Indonesia), Ivan Bresciani, SJ, (Slovenia), Joseph Xiao, SJ, (China), Jeremy Clarke, SJ, (Australia), and Kolbe Chung, SJ, (Korea)*

# Embracing New Technology

## *Jesuit Educators Convene from Across the Nation*

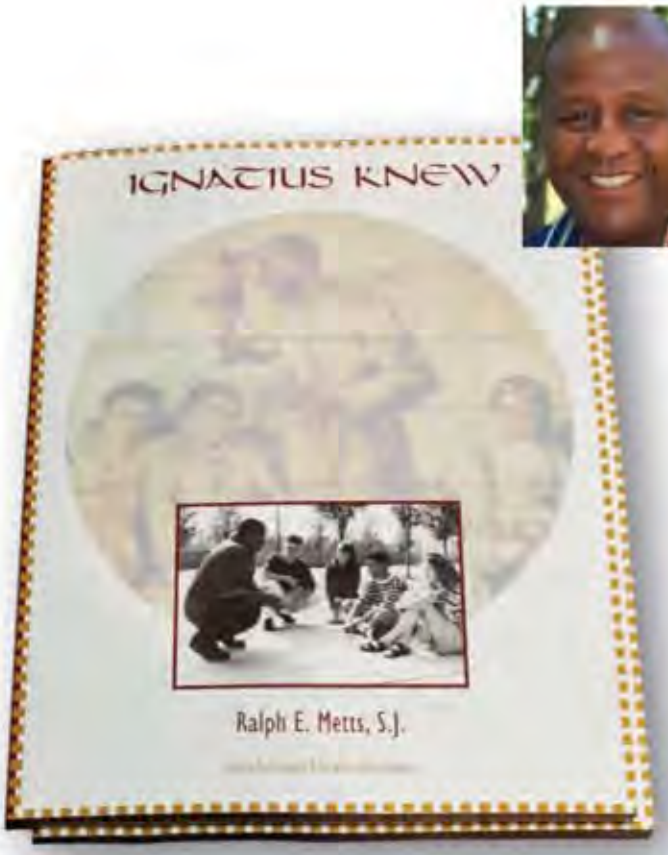
By James Bopp

*In a time of drastic change it is the learners who inherit the future. The learned usually find themselves equipped to live in a world that no longer exists.*

*— Eric Hoffer*

This quote from American philosopher Eric Hoffer represents a succinct summary of the central tension that 550 participants in the 2010 Jesuit Secondary Education Association (JSEA) Colloquium were asked to grapple with during a weeklong conference this June. The JSEA called together teachers, counselors, administrators and staff members from 52 of its member high schools from across the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico. Participants were charged with engaging in a series of open, frank and challenging discussions about what it means to fulfill the Jesuit mission of being "Sent to the Frontiers" as educators who are responsible for preparing students for an incredibly dynamic future, while at the same time staying anchored to a centuries-old common mission and set of values.

In the keynote address, Lee Crockett of the infoSavvy Group presented ways that the exponential increase in the power of digital technology, coupled with its ubiquity in all aspects of everyday life, is fundamentally changing the way that young people learn. He challenged the participants to reflect on what it means to educate students for a future that will have characteristics that we not only can't know, but can't even begin to imagine.



There appears to be a genuine need in educational institutions to shift emphasis from static skill sets and rote memorization toward dynamic fluencies that allow and encourage students to prepare for a reality in which they will have to be lifelong learners.

A passion for lifelong learning is something we all work very hard to instill in our students. The quality of being "Open to Growth" is one of the pillars of the "Profile of a Graduate at Graduation," which describes the core values of our common mission as Jesuit educators. And if digital technology represents a frontier of change that will be a hallmark of our culture's future, it would be more than natural for our schools to take advantage of all of the latest and greatest programs, tools and innovations.

While very few Jesuit educators would challenge the notion that the advancement of digital media is having a profound impact on our culture, there was plenty of healthy debate about the costs and benefits of all this change for the human person as an individual and for society in general.

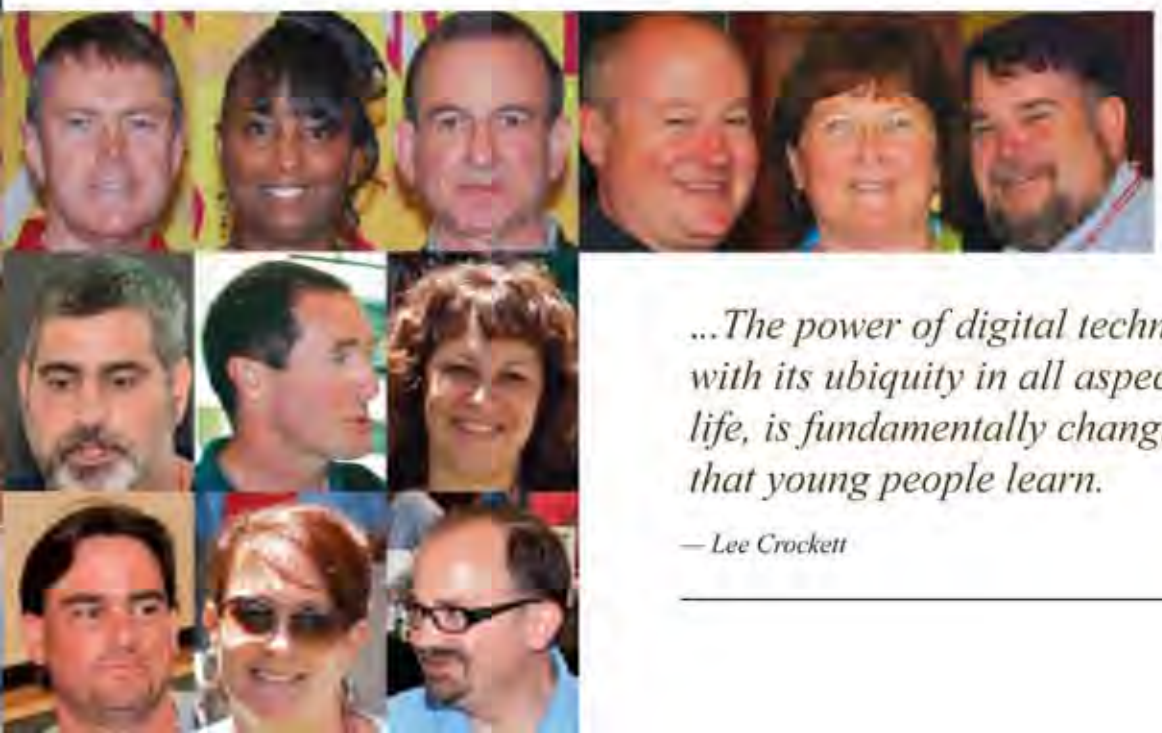
In terms of our experience as professionals charged with forming adolescents into adults, there was anecdotal evidence aplenty that distractions have increased, attention spans have decreased and the casual has edged out the formal in a wide variety of venues — from essays to emails and from dating to discipline. Teachers are concerned that depth is being sacrificed for breadth; that any idea, innovation or occurrence more than a decade old is automatically at a loss for relevance by virtue of its age; and technological bells and whistles are serving as shallow substitutes for intellectual merit. Thus some feel that the best course of action is to stay with the tried and true and to shelter our students from these unfortunate trends as best we can.

But Jesuit schools are not, by their very nature, equipped for long-term entrenchment. We are about advancing into the frontier, not retreating from it, and several dozen presentations focused exclusively on using technology to facilitate learning, to increase accessibility and to foster creativity in a wide variety of curricula and classroom settings.

It became clear that despite our concerns and reservations about the hazards that can present themselves, the age-old Jesuit idea of going in through their door in order to bring them out ours is still very much alive and well in our schools.

If it is in fact true that students learn from the lived examples of their teachers more than anything else, then we are well stocked with our most important resource for leading and accompanying young people into a challenging and dynamic future. Ignatian educators demonstrated in both word and action that they are committed to preserving and promoting — in all times and places — the formation of young men and women of competence, conscience and compassion.

*James Bopp is dean of students at Brophy College Preparatory High School in Phoenix, Arizona.*



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*— Lee Crockett*

# formation

## INSPIRING OUR YOUNG MEN

After a number of years of collaboration, the formation programs of the three provinces have merged into one, as of July 31, 2010. Through novitiate, first studies, regency, theology and tertianship, Jesuits on the East Coast now share a unified experience in their spirituality, education and traditions. One team of mentors directs all of the men in formation in their preparation as Jesuit priests or brothers.

*Mr. James Donovan, SJ, taught at Regis High School in New York City during his regency.*

*Mr. Thomas Simisky, SJ, right, studied and worked in pastoral ministry in Santiago, Chile, during his formation.*

# education

## MISSIONING JESUITS

When Ignatius Loyola founded the Society of Jesus, his priorities did not include schools, but the need to educate Jesuits — and others — soon became apparent, and Jesuits have now earned a reputation as educators. Throughout the world, Ignatian values and ideals define our educational institutions, and it is the responsibility of the provinces to prepare Jesuits to continue this important mission at every educational level.

*Above: Fr. Donald Maldari, SJ, in discussion with students at Le Moyne College in Syracuse*

*Inset: Fr. Richard McAuliff, SJ, with students at the parish school on Majuro in Micronesia*

# spirituality

## SERVING OTHERS

*Fr. Philip Florio, SJ, discusses a Bible passage in the Newman Center chapel at the University of Pennsylvania.*

The first band of early Jesuits were considered itinerant preachers, traveling throughout the world "for the good of souls," according to St. Ignatius in the Constitutions of the Society of Jesus. That tradition continues even today: Jesuits minister as pastors, retreat and spiritual directors, chaplains in hospitals, prisons and the military, as well as missionaries all over the world — wherever there is hope of God's greater glory.

*Fr. Brian Dunkle, SJ, baptizes an infant at St. Anthony's Parish in Oceanside, New York.*

# health care

## SUPPORTING SENIOR JESUITS

Even in their twilight years, Jesuits are missioned "to pray for the Church and the Society," and it is important to the province that they be vibrant and well cared for, not only physically, but also spiritually, emotionally and socially. These elderly and infirm Jesuits have borne the heat of the day during many years of active ministry, and now our brothers need our care and concern.

*Fr. William Scanlon, SJ, distributes communion during Mass at the New York Province Health Care Center in the Bronx.*

*Newly ordained priest, Fr. George Collins, SJ, visits with Fr. James Skehan, SJ, at Campion Health Center in Weston, Massachusetts.*

# Going Where Few Others Reach

## *Jesuits in Prison Ministries*

By Peter Feuerherd

*Jesuit scholastics John Mulreany, New York Province, Richard Ross, Detroit Province and Fr. George Williams, New England Province at MCI-Concord.*

The more than two million imprisoned in the United States — more than any other country — live in places where few dare or care to reach. Among those few are Jesuits.

"We are dealing with the most despised people in our country," says **Fr. George T. Williams, SJ**, from the New England Province, who has made prison ministry his calling for the past 15 years. Formerly chaplain at a medium-security state prison in Concord, Massachusetts, he will begin work next year at San Quentin Prison in California. Fr. Williams doesn't expect to perform miracles, but he does figure to have an impact.

"Everyone cries in prison," he says, noting that it is usually done in secret, but via his priestly ministry, "I see it. They trust me. They let their guard down."

The *Spiritual Exercises* offer an opportunity to reach those deep reservoirs of personal insights where prisoners rarely go. "They know they are sinners," Fr. William says, "but what they often don't hear about is the love of God and mercy."

**Fr. Thomas J. Kuller, SJ,** from the Maryland Province, works for Baltimore County assisting those in the process of leaving prison. His job is to help them find work. In normal times, those re-entering the workforce don't find it easy to locate jobs. In the midst of a recession, it is all but impossible.

Much of his job is spent urging employers to recognize risk but to be just. "A blanket dismissal of others with convictions is not fair," he says. A one-time conviction doesn't mean someone should be shut out of the job market entirely.

His goal is not to proselytize but to minister to the needs of those of all faiths or none.

*As a Jesuit, I feel it is part of my mission to identify with the underserved and the poor and to confront structures that are unfair.*

*— Fr. Thomas Kuller, SJ*

The largest prison system in the United States isn't exactly a prison system. The U.S. Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE) detains more than 360,000 people while they

are awaiting hearings on their cases to stay in the United States or be returned to their home countries.

They are officially detainees. But it is a lot like a jail, acknowledges **Fr. A. Richard Sotelo, SJ,** chaplain at the ICE detention facility in El Paso, Texas. A Maryland Province Jesuit, Fr. Sotelo works for Jesuit Refugee Service, which provides chaplaincy services to the federal government.

He has been at El Paso for the past 11 years. His job is to coordinate religious services for all detainees, whatever their religious background. Many are Mexicans, who came over the nearby border. But still others come from all over the country and represent a wide assortment of immigrant groups. They are among the estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants living in the United States.

"Everyone here has a sad story. And some people have tragic stories," says Fr. Sotelo.

**Fr. John J. Mattimore, SJ,** holds a similar job at another ICE facility, this one in Batavia, New York. Fr. Mattimore, a New York Province Jesuit, coordinates religious services for all the detainees. He also hears some sad stories: One young man from Poland, brought to the United States as a boy, got into trouble in his high school and was detained after a short visit to Canada. He was spared deportation by a judge who decided to give him a second chance.

**Fr. Thomas L. Sheridan, SJ,** ministers to 300 detainees at a facility in Elizabeth, New Jersey. There the detainees, both men and women, are usually kept for a short time, and are then either deported or transferred to other detention centers.

"It is a very sad situation," notes Fr. Sheridan, a New York Province Jesuit. Most of the detainees, he says, are at the mercy of economic forces beyond their control. Rural Mexicans, for example, often find themselves unable to feed their families due to widespread unemployment, despair and poverty.

"It is a bittersweet experience," says Fr. Sheridan about his work, which includes celebrating Mass, visiting detainees and asking them to reflect upon a Scripture passage: "We know that in all things God works for good with those who love him." (Romans 8:28) "I'm all about bringing a little light of God's grace into their lives. It's frustrating that I can't do anything else to help them."

The Jesuit experience with refugees, including ministry in detention centers, has animated the Society's response to the immigrant issue. A recent letter from the nine U.S. Jesuit provincials called upon President Obama to seek reform of immigration laws, provide a path to legalization that would, they argued, bring the nation's undocumented into the mainstream of American life.

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*Fr. George Williams' ordination card featured the illustration he now uses as the logo for Jesuit Prison Ministries. He asked "Spider," an inmate and talented tattoo artist, to draw a picture of Jesus in prison. What is interesting about the illustration is that Jesus appears to be behind the bars, and outside the bars, at the same time, which for Fr. Williams, represents how Jesus can be found and experienced in prison ministry.*

*Jesuits have been encouraged to go to the border, the places where no one else has gone. These are people who are largely forgotten. No one else is doing this. It's very difficult work. You have to be open-minded to work with those of many faiths and no faith. It's a lot like missionary work, but being at home.*

*— Fr. Thomas Sheridan, SJ*

# Where Do We Hear God Calling Us?

## *Ignatian Leadership for Mission Retreat*

*The Jesuit Center at Wernersville, Pennsylvania, was the site of the spring Ignatian Leadership for Mission retreat. Participants — both Jesuits and lay colleagues — from a retreat gathered around the statue of St. Ignatius for a final photo before going their separate ways.*

Twice a year, since 2005, some 35 lay and Jesuit companions in apostolates (universities, schools, parishes, retreat houses, etc.) gather together for five days of reflection on the four key graces of the *Spiritual Exercises*. Except for evening small group grace sharing, these are days of silence. It's a time set apart to consider through prayer and reading of Scripture gratitude, healing, God's call, and how to live and work to answer that call as lay and Jesuit on mission together.

These Ignatian Leadership for Mission retreats are different for each session and for each person; retreatants listen to presentations on the graces and responds in their own way to the Scriptures, the topics of each day and their own prayer and reflection. Each day is loosely structured and takes place in Jesuit retreat houses set in beautiful environments. And, although so much time is spent in silence, it is a communal experience designed to help prepare retreatants for leadership roles in their communities and in the world.

As we look at our society today, we find ourselves facing unique opportunities, calling for new styles of leadership. Our Ignatian spirituality ideally suits us to respond to the challenges we face as Jesuit and lay colleagues. The ILM retreat begins our discernment, "Where do we hear God calling us as Ignatian partners?"

Here are reflections on what the ILM retreat has meant for two participants.

Ignatian Leadership for Mission retreats are held throughout the year for Jesuits and lay colleagues in the apostolates of the Maryland, New England and New York Provinces. The next retreat will be held in January at St. Ignatius Retreat House in Manhasset, New York. For information visit www.jesuit-collaborative.org

# *The gift you have received, give as gift.*

By Damian Zynda, ThD

*Damian Zynda, center, with Creighton University students Paulette Cerutti (left) and Sr. Mary Virginia Quinn, IHM*

Over the past three years I have shared a leadership role facilitating the Ignatian Leadership for Mission retreat. I did not expect to receive more than I gave; little did I anticipate that such generous grace would so profoundly affect my professional, personal and spiritual life.

I serve in the Diocese of Rochester, New York, as the director of formation at the Church of the Transfiguration, a non-Jesuit parish. Following my studies, which were formative in every way, I believed God was preparing me for mission — a faculty position at a graduate school of theology where my gifts as an educator and spiritual director might best be used to form future ecclesial ministers, lay and ordained, in the Ignatian tradition.

I soon discovered that the current climate of graduate theological education privileges the academic study of Christian spirituality over its practice and appropriation. Had I misunderstood my call? Confused and deeply saddened, I felt a bit like Ignatius may have felt prior to his vision at La Storta. Believing his mission was to the Holy Land, Ignatius, unable to secure passage, soon discerned "his Jerusalem" was in Rome — missionary territory indeed!

In a diocese where I serve, Jesuit presence is limited to a few fine men, administrators and faculty at McQuaid Jesuit High School. While energized with a vision for adult formation using the *Spiritual Exercises* according to Annotation 19, and supported by a pastor who takes prayer seriously, I still felt tenuous, alone and isolated in my new mission, that is, until my first experience of the Ignatian Leadership for Mission retreat.

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# *Our spirit continues to be nourished.*

By Mary Bieda

*Mary Bieda (in turquoise shirt) with Sacred Space prayer group*

I am always in awe of the closeness that develops among retreatants in the shared silence of an Ignatian retreat. Once again I experienced that intimacy with God, others and self while participating in the Leadership for Mission retreat at the Campion Renewal Center in Weston, Massachusetts, in June of 2009. Each evening of the five-day retreat we gathered in grace sharing groups to explore together the graces that were occurring for each of us. Those graces of gratitude, healing, call and co-laboring are rooted in the *Spiritual Exercises*.

I arrived at the retreat grieving the recent death of a friend. During those five days and for many weeks after, God brought me into consolation and awareness of His presence. I began experiencing the graces early in the week as I walked around the beautiful grounds of Campion. We had just concluded the morning session and the leader had referred to Spiritual Exercise #75 and used the words, "God is gazing on you." In the distance I noticed a deer that appeared to stop and gaze in my direction three times before disappearing into the woods. The presence of the deer brought me to a felt sense of God in creation. In fact, the presence of the deer seemed so profound for me that I went back to the chapel and read Psalm 42. That psalm, which was not one of our recommended readings, stayed in my thoughts for the rest of the week. The next day it was the psalm in morning prayer. *"As the deer longs for streams of water, so my soul longs for you, O God. My being thirsts for God, the living God. Where can I go and see the face of God?"* (Psalm 42)

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# A Jesuit Formed in the Crucible of War

By Peter Feuerherd

*Fr. John Ruane, SJ, second row from top: fourth from right, with fellow Jesuits liberated from Japanese internment camp in the Philippines*

*Fr. John P. Ruane, SJ*

The road of Jesuit formation can be challenging, but it seldom gets more difficult than the one taken by Fr. John Ruane, SJ, nearly seven decades ago.

He celebrated his 90th birthday last April, and in many ways he does not look much different than he did in an April 1945 group photo with 49 other Jesuits liberated two months earlier from a Japanese internment camp in the Philippines. Fr. Ruane still has a full head of hair and the same lanky visage he did when as a young man he posed in a military uniform (the clothes were a gift as the Jesuits had left their confinement with only their prison garb). He still goes out for his daily walk, even in the worst weather conditions.

"He is probably the most well-liked member of our Jesuit community," said Fr. Thomas Sheridan, SJ, who notes that Fr. Ruane's affable personality once caused a fellow Jesuit to quip, "Knowing John Ruane would cause one to have doubts about the universality of original sin."

But do not mix a genial disposition with evidence of an easy life. Fr. Ruane is a survivor. At the start of World War II, there were 125 American Jesuits in the Philippines. Fr. Ruane was among 87 put under immediate house arrest by the Japanese and, as the war came to its close, eventually interned at Los Baños. He is one of two still living (the other is Fr. James Reuter, SJ, in the Philippines).

Ordained a priest in 1949, Fr. Ruane completed doctoral studies at Louvain before returning to teach philosophy at Cebu and the Ateneo de Manilla. He then taught at St. Joseph's College, Emmitsburg, Maryland, and Spring Hill College in Alabama. In 1973, he returned to his hometown, Jersey City, and began a distinguished career at St. Peter's College.

Retired from teaching just last year, Fr. Ruane resides in a Jesuit community near the college, and celebrates Mass at St. Cecelia's Church in Iselin, New Jersey, and at convents in Jersey City.

*Knowing John Ruane would cause one to have doubts about the universality of original sin.*

*—Fr. Thomas Sheridan, SJ*

"I like the work of a priest. I enjoy teaching," Fr. Ruane said about his long career.

For decades he tried to inspire undergraduates with the wonders of Western philosophy. Most of those students, he noted, were at an age anxious to move on with their careers and perhaps could not fully appreciate until much later in life the questions raised by the ancient philosophers.

Surely that wasn't the case in Fr. Ruane's young life, tempered as it was by his war experience. He graduated from St. Peter's Prep and, inspired by the example of Jesuit scholastics there, entered the Society in 1937. After completing novitiate, Fr. Ruane, along with five other scholastics, journeyed to the Philippines in 1941.

The attack on Pearl Harbor would take place only months later, and the rumor of war was heavy in the air. On the boat over to the Philippines, the scholastics shared their space with military personnel.

"We went anyway," Fr. Ruane noted in his understated fashion. By Christmas of that year, the scholastics huddled at a Jesuit school in Manila as Japanese planes flew overhead. As Japanese forces took over the city, the Jesuits were placed under house arrest for most of the war.

As Allied armies advanced, the Jesuits were interned at Los Baños, at an agricultural college 20 miles outside Manila. There they were held from July 1944 until they were liberated on February 23, 1945, along with nearly 2,000 other prisoners, many from Catholic religious orders.

One short history published in *American Catholic Studies* describes their ordeal as including a "starving time," as rations were cut back to less than 700 calories a day as the Japanese began losing the war. Prisoners survived on lugao, a watery rice dish. Beriberi, caused by vitamin B deficiency, was common. Documents captured after the war indicated that the prisoners were to be executed, an event curtailed only by their liberation.

That began with a surprise raid by American paratroopers and Filipino guerrillas, who descended upon the camp, killed the captors, and brought the prisoners to safety, traversing by boat a nearby lake as Japanese troops fired upon them. Just one prisoner was injured during the escape but Filipinos in a nearby village were killed by the Japanese, charged with abetting the escape.

Fr. Ruane, looking back on it, considers himself lucky. He had no bitter personal experiences with cruel guards.

"I never had direct contact with Japanese soldiers. We were just hungry all the time," he said. Rations were sparse and, he notes, there surely would have been deaths from starvation if their imprisonment had lasted much longer.

## *Br. Murphy Honored*

During his recent visit back to Boston, Fr. Robert L. Keane, SJ, a Navy captain, currently serving as the senior chaplain for Marine Corps base camps in Okinawa and Japan, visited Br. Cornelius C. Murphy, SJ, at Campion Center.

As a young sergeant in the United States Marine Corps, Br. Connie Murphy, SJ, participated in the Battle of Okinawa from April to June, 1945. Sixty-five years later Br. Murphy is seen here receiving a commemorative plaque in gratitude for his service. Fr. Keane's office is about a mile from where Br. Murphy came ashore more than six decades ago.

Fr. Keane says, "I surprised Br. Murphy in his room at Campion Center one day during my visit home, and he was delighted to receive the plaque. In our conversation he recalled details of his experience as though it were just yesterday. I also gave him a current map and some photographs of Okinawa, which looks very different from what he left behind."

*Read more about Br. Murphy at www.jesuitoralhistory.org*

# Finding God – Even in Waiting

By Fr. Anthony P. SooHoo, SJ

We are Advent people. We wait and we watch for signs of God's presence in our lives. We keep vigil for the coming of Jesus into our world. Sometimes, like the star of Bethlehem, God bursts onto the scene and we are filled with wonder and awe. More often than not, it is in the still silence of the night, perhaps a moment of peace or a greater sense of purpose, that we meet the God who loves us into being.

As a Jesuit, I encounter Christ most often in the people with whom I work and live. All sorts of people come through the doors of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish in Manhattan. Some have been parishioners since they were little children while others have sought and found a home here because they have had an experience of Ignatian spirituality and are looking for more. Many hunger for a deeper relationship with God. Others are just plain hungry.

When I listen to their stories I am reminded that nothing is impossible with God. Parents tell me their hopes and dreams for their children as they wait to pick them up from school. Engaged couples waiting to be married share with me the story of their love in a world where commitment is often a challenge. The dying invite me to wait with them as they prepare to meet God. In each of these experiences, my own relationship with God is nurtured and grows. They have taught me how to wait, to let God's plan unfold in God's time.

A good portion of our days are spent waiting. We wait at the checkout line in a supermarket. We wait stuck in traffic. As we move from activity to activity in our busy lives, often waiting becomes something that is endured rather than embraced. Our senses become dulled to the wonder that is the world around us.

Advent waiting is different. Each year the Church gives us a season of waiting to prepare for Christmas. We are invited to keep watch for the coming of Christ in our daily routines. By paying attention to the people and the world around us, we do our holy waiting.

*When we huddle in the darkness to light the Advent candles, we know that we are not alone in our waiting — God waits with us and we wait with the Church for the coming of our Savior.*

The wintery fresh scent of evergreens is a sign for us that there is life despite the cold and bleak winter. When we huddle in the darkness to light the Advent candles, we know that we are not alone in our waiting — God waits with us and we wait with the Church for the coming of our Savior. These sights and sounds remind us that the holy is found in our midst, that the Word indeed is made flesh and dwells among us.

Advent gives meaning to our waiting. As Christians we live and wait in hope. When we get in touch with our humanity, we get a glimpse of God's plan for us and for our world. Waiting for it to unfold, let us cry out with the Church, "Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!"

*Fr. Anthony SooHoo, SJ, is an associate pastor at St. Ignatius Loyola Church on Park Avenue in Manhattan.*

# In Memoriam

*Returning home to the One to Whom our lives have been given.*
*January 1, 2010 – August 31, 2010*

## MARYLAND PROVINCE

**Fr. John H. Deeney, SJ**
Born July 22, 1921; died January 18, 2010
Minister to Ho people of India for 60 years

**Fr. Clarence A. Martin, SJ**
Born February 24, 1918; died January 22, 2010
Pastor, teacher in Philippines; Served a year in Japanese POW camp during World War II; Retreat director

**Fr. James V. Keogh, SJ**
Born July 26, 1920; died January 29, 2010
Teacher, pastor, socius in Jamshedpur, India

**Fr. John W. Witek, SJ (CHI)**
Born September 13, 1933; died January 31, 2010
Professor, Georgetown University; scholar of East Asian history

**Fr. Joseph J. McGovern, SJ**
Born August 1, 1917; died March 15, 2010
Professor at Georgetown, Wheeling Jesuit Universities; Retreat director of Province Mission Band, St. Pius X Retreat House, Blackwood, New Jersey, Jesuit House of Prayer, Hot Springs, North Carolina

**Fr. Albert H. Jenemann, SJ**
Born August 16, 1927; died March 16, 2010
Professor of philosophy at Loyola, Wheeling Jesuit, Saint Joseph's Universities

**Fr. Edward P. O'Connell, SJ**
Born December 5, 1925; died March 30, 2010
Ministered in Southern Maryland parishes

**Fr. John J. Keenan, SJ**
Born January 25, 1924; died June 5, 2010
Burma missionary; Math teacher, Scranton Prep, St. Joseph's Prep, Gonzaga College High School; hospital chaplaincy

**Fr. James P. Bradley, SJ**
Born April 16, 1934; died June 11, 2010
Principal, Loyola High School; Director of Admissions, Wheeling Jesuit University

**Fr. Joseph A. Newell, SJ**
Born November 18, 1931; died June 23, 2010
Student counselor, Wheeling Jesuit University, Gonzaga College High School; Pastor, St. Barnabas' and St. Stephen's, both in North Carolina

## NEW ENGLAND PROVINCE

**Fr. Edward J. Small, SJ**
Born November 12, 1939; died January 18, 2010
Associate pastor, Holy Family Church in Fairfield, Connecticut

**Abp. Lawrence A. Burke, SJ**
Born October 27, 1932; died January 24, 2010
Archbishop of Kingston, Jamaica

**Fr. Martin F. McCarthy, SJ**
Born July 10, 1923; died February 5, 2010
Served at the Vatican Observatory in Rome, Italy and Tucson, Arizona

**Fr. Alfred R. Desautels, SJ**
Born March 23, 1917; died February 22, 2010
Professor, College of the Holy Cross

**Fr. Stephen F. Dawber, SJ**
Born November 26, 1938; died April 29, 2010
Teacher, BC High and Cheverus High

**Fr. Joseph F. X. Flanagan, SJ**
Born July 4, 1925; died May 14, 2010
Professor at Boston College

**Fr. Charles G. Crowley, SJ**
Born February 12, 1920; died May 22, 2010
Missionary in Baghdad

**Fr. William J. Cullen, SJ**
Born June 30, 1932; died May 25, 2010
Campus minister, Fairfield Prep and Fairfield University

**Fr. Dudley R.C. Adams, SJ**
Born October 25, 1939; died May 30, 2010
Ministered in Jamaica

**Fr. William G. Devine, SJ**
Born June 23, 1927; died June 20, 2010
Professor, Fairfield University

**Fr. John B. Kerdiejus, SJ**
Born on March 8, 1923; died July 29, 2010
Retreat work and spiritual direction

**Fr. William J. Raftery, SJ**
Born Sept. 4, 1926; died August 1, 2010
Ministered in Jamaica

## NEW YORK PROVINCE

**Fr. Thomas J. Quinn, SJ**
Born December 13, 1935; died January 8, 2010
High school teacher; pastoral ministry, Mt. Manresa Jesuit Retreat House, Staten Island

**Fr. Joseph A. Novak, SJ**
Born March 14, 1927; died January 10, 2010
Provincial of New York, 1984-90;
Teacher of theology, Fordham University

**Fr. Gerard E. Braun, SJ (PHI)**
Born December 29, 1915; died January 29, 2010
Teacher of theology, Ateneo de Davao, Philippines
Associate Director, Jesuit Seminary and Mission Bureau

**Fr. Charles M. Whelan, SJ**
Born November 27, 1926; died February 2, 2010
Teacher of law, Fordham University;
editor and writer, *America* magazine

**Fr. John W. Donohue, SJ**
Born September 17, 1917; died February 17, 2010
Teacher of history and philosophy, Fordham University; associate editor, *America* magazine

**Fr. Robert E. Carter, SJ**
Born July 27, 1927; died February 22, 2010
Teacher of theology, Woodstock College;
Practicing psychotherapist

**Fr. Joseph A. Galdon, SJ**
Born September 24, 1928; died March 15, 2010
Teacher and pastoral minister, Ateneo de Manila, Philippines

**Fr. William W. Meissner, SJ**
Born February 13, 1931; died April 16, 2010
Teacher of psychoanalysis, Boston College;
Practicing psychoanalyst

**Fr. Thomas F. McManus, SJ**
Born March 26, 1932; died June 9, 2010
Teacher of math, Ateneo de Manila, Philippines;
Assistant treasurer, McQuaid Jesuit School

**Fr. Charles J. Beirne, SJ**
Born September 23, 1938; died July 14, 2010
President, Le Moyne College; Academic Vice President, University of Central America, San Salvador

**Fr. William L. Wizeman, SJ**
Born June 19, 1964; died July 18, 2010
Teacher of church history, Fordham University;
pastoral ministry, Corpus Christi Church

**Fr. Joseph V. Landy, SJ**
Born August 20, 1924; Died August 22, 2010
Teacher of English at the Ateneo de Manila, Philippines, and the University of Nigeria

## Jesuits on retreat

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the retreat, what was most remarkable, and an experience that gives me great happiness and confidence in our future, was the satisfaction in being together as brother Jesuits, engaged in serious prayer, and although silent, bonded by our mutual companionship with one another and with the Lord. This retreat was a confirmation of our mission together, founded on our relationship as companions of Jesus, made real and vibrant by our prayer.

I am grateful to the generosity of Fairfield University and the Fairfield Jesuit community in welcoming the province. I am also grateful to Fr. Michael Linden, SJ. The fruits of a retreat depend on God, but the planning and preparation done by Michael were critical to the wonderful experience.

The retreat finished on July 31, St. Ignatius Day, with Eucharistic Adoration followed by Benediction. We renewed our vows as Jesuits, and expressed our thanks praising God with the traditional *Te Deum*.

For the future, who knows how the Spirit of God will work in us? But I do believe that the enthusiasm, happiness and consolation will make a difference in our lives. If nothing else, it gives us a deep base to look to our future together in ways that are centered on God and on God's desires for us to work for God's people and the Church.

*Fr. Myles Sheehan, SJ, is the provincial of the New England Province.*

## The gift you have received

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Professionally, the retreat satisfied my longing for companions who share a common vision and affection for the *Spiritual Exercises*. Rich relationships were created, networks of resources established and prayerful support for the mission secured. With each retreat, and the fruits manifested, I became increasingly convinced I was co-laboring with lay and Jesuit companions in bringing about God's dream for the world.

Personally, the retreat opened the way for a deeper intimacy with my husband, Bob, who made one of the 2009 retreats. Spiritual intimacy is a precious gift many couples can only hope to share. The retreat, with an emphasis on freedom to be available to God's call, invited us to live more intentionally, and gave us a paradigm for family life that has reached well beyond our home.

Spiritually, the retreat has graced me, above all, with an ever-deepening affection for the beauty and transforming dynamics of the *Spiritual Exercises*. Edified and encouraged by the many courageous and generous people who desire to be formed by the Exercises, my gratitude and reverence have deepened. From this stance of awe and appreciation for all God has gifted us with and through the ILM retreats, it is a privilege to co-labor with Christ and other companions to bring about God's dream. For me, there is no deeper desire and no greater joy!

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## Our spirit continues

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The face of God, as we discussed in our small group, is everywhere. During those days I found Him in nature, in music, in other retreatants and the leaders, and in the presence of the Jesuits of Campion Center who sometimes attended our small group. In fact, all of us in our small group were touched one evening when one of the priests recited a prayer about people entering our lives like deer slipping in and out of the woods.

On the way home from the retreat, I met a woman from Africa at the airport. Like the deer that slips in and out of the woods, she reminded me once again that God is everywhere. The woman did not speak English and was having difficulty finding her way around the airport. We remained together, smiling and helping one another with our baggage, until I pointed out her gate. On the airplane I pondered the experiences of the week and thought again about the woman. Had she been Christ to me or had I been Christ to her? I wondered. Clearly we had been Christ to one another. It is difficult to explain, but one of the best gifts of the retreat was that I came away with a heartfelt sense of what it means for us to be the Body of Christ in this world. That gift became very real for me through my meeting with this woman.

Shortly after the retreat, I met with Francis Gillespie, SJ, then pastor of my parish, St. Anthony's Church in Hardeesville, South Carolina, to continue to discern my call for leadership in our parish. He invited me to start an Ignatian prayer group. We have named our group Sacred Space after the book by that title that we use for prayer. I often share with the group the materials and wisdom of our retreat leaders. Together we pray and continue to share our grace experiences with one another and with those God allows us to encounter in our daily lives.

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# World Youth Day

## *Planted and built up in Jesus Christ, firm in the faith* (cf. Col 2:7)

World Youth Day 2011 will be held in Madrid, August 16-21. This is the world's largest gathering of young people who come from every continent to join our Holy Father for a weeklong pilgrimage. Organizers estimate that there will be over one million pilgrims attending. MAGIS 2011, 10 days of Ignatian programming designed by the Jesuits of Spain, will be held August 5-15.

Fr. Phillip Hurley, SJ, young adult director for the Apostleship of Prayer and a Maryland Jesuit, is helping pilgrim groups from American Jesuit organizations prepare for the two international events. He is also on the international consulting team helping to plan the MAGIS 2011 events in Spain.

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*For more information about attending World Youth Day or MAGIS, contact Fr. Hurley at phurleysj@apostleshipofprayer.org or 414-486-1152. Details are also available on the web at: www.apostleshipofprayer.org/worldYouthDay.html or www. madrid11.com/en and at the Magis & World Youth Day 2011 Info for USA groups page on Facebook.*

*Certainly one of the most profound experiences of the Church is to pray at Mass presided by the Holy Father with over a million young people from almost 200 countries.*

— *Fr. Matthew Monnig, SJ, after attending World Youth Day in Germany in 2005*

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**Anna Teresa "Lynne" Benvegar** was a retired nurse who took out an annuity with the Maryland Province Jesuits; created a memorial named fund for her parents with the Jesuit Mission Bureau; and another memorial named fund with the Jesuit Seminary Guild. Miss Benvegar made several substantial gifts of stock to the Province and generously supported its mission appeals. She also remembered the Maryland Province Jesuits in her will. May she rest in peace.

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**Drs. Kenneth and Marie-Louise T. Johnson** established a New York Province gift annuity in December 2007. In addition to this gift that will support various Jesuit apostolates, the Johnsons set up two charitable remainder unitrusts this past summer. These recent gifts are committed for direct service to the poor through programs sponsored by the Society of Jesus.

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As a friend of the Jesuits, there is a good chance that your life — or the life of someone you know — has been influenced or shaped by a Jesuit. Perhaps you have been educated by the Jesuits, or you received spiritual guidance, or one of the sacraments from a member of the Society of Jesus. If so, you have received the blessings of a spiritual heritage, a tradition of care for the human person encouraged and lived by St. Ignatius. That tradition is carried on today in all parts of the world.

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# The Nativity Covenant

## our history...

This year Nativity Mission Center celebrates its 40th anniversary. Born of the frustrations of Jesuits and lay colleagues who tired of watching the young men of their neighborhood lost to failing schools and to the streets, Nativity shaped a program that would challenge boys to think differently about their futures, while giving them the skills to realize newfound aspirations.

Nativity Mission Center's successes led to a movement that today boasts 64 Nativity-model schools serving more than 4,400 boys and girls in 27 states across the country. Five of these schools are sponsored by the New York Province; three, Brooklyn Jesuit Prep, Nativity Mission Center and Saint Ignatius School, are middle schools administered jointly under the auspices of New York Nativity.

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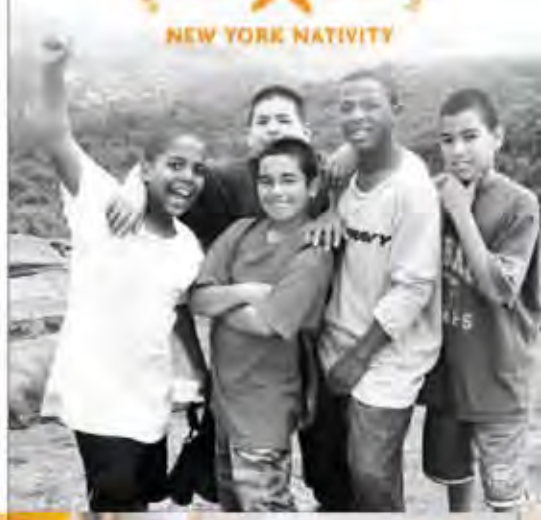

## our hopes and challenges...

For 40 years, Nativity has raised a prophetic voice, proclaiming that these children must not be abandoned… they need not be abandoned… they will not be abandoned.

Nativity's mission continues to be relevant as new immigrant groups lay claim to the American dream. But, the response cannot be static, either. Faced with lower Manhattan's rapid gentrification and the movement to other boroughs of the families it has traditionally served, Nativity Mission Center is actively exploring other sites where the need is greater and where new partners in mission will commit to Nativity's covenant with the poor of New York City.

Reaching out to community and Church leaders and "following in the tradition of intrepid Jesuit missionaries" (*The New York Times*, 8/11/2010), Nativity's staff and Board are reviewing the various approaches its new school might take. The goal is to begin working with families in fall 2011 and to be operational in the new location by fall 2012. Our success depends very much on the financial support of our friends and benefactors.

## join with us...

We invite you to learn more about New York Nativity and the relocation of Nativity Mission Center by linking to its website at www.nynativity.org. We also invite you to join with us through your financial support of this ministry of the New York Province and to become a partner in mission as we work to strengthen the Nativity Covenant.

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