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Inculturation, like any development in life or thinking that involves culture, does not happen by plan or theory. It happens when the people involved feel free to live and express themselves in the terms that best respond to their experience and the mental or interactive frameworks within which they are most truly themselves. This applies to liturgy, ecclesiology, marriage, religious life and social justice. Culture is a reality that has a life of its own and keeps growing, changing, adapting and responding to new events and environmental changes. Inculturation is a way of living in the wider context of whatever makes human life human. Thus the encounter between culture and faith is ongoing, mutually influential, and, hopefully, a source of ongoing growth and purification.

— Very Rev. Adolfo Nicolás, SJ
Superior General of the
Society of Jesus
February 25, 2011

Dear Friends,

We are happy to present this, our first-year anniversary issue of *Jesuits*, and hope you enjoy these stories of our men and ministries.

In this issue, we mark several milestones: the ordination of Fr. Mark Fusco, SJ, one of 11 Jesuits ordained in the United States this year, as well as the jubilees of nearly 100 Jesuits and the welcoming of novices beginning formation at St. Andrew Hall in Syracuse.

Fr. Peter Fink, SJ, writes about the new language translations in the Mass. A sacramental theologian, Fr. Fink taught young Jesuits, including all three current provincials, at the former Weston Jesuit School of Theology for more than thirty years. Currently associate pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church in New York, he explores the language revisions that will affect the 21 parishes, 9 retreat houses, 19 secondary schools, and 12 colleges and universities in our three provinces.

We present stories of three Jesuits who discovered their vocations while in uniform. Jesuits have served the men and women in the military for years. You may remember Fr. Joseph O'Callaghan, SJ, who received the Congressional Medal of Honor, our nation's highest military award, for his heroism as a World War II chaplain, or Fr. John "Jake" Laboon, SJ, a U.S. Naval Academy graduate who was awarded the Silver Star for valor in the face of the enemy. Today, five chaplains from our three provinces serve in the armed forces.

In September, we dedicated the new Colombiere community residence in Baltimore. This facility provides care for our senior Jesuits, allowing them to remain active in ministry well into their later years. We are grateful to our colleagues who helped build this new residence and support our older men at the health care facilities throughout the three provinces: Murray-Weigel Hall in New York, the Jesuit Center in Wernersville, Campion Center in Weston and Manresa Hall in Philadelphia.

Thank you for your ongoing collaboration, support and prayer. We count on the gifts of your time, talent and treasure to continue our work together for the greater glory of God and the service of God's people.

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Mr. Thomas Simisky, SJ, spent the summer living in a Jesuit community in Moscow, studying Russian and working in the Mother Teresa orphanage for children with disabilities.
Read his vocation story on page 11.



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Dedicating the New Colombiere Residence

Jesuits, lay colleagues, friends and donors of the Maryland Province gathered on September 11, 2011, to dedicate the new St. Claude La Colombiere residence in Baltimore. Mass was celebrated in the chapel for the first time. Earlier in the day, Fr. Bernard Filmyer, SJ, a new resident of Colombiere, had offered the first Mass in the adjacent private chapel.

Archbishop Edwin O'Brien, apostolic administrator of the Baltimore archdiocese, presided, celebrating with Fr. James Shea, SJ, Maryland's provincial, Fr. William Rickle, SJ, the community's superior, and 10 Jesuits from the province — some of whom are now living in the building. In his opening remarks, the archbishop noted it was "a joy to be a part of this historic moment," and prayed, "May the God of Mercy dwell in this place."

Prayers were offered, not only for the Jesuit province, their friends and benefactors, but — on this tenth anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks — also for all those who lost their lives or their loved ones that horrific day.

Soon after the opening prayers, the archbishop blessed the new chapel — a modern space clad in wood and stone with architectural "trees" arching over the congregation — sprinkling the space and the people with holy water.

He blessed the altar with incense before Fr. James Casciotti, SJ, who served as master of ceremonies, and John Peck, SJ, and Sean Toole, SJ, scholastics serving as acolytes, placed the altar cloth, missal and vessels.

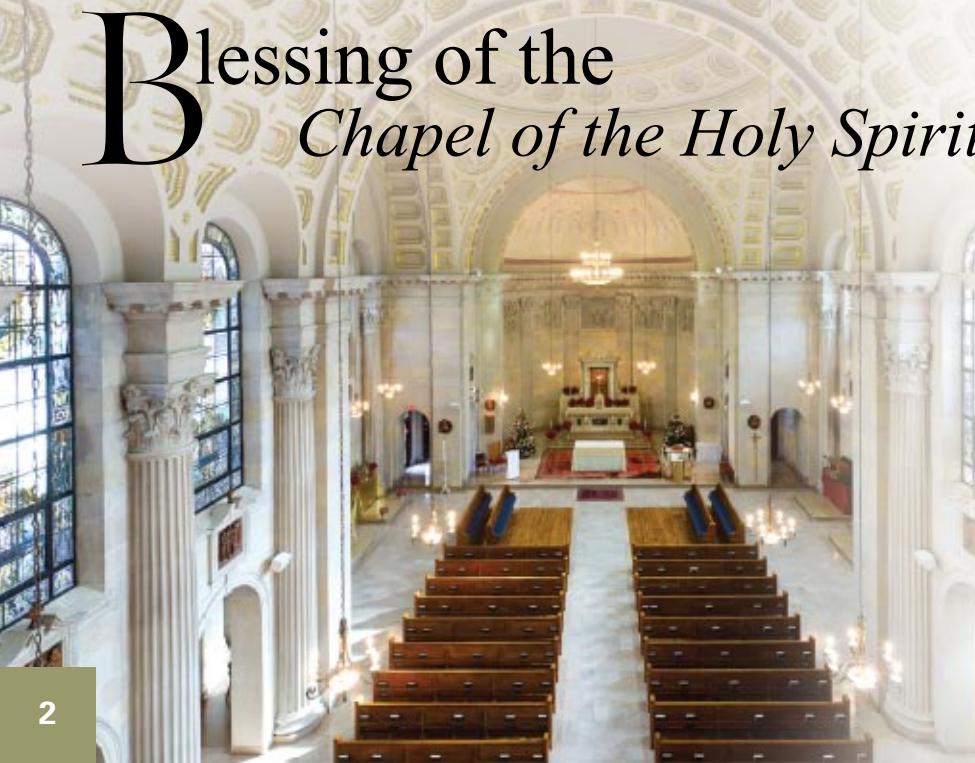
Before the final blessing, Fr. Shea thanked the congregation for their attendance, and for their generosity to the *Cura Personalis: Caring for Our Brother Jesuits* Campaign. "We count on your encouragement and support," he said. Fr. Rickle added his own welcome, acknowledging the presence of Al Dragani, the building's architect.

While the congregation sang the last hymn, Archbishop O'Brien, accompanied by Fr. Casciotti, walked through the residence to bless each room with holy water. A reception and tour of the building followed Mass.



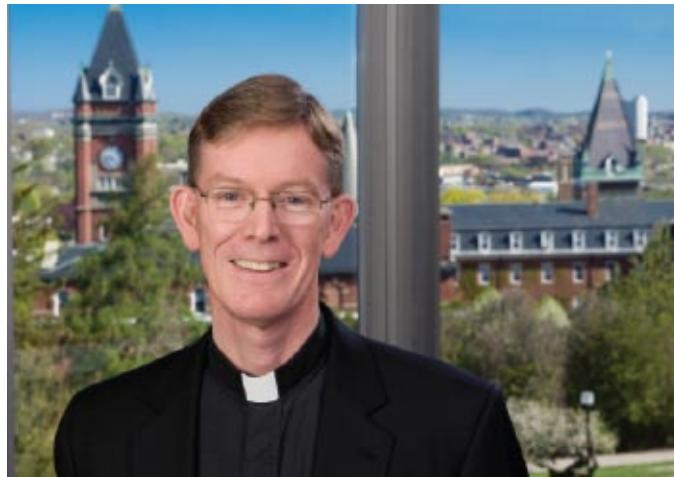
Archbishop Edwin O'Brien presides at the first Mass celebrated in the chapel at Colombiere Jesuit residence on Sept. 11. Fr. James Shea, Maryland's provincial, and Fr. William Rickle, Colombiere's superior, concelebrate.

Blessing of the Chapel of the Holy Spirit



Fr. Myles Sheehan, SJ, provincial of the New England Province, Fr. Robert Levens, SJ, rector of Campion Center, and the Campion Jesuit community welcomed friends, family and brother Jesuits to the *Fruits of the Holy Spirit, Prayers of Celebration Blessing* of the newly renovated Chapel of the Holy Spirit on June 19 at Campion Center, Weston, Massachusetts. The celebration included original music compositions for the 12 stained glass windows of the chapel by composer Fr. Normand Pepin, SJ. Fr. Ronald Wozniak, SJ, minister of the community who oversaw the renovation, gave a narrative tour of the chapel and Scripture readings for each of the windows. The celebration marked an extensive renovation which brought the chapel back to its full beauty and spirit.

New Leadership Across Our Provinces



Dan Vailancourt



Daniel Roy, a former Nativity volunteer teaching fellow and master teacher, has returned to Nativity Preparatory School in Boston to serve as principal. Roy, a graduate of Macalester College, served as a Nativity teacher from 2000-2006. He received a Master of Education degree from Boston College in 2005 and taught at Boston

Preparatory Charter School and Bishop Feehan High School following his six years of service at Nativity.



Bryan Carter has been named the next president of Gesu School in Philadelphia. He succeeds Christine Beck, who is retiring. Carter, a Jesuit high school alumnus, comes from The Cradle, where he was resource and community development director for the national adoption agency since 2009. Beck served on Gesu's Board of Trustees for six years and was recently honored with the Gesu Spirit Medal. The Gesu School has about 455 children in grades pre-K through eighth.



Ed Young joined the New York Province office staff in August to work with Fr. Vincent Biagi, SJ, who is assistant for secondary and pre-secondary education and lay formation. A graduate of Regis High School in New York City and Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania, Young served for two years in the Jesuit International Volunteer

Corps in Chuuk, Micronesia, as an elementary school teacher. At Xavier High School, he taught, moderated the student council, coached golf and was a faculty representative on subcommittees of the Board of Trustees. Young is a recent graduate of the Ignatian Leadership Seminars conducted by the Jesuit Secondary Education Association.



Diaconate Ordination



Archbishop Peter Smith with the four newly ordained deacons (from left): Deacon Matthew Malone, SJ, Deacon Bart Beckers, SJ, Deacon Eli Rajan Rajendram, SJ, and Deacon Godfrey Veerasammy, SJ

On Easter Saturday, April 30, Matthew Malone, SJ, was one of four Jesuits ordained to the diaconate by the Most Rev. Peter David Smith, Archbishop of Southwark, at Corpus Christi Church, Brixton Hill, London. Mr. Malone is studying theology at Heythrop College in London and will be ordained to the priesthood in June 2012 at Fordham University.



Archbishop Peter Smith with Matthew Malone, SJ

Fr. Kalscheur Professes Final Vows



Lee Pellegini

Fr. Gregory Kalscheur, SJ, was called by the Society of Jesus to the profession of final vows on September 9, the feast of St. Peter Claver. Provincial Father Myles Sheehan, SJ, Fr. T. Frank Kennedy, SJ, rector of the Boston College Jesuit community, Jesuit brothers, family and friends celebrated at St. Mary's Chapel at Boston College. During his homily, Fr. Kalscheur said, "I come to this day for the profession of my final vows filled with tremendous gratitude. I am deeply grateful for the gift of this vocation and for the call to final vows, and I am consoled by the Spirit's gift of an ever-deepening sense that I was made for this life of companionship with Jesus." Fr. Kalscheur is an associate professor at Boston College School of Law.

HEARTS ON FIRE



Bridgett Scott

Sam Sawyer, SJ, a second-year regent, addresses a packed room at Old St. Joseph's Church in Philadelphia during the start of the Hearts on Fire retreat, a day-and-a-half program for young adults focusing on Ignatian spirituality.

Young adults from five cities gathered for this summer's Hearts on Fire Tour, a two-day retreat series led by Jesuit priests and scholastics.

Retreats introducing the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius were held in Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Charlotte, Baltimore and Richmond.

This was the second such series of summer retreats. Last year, retreats sponsored by the Apostleship of Prayer were held throughout the Midwest. The largest gathering this year took place in the Baltimore suburb of Ellicott City at the parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. More than 100 young adults took part. Fr. James Martin, SJ, author of *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything: A Spirituality for Real Life* spoke to the gathering in Philadelphia. In Richmond, the retreat was held in both English and Spanish at Sacred Heart Church, a parish with a large Latino population.

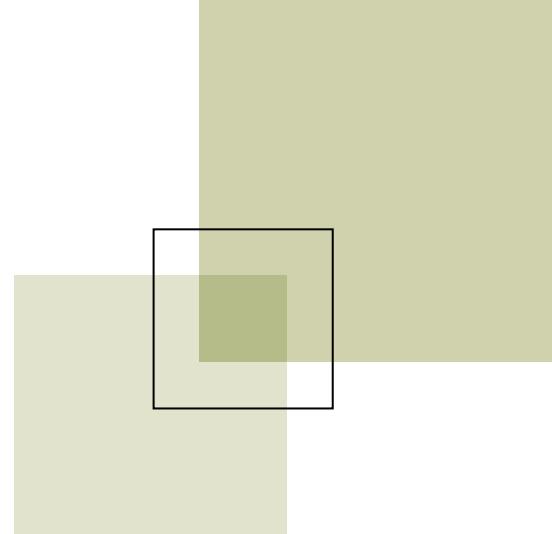
Leading the retreats were Frs. Phillip Hurley, SJ, youth and young adult director for the Apostleship of Prayer, and Mario Cisneros, SJ, from Mexico, studying at Boston College, as well as three scholastics, Sean Powers, SJ, Rob Van Alstyne, SJ, and Sam Sawyer, SJ.

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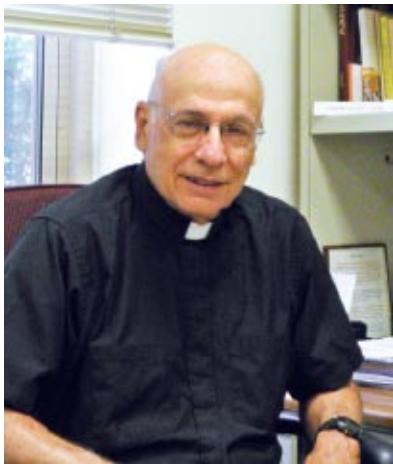
Sent to the Frontiers:

Missionary role of Jesuits vital in a changing world

By Fr. Ramon Salomone, SJ



African Jesuits studying in the United States and Canada gathered at Loyola University Maryland in May to explore opportunities for working more closely with American Jesuits. Thirty-seven of the 60 African Jesuits studying in North America attended.



Fr. Ramon Salomone, SJ

In 2009, Fr. Adolfo Nicolás, SJ, the Superior General of the Society of Jesus, reminded all Jesuits: “The vision of our universal vocation, ‘to go anywhere in the world where there is hope for God’s greater glory’ was central to Fr. Ignatius and his companions.” Francis Xavier, sent by Ignatius to the Far East, was the first of a vast host of Jesuits continuing to the present day who headed to distant places carrying the Gospel message.

Much has changed since the time of Xavier. A trip halfway around the world can now be accomplished in less than a day. Modern communication is instantaneous. All but the most remote places are connected by the Internet. Nevertheless, as Fr. Nicolás points out, the universal mission of the Jesuits remains paramount. Perhaps it is even more urgent as the opportunities and the

means to bring the message of God’s desires and plans for the salvation of every man, woman and child become more varied, more imaginative, more accessible.

Instead of the more developed European and American societies reaching out with manpower and financial resources to the less developed and un-evangelized places of the world, areas of Asia and Africa are now assisting the Church in the West and elsewhere with priests and religious to counter the diminishing number of clergy. This phenomenon will demand considerable adaptation on the part of the Church in the West.

Today the Society of Jesus remains the largest missionary order in the Church, and there is a compelling new vision in the approach to international

ministry. The office of the social and international ministries of the U.S. Jesuit Conference describes international ministry today as moving from:

- one-way giving to reciprocity,
- philanthropy to solidarity,
- giving men and money to creating sustainability,
- depending solely on missionaries to partnering with others,
- acting out of spontaneous impulse to sustained advocacy for social change,
- providing foreign help to fostering self-help,
- perceiving international mission as an export (or expenditure) to seeing it as a gift and opportunity,
- lifelong assignments for a few Jesuits to shorter-term missions for many.

These trends are pointing to new, more cooperative ways of pursuing evangelization. But they also raise challenging new questions:

- How can we find the keys that will unlock the talents and aspirations of the people to whom we are sent?
- How can we respect and honor different cultures and faiths even as we present Christ's message of peace and love of neighbor, of justice and the willingness to sacrifice for the greater good of all as the best way forward?
- How can we carefully and sensitively convey the fact that the affluent state of much of the West is a mixed blessing and can present as many pitfalls and challenges to the preservation and growth of one's own culture and the forming of one's personal self image as do the strained economic and political conditions under which so many people in the world live?
- And in return, how can we more clearly see the gifts that others have to offer to us in the West?

Challenges indeed, but ones that fire the imagination and, as Ignatius might put it, fire the desire to save souls.

Fr. Nicolás also indicated the importance of fostering in Jesuits in formation this sense of availability to go anywhere. The learning of languages — English, Chinese, Spanish, Arabic — has to be an important part of the training. Most importantly, the opportunity to have a meaningful experience in another culture is becoming an established component of Jesuit formation.

It is also true that there are “frontiers” right here. There is need for re-evangelization in the face of growing indifference to the Church in the affluent West. What is the *greater* need when it comes down to those two choices, home or abroad? Fr. Nicolás asserts that each of the American provinces should be ready to send 10 to 25 percent of its members abroad. There is something faith-based more than reason-based to be considered here. Is this throwing caution to the wind, or is it rather a surrender of the mission more completely into God's hands?

There is little doubt that the Church in America is in an awkward spot: schools closing, church attendance down, vocations to the priesthood and religious life fewer, the humiliation of the sex abuse scandal still lingering. Jesuits share in this Church-wide moment of anguish. There could be a temptation to circle the wagons for the final fight. But not according to Fr. Nicolás! What I hear him saying is, “Head for the frontiers, at home and abroad. Don't doubt. Don't look back.” Or as Ignatius put it a long time ago, “My love and my grace are enough for you!”

Fr. Ramon Salomone, SJ, is provincial assistant for international ministries of the New York Province.

Jesuit Leaders

Fr. Ray Salomone, SJ, was novice director and later regional superior in the Nigeria-Ghana Region, which is now the independent North-West Africa Province. Four Jesuits, who were among the novices during that time (1990-2004), along with their many young Jesuit contemporaries, exemplify the coming to age of what was once a “mission” to what is now a self-sustaining province of the worldwide Society of Jesus.



Fr. Jude Odiaka, SJ, ordained in 1993, has been pastor of St. Joseph's Church in his home town of Benin City and is now the first indigenous provincial of this young province.



Fr. Emmanuel Ugwejeh, SJ, ordained in 2001, studied education at Fordham University and is now the principal of St. Francis Secondary School, Lagos, with a teaching staff of 83 guides and 1,124 boys and girls.



Fr. John-Okoria Ibhakewanlan, SJ, ordained in 2003, has a postgraduate certificate in education from the University of Nottingham, U.K. For five years he served as the president/principal of Loyola College, Abuja, Nigeria.



Fr. Chijioke Azuawusie, SJ, ordained in 2009, has taken up the reins of the Province's newly established development and communications office. This office has made significant strides in local and international fundraising.

Celebrating Ordinations

Jesuit provinces around the United States celebrated the ordinations of 11 new priests this spring and summer. They come from four countries as well as the United States, and have a variety of backgrounds from nursing to acting, music to psychology. Here are short profiles of all these priests:



Fr. Johnathan Brown, SJ, 36, originally from Eunice, Louisiana, worked as a graphics and web design artist before joining the Society in 2002. While studying philosophy at Saint Louis University, he was active in campus ministry and participated in service trips. These experiences prepared him for his assignment at San José Parish in Villahermosa, Mexico, working with youth groups at 52 satellite chapels. He then taught at Jesuit High School in Tampa, Florida. Fr. Brown completed his master of divinity and master of theology degrees at Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, and worked at St. Columbkille Parish in Brighton, Massachusetts. Fr. Brown is missioned to Sacred Heart Church in El Paso.



Fr. Mark Fusco, SJ, 46, was born in Oshawa, Ontario, Canada, and earned a master's degree in philosophical theology from Yale University before going to Rome to work on international health issues at the Vatican and as director of programs at the Joel Nafuma Refugee Center. He received his licentiate in sacred theology from the Pontifical Lateran

University and then spent several years in the private sector and secondary education. In 2005, he entered the Society and began work on his doctorate in systematic theology at the University of Toronto. After diaconate ordination, he served as a deacon at St. Paul's Cathedral in Toronto. Fr. Fusco will be at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. to finish his dissertation.



Fr. J. Patrick Hough, SJ, 36, a Lancashire, England, native, holds bachelor's degrees from both Leeds University and the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. Before joining the Society in 2002, he went to Sydney, Australia, to teach, coach tennis and work with the music program at St. Ignatius High School. Jesuit assignments took

him to Sacred Heart Church in El Paso and Strake Jesuit College Preparatory in Houston. Fr. Hough earned a master's degree in medieval history from Fordham University and a licentiate in sacred theology from the Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University. He also studied orchestral conducting and singing at the Juilliard School. He is missioned to Immaculate Conception Parish in Albuquerque.



Galeone Photography

Maryland Provincial Fr. James Shea, SJ, blesses Mark Fusco, SJ, during his ordination at Loyola University Maryland's Alumni Chapel in June. Also pictured, Bishop George V. Murry, SJ, of Youngstown, Ohio, who was the ordaining prelate.



Fr. Radmar Jao, SJ, 44, enjoyed an early acting career in film, television and stage in Los Angeles. He also volunteered for an after school arts program working with at-risk youth there before entering the Society in 2001. He earned a master's degree in applied philosophy from Loyola University of Chicago, where his interests in spiritual direction and young adult ministry grew. At the University of San Francisco, he taught acting and theatre appreciation while working with the University Ministry team. Fr. Jao completed a master of divinity degree from the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University in Berkeley, and served as a campus minister, hospital chaplain and parish deacon. His first mission is to work as the Province Vocation Promoter for the California Province.



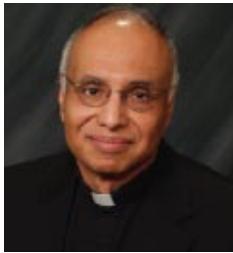
Fr. Jeffrey Johnson, SJ, 40, attended Vanderbilt University and then served five years as a naval officer. As a diocesan seminarian, he studied theology at the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Chicago. He entered the Society of Jesus in 2001. Before beginning his regency, Fr. Johnson co-produced the documentary film *Xavier*, narrated by actor Liam Neeson and televised nationally on PBS. He then went to Jesuit High School in Tampa, Florida, as a teacher, chaplain of the baseball and soccer teams and moderator of the school newspaper. Fr. Johnson will complete his licentiate in Sacred Theology at Boston College School of Theology and Ministry and he is an associate pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in New Orleans.



Fr. Andrew Kirschman, SJ, 37, graduated from both Cardinal Glennon Seminary in St. Louis and St. Louis University and then worked at Chaminade Preparatory High School in St. Louis. Upon entering the Jesuit novitiate in 2000, he earned a master's degree in public policy and urban affairs at St. Louis University and completed his regency at the Universidad Centroamericana in El Salvador. For the past three years, he assisted with the formation of the Alum Service Corps, a volunteer program in the Missouri Province high schools. Fr. Kirschman completed theology studies at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University in Berkeley. He has been missioned to Arrupe Jesuit High School in Denver.



Fr. Joseph Laramie, SJ, 33, completed undergraduate studies in philosophy and letters at Saint Louis University as a seminarian in the St. Louis Archdiocese before entering the Society in 2000. When he studied theology and Spanish at Loyola University of Chicago, he took improvisational acting classes with the Second City theater program. He earned a master's in communications from Saint Louis University. As a regent at Regis Jesuit High School in Denver, he taught and was moderator of the improv club and newspaper. He has led several groups to Washington, D.C., for the March for Life each January. Fr. Laramie earned his master's degree of divinity at the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, where he is working to complete his licentiate in sacred theology.



Fr. Joel Medina, SJ, 56, holds a bachelor of science in nursing from Wayne State University in Detroit and has been certified as an infusion registered nurse. He entered the novitiate in 2002. He completed philosophy studies at Loyola University Chicago. He has accompanied Loyola University medical students and physicians on a medical mission trip to San Pedro Sula, Honduras. Fr. Medina received his master's degree in divinity from Boston College School of Theology

and Ministry this spring. Ordained a deacon last fall, he served at Sacred Hearts Church in Malden, Massachusetts. Fr. Medina has been missioned as a chaplain to Stroger Hospital of Cook County, Chicago, and also to serve part time at St. Procopius Jesuit Church, also in Chicago.



Fr. J. Alejandro Olayo Méndez, SJ, 41, originally entered the diocesan seminary in Mexico City in 1988. He left the seminary and graduated from the Universidad Iberoamericana (Jesuit University in Mexico City). While working in Chiapas in southern Mexico for a human rights center, Fr. Méndez discerned to rejoin religious life. He entered the Society in 2002. While studying for his master's in social work in Chicago, he worked closely with migrant communities. He then moved to Gonzaga Preparatory School in Spokane, Washington, as a counselor, religion teacher and diversity director. This fall, he is studying at the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry to complete his licentiate in sacred theology.



Fr. Aaron Pidel, SJ, 32, became interested in Jesuit missionaries and decided to attend an eight-day Ignatian retreat. That led him to enter the Society in 2000. As a Jesuit novice, Fr. Pidel worked with persons with intellectual disabilities at the L'Arche Community of Mobile, Alabama, and with a youth group at a parish in El Salvador. He earned a master's degree in philosophy resources from Fordham University and, as a regent, taught at Jesuit High School in New Orleans. He also substituted as a senior physics teacher for Jesuit High School students who relocated to Houston after Hurricane Katrina. Fr. Pidel will soon complete both his master's of divinity and a licentiate in sacred theology, and after serving as a chaplain at World Youth Day in Madrid, he will begin work as parochial vicar at Gesu Parish in Miami.



Fr. Paul Vu, SJ, 40, fled with his family from Vietnam and settled first in Costa Mesa, California, and then in Houston. He earned his bachelor's degree in psychology at the University of Texas and then received a full scholarship to the University of Missouri, where he earned both master's and doctoral degrees in counseling psychology. He entered the Jesuit novitiate in 2000. After Fr. Vu completed philosophy studies in St. Louis, he spent his regency at Regis University in Denver as a counselor on the campus, part-time teacher and coordinator of the Christian Life Community program. He is currently completing theology studies at the Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University in Berkeley, where he will complete his licentiate in sacred theology and to continue his study of the relationship between psychology and religion.



Watch videos of Fr. Vu's journey to ordination in the Path to Priesthood series at: <http://bit.ly/IHOg0H>

The Deployment *of a Lifetime*

God's invitation to the priesthood or religious life reaches us through parents and family, teachers and friends, and through the many events and experiences that each of us encounters in life. This includes military service. St. Ignatius Loyola was a soldier wounded in action. As he read the lives of the saints while he recovered, God invited him to reconsider his goals in life.

Here are the stories of three men who entered the Society of Jesus after serving in the military.

The individual Jesuits who worked in the various places the Navy assigned me were a constant reminder of the Society's worldwide mission.

— Rudi Casals, SJ

Discovering My Vocation

My first "encounter" with the Society of Jesus was in Japan. While visiting Nagasaki Harbor, I went up a nearby hill for a better view of the city. This brought me to the site of the shrine of the 26 martyrs. I was struck by the fact that such an explicitly Catholic site was in the mostly non-Christian surroundings of Japan. My subsequent research led me to the story of Jesuit Saint Paul Miki and the history of the Church in Japan. This was the start of a significant relationship with the Society.

While teaching at the Naval Academy, my heart was torn between a love of the Navy and a growing desire to serve God as a priest. I had the benefit of working alongside Navy chaplain Fr. Robert Keane, SJ. His daily example, and conversations with Fr. Brendan Hurley, SJ, (now a spiritual director at the Pontifical North American College in Rome), gave me the freedom to make the choice to apply to the Society. While working in Des Moines, Iowa, as a recruiter, I had the chance to visit the Jesuits at Creighton University, who continued to help me find God in my life.



Rudi Casals, SJ

It was the sum of various factors and individuals that led me to the Society. A great part of my vocation I owe to the sailors who shared with me their joys and pains. Their trust allowed me to realize that the most rewarding and fulfilling part of being a naval officer was the pastoral opportunities it afforded me. Also, the unwavering loyalty and friendship of the particular shipmates I had gave me the confidence and freedom to risk leaving a life in the Navy for the possibility of finding fulfillment in an intimate relationship with Christ. The individual Jesuits who worked in the various places the Navy assigned me were a constant reminder of the Society's worldwide mission. They, along with the example of St. Ignatius, the soldier turned pilgrim, turned spiritual guide and finally saint, who left behind a road map for those embarking on the same journey from military life to religious life, helped inspire my own vocation to the Society. Finally, it was my family who taught me how to love God, and that made all this possible.

Rudi Casals, SJ, teaches at Xavier High School in New York City.



Thomas Simisky, SJ, greets Boston College student Rafael Leonardo at the Army ROTC commissioning ceremony in May. Leonardo, now a lieutenant, is very active with Catholic groups at BC.

Missioned in a new way

"How could you go from being a Marine to a Jesuit?" This is the question I am always asked when people hear a little about my past. I asked myself, and God, the very same question many times throughout my discernment.

Having been a Marine artillery officer for four years after graduating from Assumption College, Worcester, Massachusetts, with a political science degree, I had already received a strong formation that shaped my character in many lasting ways. And in spite of growing up active in our local parish and attending St. John's High School, I had slipped away from regular Mass attendance. All of this led me to wonder if I was worthy, or even capable, of a priestly vocation.

I was finally able to listen to Christ's call when I was a graduate student at Boston College. While on a five-day Ignatian retreat, I reflected back on when God was most present in my life and when I felt most alive and fulfilled. Strangely, I thought of my deployment to the Persian Gulf in 1995.

I realized that I enjoyed working with and teaching the young Marines in my unit, many of whom came from difficult family backgrounds. I also felt inspired by the sense of being sent on mission, doing something greater than myself in which it was understood that we had to sacrifice our individualism for the

greater good. And I enjoyed living in community (as shipboard and barracks life really is). All of this allowed me to see that my missionary vocation as a Jesuit was actually always present.

Many close friends were surprised (though always supportive) when I told them I was entering the Society of Jesus. Over time, the response inevitably becomes, "It makes total sense."

Vowed life permits me to be missioned in new ways. My eight years in the Society have been filled with many travels and assignments. But fundamentally it continues allowing me to grow in faith, increasingly free to follow Christ with greater courage. SEMPER FIDELIS!

Thomas Simisky, SJ, is a first year theology student at Boston College School of Theology and Ministry.

Answering Christ's Call

There were a number of influences in my life that brought me to the Society of Jesus. It was a thrill for me to study at Loyola Blakefield in Baltimore from grades 7 to 12. The place was set aside from the everyday. At Loyola, you experienced a measure of independence and some of the trappings of adulthood: wearing a coat and tie, being called "Mr." by teachers, and being allowed to spend your free period however you chose. I experienced a sense of fraternity

embodied by the upperclassmen, and a sense of sonship under the care of the Jesuits. The teaching and the example of the Jesuits were impressive at first, but they were soon taken for granted. I can see now what a blessing it is to be able to take role models for granted. It is also a blessing to stop and reflect on men whom you respect, and to give consideration to the course of your life. I learned how to practice such reflection in later years when on retreat.

After college, I served in the Navy for six and a half years. I was blessed with the opportunity to meet truly exemplary sailors. It was at this time that I made my first spiritual retreat. As I reflected upon the examples of good men whom I had known, and upon myself, and upon the course of my life, it became clear what God was calling me to.



Richard Nichols, SJ

One of the techniques that really helped in this discernment was to imagine myself on my deathbed, looking back over the course of my life, and pondering whether I had done God's will (*Spiritual Exercises* #186). I see now that being a Jesuit is the best way for me to answer Christ's call to follow him more closely.

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Warm Welcome from the Windy City

Holy Cross professor spends semester teaching Jesuits in First Studies

By Fr. Thomas Worcester, SJ

“As a Jesuit scholastic, I had the occasion to see firsthand the unique way in which a Jesuit priest approaches the task of scholarship; this experience will be formative in my own Jesuit life.”

— Matthew Prochilo, SJ



For spring semester 2011 I had the privilege of serving as Visiting Professor for First Studies at Loyola University Chicago. First Studies refers to the philosophical, theological and related studies undertaken by Jesuits in the three years following their completion of the novitiate. In a given year, approximately 30 such Jesuits in formation, drawn from all nine Jesuit provinces in the United States, do First Studies in Chicago. An additional 60 Jesuits do First Studies at St. Louis University and Fordham University.

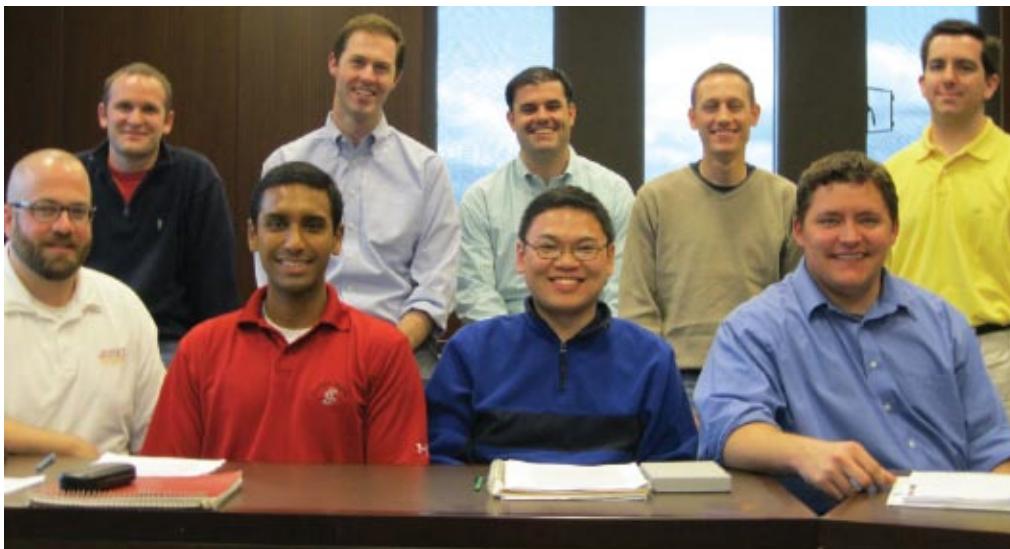
Nine Jesuit scholastics enrolled in my seminar course entitled “Jesuits in the Early Modern World.” The course examined the complex history and development of the Society of Jesus from its founding in 1540 to its temporary suppression in 1773. Emphasis

was on the wide variety of contexts — geographic, intellectual, political, cultural, religious and theological — in which Jesuits worked, and ways in which Jesuits both effected change and were themselves changed by interacting with diverse peoples in Europe and around the world. Each student in the seminar also worked on a major research paper — topics included the prominence of Jewish converts among the early Jesuits, Jesuit opposition to witch hunts in 17th-century Germany and the importance of women benefactors for 18th-century Jesuit fundraising.

Besides my seminar at Loyola, the visiting professorship allowed time for research for the first stages of an encyclopedia of the Jesuits for Cambridge University Press. While in Chicago, I also gave two talks: a public lecture for the Loyola University Ignatian Heritage Week on Jesuits and the Papacy, ca. 1500 to the present; and a more informal conversation with the Jesuit scholastic community on the vocation to scholarly work in the Society of Jesus. This talk/dialogue with the scholastics was a very special occasion for me. I was pleased and moved by the questions and comments of these Jesuits, men eager to know more of the joys and challenges one may face over decades as a Jesuit, but above all men eager to put their talents to good use.

The city of Chicago from January to May was hardly a resort destination, but as a native of Burlington, Vermont, I am used to cold weather. From its origins the Society of Jesus has been present above all in urban contexts, starting with 16th-century Paris, where the first Jesuits

November is National Jesuit Vocation Month



Nine students enrolled in a seminar at Loyola University Chicago, offered by Fr. Thomas Worcester, SJ. Front, from left are Jesuits Brendan Busse, Justin Mungal, Andrew Rodriguez, R.J. Fichtinger; rear, from left: Travis Russell, Curtis Leighton, Patrick Nolan, Cyril Pinchak, Matthew Prochilo. They represent the California, Chicago-Detroit, New York and Wisconsin Provinces.

"Fr. Worcester encouraged us to use history as a lens to understand the Society of Jesus. By learning how our past formed us, we can understand who we are today."

— Cyril Pinchak, SJ

were students. Since the 19th century, Jesuits have made a major commitment to living and working in Chicago. It is a good place for us to be, with many intellectual and ministerial opportunities, and with an amazing diversity of peoples. And I found parishes to be lively and full of people; Chicago remains quite a Catholic city. Chicago is a place where a barber cutting my hair figured out that I was a priest and then proceeded to sing the unqualified praises of the Church, the clergy and Loyola University. A very interesting semester indeed!

Fr. Thomas Worcester, SJ, is Professor of History at the College of the Holy Cross. One of the books he used in his seminar was *The Cambridge Companion to the Jesuits*, which he edited (Cambridge University Press, 2008)



Fr. Thomas Worcester, SJ, after a Mass at Loyola Chicago



This year we are commemorating the 300th Anniversary of the death of Padre Eusebio Francisco Kino, SJ, (1645-1711), the founder of 24 missions and chapels in Mexico, Arizona, and California.



Prayer for Vocations

Father, in the name of Jesus, and through the power of Your Holy Spirit, we pray that You inflame the hearts of men with courage and trust and the desire to labor for Your kingdom as Jesuits. We ask You through the intercession of Mary, our Mother, St. Ignatius, and all Your saints, to bless the Society of Jesus with bountiful vocations that it may continue to serve Your church with passion and zeal. May Your will be done. Amen.



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Fr. Hernan Paredes, SJ, teaches theology at Loyola School in New York City.



Students from Saint Peter's Prep in Jersey City on an Emmaus Retreat



Students at Georgetown Preparatory School in North Bethesda, Maryland, huddle together to finish an assignment in the library in the William L. George, SJ, Center.



Secondary Schools Across Our Provinces



Students from Xavier High School, New York, build a house while on a service trip in Tijuana, Mexico.



Fr. John Hanwell, SJ, president of Fairfield College Preparatory School, Fairfield, Connecticut, distributes communion to students at Mass.

Cheverus High School student Jack Terwilliger was named the 2010-2011 Gatorade Maine Boys Track and Field Athlete of the Year. The award recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the track.

Two centuries of Jesuit education in the Maryland, New England and New York Provinces multimedia presentation by students at Loyola Blakefield at <http://bit.ly/pMnQT3>

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Fairfield, Connecticut

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Bronx, New York

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Baltimore, Maryland

Loyola School
New York, New York

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Rochester, New York

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Kingston, Jamaica

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Saint Peter's Preparatory School
Jersey City, New Jersey

Scranton Preparatory School
Scranton, Pennsylvania

Xavier High School
New York, New York

Xavier High School
Chuuk, Micronesia

Faith in the Service of Justice

By Anne Murphy

Mortgage lending as mission? Call it a sign of the times, but Fr. James Walsh, SJ, a practicing attorney and veteran social activist, has made foreclosure relief for struggling families in Boston's economically distressed neighborhoods his latest foray into social ministry.

In September 2010, Fr. James Walsh, SJ, surrounded by family and colleagues, celebrated 50 years in the Society of Jesus at the New England Province's Jubilee celebration.



John Gillooly

About three years ago we realized the banks had been bailed out, but they weren't doing anything," explains Fr. Walsh, who serves on the board of Boston Community Capital, a community development finance institution — what Fr. Walsh calls a "non-bank bank" — chartered to invest and lend in poor communities. "Traditional banks weren't making mortgage loans in low-income neighborhoods. There were few alternatives for the poor. And Boston Community Capital (BCC) strives to be a hedge fund for the poor. So we realized BCC needed to become a mortgage company — to

stabilize communities and help families stay in their homes."

BCC, which also makes small-business and community-development loans, as well as venture investments through its equity funds, became a licensed mortgage lender in 2009 and, through its Stabilizing Urban Neighborhoods (SUN) program, began buying properties facing foreclosure at deeply discounted prices. Reselling the properties back to their residents on more amenable terms, SUN also underwrites new mortgages at affordable rates. More than \$15 million has been lent so far, and about 135 families have been spared

foreclosure and eviction. Families repurchasing their homes through BCC typically reduce their monthly mortgage payments by almost half. “There have been no defaults,” adds Fr. Walsh.

It’s not teaching or preaching, but the plain-spoken Jesuit priest sees this work as wholly within the charisms of the Society of Jesus. “It’s about faith in the service of justice,” says Fr. Walsh.

As a young Jesuit inspired by Father General Pedro Arrupe, SJ, and the Synod of Bishops’ 1971 Statement, *Justice in the World*, Fr. Walsh, who had planned to become a professor, felt himself drawn instead to the emerging frontiers of the social apostolate and more worldly service of the poor.

loses sight of the mission, never confuses our ability to manage risk with our pursuit of the mission. He’s not blind to risks; he’s just matter of fact about analyzing, understanding and mitigating them.”

In the quarter century Fr. Walsh has served as a director, BCC has grown its assets from \$30 million to more than \$600 million and won recognition as a national model.

“He’s a man of quiet humility,” says longtime friend and former colleague Jerry Sutherland. Loath to draw attention to himself, Walsh is more comfortable working behind the scenes than front-and-center on a social issue. “He’s Mr. Cool all the way,” according

For Fr. Walsh, the questions he asks himself and others are also unfailingly consistent. “I raise the poor people’s questions,” he says. Now, more than ever.

“How do you get the middle and upper-middle class in this country to think about the poor? When there has been a radical change in the culture? People need to look at the reality that we still have poor people. More all the time. They may be less visible, but they’re still here.”

Almost four decades later, exhortations such as those found in Decree Four from the Society’s 32nd General Congregation remain, for Fr. Walsh, a compelling call to action: “The Gospel demands a life in which the justice of the Gospel shines out in a willingness not only to recognize and respect the rights of all, especially the poor and the powerless, but also to work actively to secure those rights.” (G.C. 32, Decree 4, n. 18).

While Fr. Walsh may wish he’d seen greater results, and continues to pray that more people of good will and more resources will be dedicated to the Jesuit work of social justice, at age 68, he has few regrets. “It’s been a good trip for me because I’ve learned so many things that I never would have learned,” says the ever-inquisitive Fr. Walsh. “I’m an introvert by nature. I’m a Jesuit who’s never even had a checkbook. Yet I’ve had a chance to learn about finance, and to learn about the law and real estate, and so much more. It’s like a whole new world was opened up for me. Because I took some chances,” he said. “I can’t imagine how nerdy I’d be if I’d played it safe and gotten a Ph.D. in the philosophy of science, like I’d planned.”

Anne Murphy is a writer and the founder of Mission Media Arts, a communications firm serving nonprofits. She and her family are parishioners at St. Ignatius of Loyola in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts.

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— Elyse Cherry

“I guess I’m a bit entrepreneurial in the way a lot of early Jesuits were,” says Fr. Walsh. “They were into all sorts of things.” And so is Fr. Walsh. In the half-century he has spent in the Society (he entered after graduating Boston College High School in 1960), he has been a high-school teacher, community organizer (active in tenants’ rights campaigns in Boston in the early 1970s), practicing attorney (graduating BC Law in 1981 and working for indigent, elderly and disabled clients in private practice since), state official and alternative energy advocate (serving in the Executive Office of Energy Resources under then Gov. Michael Dukakis), and nonprofit director and adviser, serving on at least half a dozen boards of both Jesuit and secular organizations, such as BCC.

“Jim has been our moral compass from *day one*,” notes Elyse Cherry, CEO of BCC. “He’s been on the board since we were founded, and he never

to Sutherland. “I’ve been in intense situations with him, where people’s emotions are running rampant, and he just brings a calm to it all. He has a great sense of peace and a great devotion to relieving the suffering of others.”

But he’s not afraid of a challenge or an uphill battle.

“When we started the foreclosure relief work, it was a completely different line of business for us,” recalls Cherry. “Yet it was totally consistent with our mission. Jim was a strong voice on the board arguing for our need to go into this work. And we heard him, in part because he’s just so consistent, but also very smart and very analytical.

“He has an internal lodestar,” Cherry adds. “His life, his work, his choices are all just fully integrated. They’re all about attempting to alleviate poverty. It’s not as if he’s taking one hat off and putting on another when he walks into a room. He’s wearing the same hat all the time.”

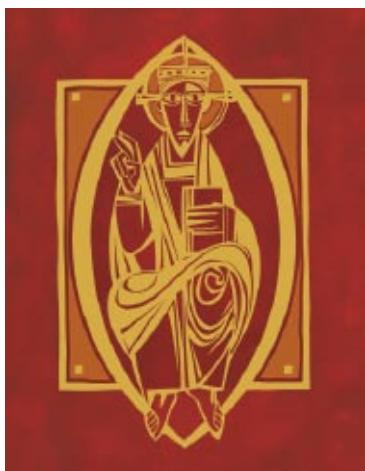


Hopes and Fears About Changes at Mass

Reflections on the new translation of the Roman Missal

By Fr. Peter Fink, SJ

The new translation of the Roman Missal will soon appear among us. Advance appraisals fill the gamut from sheer delight to uncomfortable fear. Those who are happy feel we are getting back to a more authentic form of worship. Those who are concerned believe that it is one more step in undermining the accomplishments of Vatican II.



In fact, however, this third edition of the Roman Missal offers exactly the same ritual form as the current one, and any effort to undermine Vatican II is certainly not contained within this simple translation.

Before I address the translation itself, we should recall two principles from the Vatican II Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (SC). I do so because this document remains primary for liturgical reform.

The first principle is the full participation of all of the faithful. The liturgy constitution reads: "Pastors of souls must therefore realize that, when the liturgy is celebrated, something more is required

than the mere observation of the laws governing valid and licit celebration; it is their duty also to ensure that the faithful take part fully aware of what they are doing, actively engaged in the rite, and enriched by its effects" (SC 11). In other words, whatever the translation, liturgical texts can never be simply recited. A recited text is not the same as a prayed text, and liturgy is always about prayer, not recitation. A recited text is what the words of the Missal present. A prayed text comes from the Missal through the celebrant and includes the community gathered to pray.

The second principle deals with clear

signification. Text as well as symbol speak the language of faith. Again from Vatican II: “In this restoration, both texts and rites should be drawn up so that they express more clearly the holy things which they signify” (SC 21). Signification is a way of making something known. It is also a way of being touched by grace. Liturgical texts serve the faith when prayerfully presented. They distort the faith if improperly presented. Thus more than simple recitation is required.

How then to assess this new English translation? The current translation has some moments of glory and some moments that are just uncivilized. I have never understood how the wonderful biblical quote, “From the rising of the sun to its setting” ever became “From East to West.” And yet in Eucharistic Prayer I, how splendid this phrase: “You know how firmly we believe in you and dedicate ourselves to you.” My first assessment, then, is that there is no reason to expect the new English translation not to have similar moments of glory and moments of absolute puzzlement. The move from recited text to prayed text will hopefully address that.

The difference between the two translations, however, does cause some concern. In the current translation, the genius of the English language governed the translation from Latin. At times it was done well, at times poorly. But the way the English language flowed is what gave shape to the translated prayers. In the new translation, the genius of the Latin language determines the translation. This was tried before, and was not very effective. The Latinized texts are abstract rather than personal or poetic. The words may be more theologically accurate but are less conducive to praying in public.

What then are my hopes? The first hope, of course, is patience. Priests need to let these texts enter into their ability to lead in prayer. And the people too need to let their own ability to pray embrace these texts. That will require

patience. I always say: Start with the texts that are given, and only then let them flow into the possibility of prayer.

The second hope has to do with education and formation. It is important, for example, that people understand that the readings and homily are a story which tells of God’s working in our midst. Without that, we have no reason to go forward. And for a second example, it is important that people realize that the Eucharistic prayer is not just about consecrating the bread and wine, but a whole movement of memory and hope which involves each one of us as we pray. The purpose of the Eucharistic prayer is this: “Let your Spirit come upon these gifts to make them holy, so that they may become for us the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. May all of us who share in the body and blood of Christ be brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit” (EP II).

And what are my fears? My deepest fear arises from words coming so frequently from Rome, that the ordinary and extraordinary [Latin] forms of the Mass are two forms of the same tradition. This may become generally accepted even though it is not true. Why do I say this? The focus on Christ in the extraordinary form has Christ in heaven, with the priest leading the people forward into that heavenly realm. The focus on Christ in the ordinary form has Jesus in our midst, gathering us all together into his worship of the Father. Two different styles of prayer are involved because of these two different points of focus.

Beyond that, there is a more practical fear. It will summon forth in our midst what we call the “liturgy police” who are more interested in “noticing” than with praying. That, I fear, is a great disservice to themselves, to the liturgy and to the Church.

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Jubilee Celebrations

Jesuits from the Maryland and New York provinces marking 50 years in the Society of Jesus pose outside Loyola University Maryland's Alumni Chapel June 10 following the Jubilarian Mass.

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This year, 2011, was a milestone for many Jesuits of the Maryland, New England and New York Provinces. These men have spent a grand total of 4,245 years in the Society. Jubilarians marking anniversaries in the priesthood have ministered for 1,875 years. We are grateful for their faith-filled service.

75 YEARS IN THE SOCIETY

- Fr. Joseph Casey, SJ
- Fr. John Gerhard, SJ
- Fr. Louis Grenier, SJ
- Fr. Paul Lucey, SJ

70 YEARS IN THE SOCIETY

- Fr. John Alexander, SJ
- Fr. Joseph Dolan, SJ
- Fr. Edward Jarvis, SJ
- Fr. William Lynn, SJ
- Fr. Frank MacEntee, SJ
- Fr. John McConnell, SJ
- Fr. James Morgan, SJ (deceased)
- Fr. Oliver Nickerson, SJ
- Fr. William Richardson, SJ
- Fr. D. Gilbert Sweeney, SJ

60 YEARS IN THE SOCIETY

- Br. Vincent Brennan, SJ
- Fr. W. Alan Briceland, SJ
- Fr. Henry Cain, SJ
- Fr. George Coyne, SJ
- Fr. John Donahue, SJ
- Fr. John Elder, SJ
- Fr. Michael Fahey, SJ
- Fr. Robert Farrell, SJ
- Fr. James Fedigan, SJ
- Fr. Robert Hanlon, SJ
- Fr. Raymond Helmick, SJ
- Fr. Edward Howard, SJ
- Fr. Joseph Kemme, SJ (deceased)
- Fr. Robert Kennedy, SJ
- Fr. Vincent Lapomarda, SJ
- Fr. Daniel Lusch, SJ
- Fr. Edward Lynch, SJ
- Fr. Lawrence Madden, SJ (deceased)
- Fr. Thomas Masterson, SJ

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 Fr. Henry Zenorini, SJ

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 Fr. Joseph MacWade, SJ
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 Fr. William McCurdy, SJ
 Fr. Francis McManamin, SJ
 Fr. William Neenan, SJ
 Fr. James O’Brien, SJ
 Fr. Joseph O’Hare, SJ
 Fr. Joseph Sanders, SJ
 Fr. Francis Sarjeant, SJ
 Fr. Richard Schmidt, SJ

60 YEARS IN THE PRIESTHOOD

Fr. Gerard Campbell, SJ
 Fr. Joseph Fitzmyer, SJ
 Fr. Eugene Power, SJ
 Fr. Francis Sullivan, SJ

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Fr. Richard Boyle, SJ
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 Fr. Gerald Chojnacki, SJ
 Br. Paul Geysen, SJ
 Fr. Joseph Hayden, SJ
 Fr. Michael Hricko, SJ
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 Fr. Joseph Lombardi, SJ
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 Fr. Leonard Martin, SJ
 Br. Louis Mauro, SJ
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 Fr. Ralph Metts, SJ
 Fr. John Piderit, SJ
 Br. Francis Turnbull, SJ
 Fr. George Williams, SJ



John Gillooly

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 Fr. Theodore Brady, SJ
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 Fr. William Byron, SJ
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 Fr. David Marcotte, SJ
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 Fr. Robert Scully, SJ

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 Fr. Raymond Gawronski, SJ
 Fr. C. Kevin Gillespie, SJ
 Fr. Edward Ifkovits, SJ
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 Fr. Brian O’Donnell, SJ
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 Fr. Daniel Ruff, SJ
 Fr. Thomas Scirghi, SJ
 Fr. John Swope, SJ
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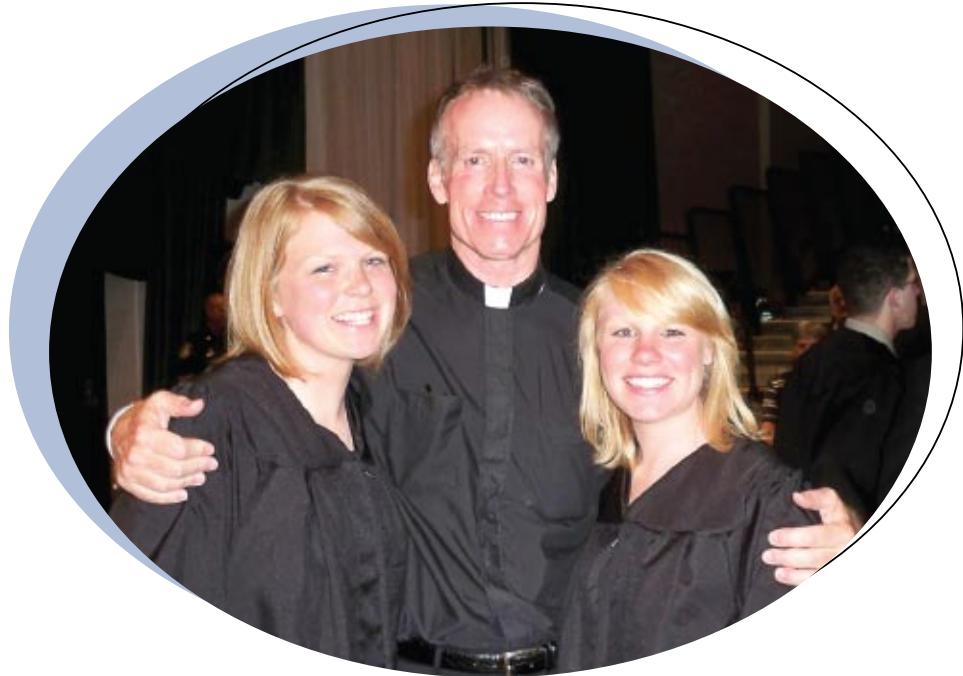


On Sunday, September 18, the New England Province Jubilarians gathered with their families and friends at Boston College High School to celebrate jubilees ranging from 25 to 75 years of service in the priesthood or in the Society.

Jesuits Make a Difference in My Life

By Mary Carney

*Finding God
in all things*



Mary Carney, Fr. John Dennis, SJ, and Kaitlyn Santhin at Loyola University Maryland

I can recognize the ways in which God is speaking to me, discovering where my passions lie and how I can apply those passions to a career.

— Mary Carney

Since I belong to a Jesuit parish, attended a Jesuit university, and now serve as a Jesuit volunteer in Portland, Maine, the words and phrases, “finding God in all things,” “men and women for others,” discernment, and the Examen have not just been told to me, but shown in the example of great Jesuits I have been fortunate to meet. Jesuits continue to influence my prayer life, my education and my devotion to service.

Jesuits have helped me to realize that education, prayer and service significantly overlap in my experiences. It was not until college that I was really challenged to think critically about how my faith influences my way of life. My education at Loyola University Maryland was greatly influenced by the time I spent working as a campus ministry intern and my experiences of service.

As an intern, I worked for Fr. Charles Frederico, SJ, who was also my mentor. He stressed the importance of vulnerability, of the Examen and of discern-

ment as I continued to find my role on campus, as I decided what my major would be, and as I figured out where to study abroad in my junior year. Fr. Frederico stressed the journey and how it is important to trust in God’s work in the decisions I was making.

As a junior, I was significantly influenced by a week of service in the Philadelphia area. The day we spent in Camden, New Jersey, was the hardest day that week, but it was that day, after praying about it and discerning what I would do after graduation, that inspired me to apply to be a Jesuit Volunteer. I recognized the importance of counting on others and on God in the easy and the hard moments.

My spirituality continued to grow and be challenged in my senior year. The question of “Who is Jesus to me?” was first asked on our intern retreat by the director of campus ministry, Fr. John Dennis, SJ. The journey for the answer to that question led me to take a course

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called “Who is Jesus?” taught by Fr. Brian McDermott, SJ. As I took the course and as I prayed about who Jesus was in my life, I was amazed by his human qualities and the ways in which I can relate to those moments of struggle and sadness, as well as joy. I find that it is in sharing meals that the Eucharist comes to life for me, and this sharing became a focus of my faith my senior year.

Sharing meals and my experiences in Philadelphia helped me to discern the path to the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. I currently serve at a soup kitchen in Portland, where I manage the breakfast and lunch meals. I am in contact with a new group of Jesuits, who live as men for others. Mario Powell, SJ, our Jesuit liaison and a teacher at Cheverus High School, exemplifies what service is as he moderates extra-curricular activities and sponsors a senior in the RCIA process, all while teaching a full course load as well as following his vocation as a Jesuit.

I also take part in spiritual direction with Fr. William Campbell, SJ, who challenges me to continue to find God in all things. He stresses the value of discernment, especially as I have to make a decision about what the next step will be when my year of service ends. He provides personal advice, Scripture passages, spiritual writings and questions which make me look critically at my moments in prayer and in service so that I can recognize the ways in which God is speaking to me, discovering where my passions lie and how I can apply those passions to a career.

Jesuits have helped me in forming a relationship with God. They have helped me to realize that faith is not just in Scripture or Mass, but also in life’s moments of joy and hardship. I continue to be challenged to live the *magis*, to examine how I act each day and bring it to prayer with God. I have learned that prayer can also be my work, or my interaction with roommates, family, friends and strangers, or just a simple thank you as I witness the beauty of God’s creation.

Mary Carney has recently completed a year of service as a Jesuit Volunteer.

The Society of Jesus has always been in the forefront of contemporary communications. From St. Ignatius Loyola’s purchase of a printing press to the founding of *America* magazine a century ago, Jesuits have used the technologies available to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. The following are highlights of some of the newly published works by Jesuits from the Maryland, New England and New York provinces in the past year.

Fr. Charles Healey, SJ, professor of theology at Blessed John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Massachusetts, has written *Praying with the Jesuits: Finding God in All Things*. The book, published by Paulist Press, is described as “a rich treasury of materials for prayer and meditation produced by a great cloud of Jesuit witnesses beginning with St. Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus, and continuing right to the present day.” It is available in bookstores and on Amazon.

Fr. Claudio Burgaleta, SJ, associate professor of theology at Fordham University, New York, has published *Benedict XVI: Theologian and Preacher*. The five CD set includes 12 25-minute lectures and is available from Now You Know Media.

Fr. William Barry, SJ, veteran spiritual director and writer, explores how our inner relationship with God impacts our role in society in his new book, *Changed Heart, Changed World, The Transforming Freedom of Friendship with God*, published by Loyola Press.

Fr. Raymond Schroth, SJ, associate editor of *America* magazine, has written a new biography, *Bob Drinan: The Controversial Life of the First Catholic Priest Elected to Congress*, published by Fordham University Press. It is available on Amazon.

Fr. Dennis McNally, SJ, professor at Saint Joseph’s University in Philadelphia, has published *The Priest and the Pendulum: Reconciling the Orders of Melchizedek and Aaron*. “A Jesuit priest tries to reconcile his relationship with God and his religious community, with his role as cult shaman. How has it actually worked out for this priest?” It is available on Amazon.

Fr. William O’Malley, SJ, has written a new book, *On Your Mark: Reading Scripture Without a Teacher*, available from Liturgical Press. Most Bible commentaries are geared to professionals, too meticulously detailed to engage even the best-intentioned reader. This book first addresses the differences in approaching what still is an ancient text, how the gospel Jesus preached became the written gospels, and how the writer Mark’s attitudes and interests agree and differ with his fellow evangelists. Fr. O’Malley teaches religion at Fordham Prep.

Kudos and Honors

Fr. Thomas Worcester, SJ, has two books, *The Papacy Since 1500* and *The Cambridge Companion to the Jesuits*, listed in the Cambridge University Press top 10 bestsellers in church history list. Fr. Worcester is a professor of history at College of the Holy Cross.

Fr. James Martin, SJ’s book, *A Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything: A Spirituality for Real Life* is Number 1 on the Publishers Weekly Catholic Marketplace bestseller list for February 2011 and listed on the Huffington Post Religion’s Top Ten of 2010. Fr. Martin is the cultural editor at *America* magazine.

The Divine Dynamic by **Fr. John Surette, SJ**, was awarded a “first place for first authors” by the Catholic Press Association, which calls the book a “spiritual treasure.” It is published by ACTA Publications in Chicago. Fr. Surette is the director of Spiritearth.

Spirit Continues for MAGIS and World Youth Day Pilgrims

MAGIS and World Youth Day for 2011 are over, but the experience lives on for the pilgrims. "I will forever carry the memory of these weeks with me," said Beth Villanyi, a sophomore at Saint Joseph's University. "MAGIS literally changed my life."

Some 3,000 young adults and Jesuits took part in MAGIS, a Jesuit-sponsored pilgrimage held before going to World Youth Day, August 16-21 in Madrid. To cover the experience, we engaged students from schools in our provinces to be our reporters on the ground. They blogged, e-mailed and photographed their experiences and shared them as part of a national coordination of the communications directors of the Jesuit provinces around the country and at the Jesuit Conference.

Caroline Davis, a junior at Saint Joseph's University, brought home a special souvenir: the Examen, the Ignatian daily prayer. "It was something that truly touched me during my experience at the end of the day," she said.

"I saw how God works around the world and how He has brought us together as a big family," said Alfredo Arreola, a parishioner at Sacred Heart, Richmond. Gabriella Karina, a Boston College junior, shared, "I know that the end of MAGIS and WYD is not really the end. It's the beginning of my lifelong journey to 'know Him more clearly, to love Him more dearly, to follow Him



After celebrating Mass, Father General Adolfo Nicolás, Superior of the Society of Jesus, met with students before sending them off on their pilgrimages. "The young people are the ones who can change the world," he said.

more nearly...to set the world on fire with passion for His gospel,'" (from the MAGIS prayer). World Youth Day culminated with a Mass celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI, with more than 1.5 million in attendance, sharing and celebrating their faith.



Jesuits from around the United States attended MAGIS and World Youth Day, presenting sessions on Ignatian spirituality and sharing their vocation stories.



Read more at: www.mdsj.org/WYDMagis.html and visit www.jesuit.org/wyd/ to watch videos of Jesuits and student pilgrims as they reflect on their experiences.

In Memoriam

Returning home to the One to Whom our lives have been given

September 1, 2010 ~ July 31, 2011

MARYLAND PROVINCE

Fr. Edwin Convey, SJ

Born September 6, 1919; died October 18, 2010
Professor at Loyola University Maryland, public
defender, St. Thomas More Society honoree

Fr. Allen Novotny, SJ

Born June 22, 1952; died October 27, 2010
Gonzaga president; also taught at alma mater,
Loyola High School

Fr. Thomas Peacock, SJ

Born August 26, 1932; died January 12, 2011
Taught in India, Burma, Washington, D.C.

Fr. Joseph Kemme, SJ

Born February 27, 1931; died January 26, 2011
Teacher, hospital chaplain, retreat director

Fr. Joseph Monaghan, SJ

Born September 12, 1921; died January 29, 2011
Chaplain at Philadelphia hospital for 30 years

Fr. Joseph Hamernick, SJ

Born July 16, 1928; died February 9, 2011
Professor and dean at University of Scranton
for 33 years

Fr. John Martin, SJ

Born July 21, 1942; died February 13, 2011
Served on the Washington Archdiocesan tribunal,
faculties of Regis College, Georgetown University

Fr. Joseph Alminde, SJ

Born February 14, 1931; died March 25, 2011
Teacher at St. Joseph's Prep and Loyola; associate
pastor at Old St. Joseph's

Fr. Joseph Henry, SJ

Born April 4, 1929; died May 5, 2011
Teacher of classics, administrator at the Vatican
Observatory

Fr. Edward Nash, SJ

Born November 29, 1916; died May 11, 2011
Missionary; served in India for 57 years

Fr. Leigh Fuller, SJ

Born February 2, 1935; died May 16, 2011
Jesuit for 57 years; ministered in parishes and
hospitals

Fr. Lawrence Madden, SJ

Born May 18, 1933; died May 29, 2011
Liturgy scholar; professor at Woodstock College
and Georgetown University

Fr. Edward Bradley, SJ

Born July 18, 1928; died June 8, 2011
Physician; served the poor and
counseled medical students

Fr. Philip Rosato, SJ

Born July 7, 1941; died July 20, 2011
Professor at Saint Joseph's University,
Gregorian University, teacher at
Georgetown Preparatory School.

NEW ENGLAND PROVINCE

Fr. John Moriarty, SJ

Born April 16, 1949; died October 9, 2010
Taught at Boston College High and Cheverus
High in Portland, Maine; spiritual director at
Blessed John XXIII National Seminary in
Weston, Massachusetts

Fr. Donald Larkin, SJ

Born August 13, 1934; died January 20, 2011
Served in Jamaica as pastor, chaplain, rector at
St. George's College, assistant pastor at St. Anne's
in Kingston and hospital chaplain

Fr. James Morgan, SJ

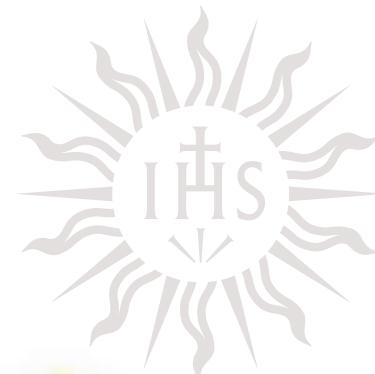
Born February 12, 1921; died February 7, 2011
Teacher in Baghdad and Beirut; assistant pastor
at St. John's Church in Bangor, Maine, and
assistant pastor and parochial vicar at St. Ignatius
Church in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts

Fr. Wilfrid Vigeant, SJ

Born March 31, 1913; died April 28, 2011
French teacher at Boston College High School
and Fairfield Prep; parish ministry at St. John
Church, Clinton, Massachusetts, and St. Joseph
Church, New Bedford, Massachusetts

Br. Italo Parnoff, SJ

Born November 13, 1912; died July 12, 2011
Manager of electrical and mechanical services
at Al-Hikma University in Bagdad, Iraq; assistant
to the minister at Campion Center, Weston,
Massachusetts



NEW YORK PROVINCE

Fr. George McCauley, SJ

Born December 26, 1930; died September 6, 2010
Teacher at St. Peter's College and Fordham University;
writer and editor of province publications

Fr. Louis Mounteer, SJ

Born June 21, 1925; died November 25, 2010
Teacher at Brooklyn Prep, Canisius, McQuaid,
Fordham Prep, Gonzaga University

Fr. Alfredo Quevedo, SJ (ANT)

Born November 8, 1926; died December 10, 2010
Ministered at Nativity Parish, New York, and St.
Ignatius Parish, Brooklyn

Fr. Erwin Beck, SJ

Born July 5, 1928; died December 15, 2010
Teacher and counselor at Xavier High School,
Brooklyn Prep, St. Peter Prep; parish ministry

Fr. Lawrence Wroblewski, SJ

Born November 27, 1944; died January 1, 2011
Teacher, assistant principal at McQuaid Jesuit
High School

Fr. Edward Guth, SJ

Born September 9, 1927; died January 26, 2011
Teacher at St. Peter's Prep, Brooklyn Prep, Canisius
High School; ministered in Micronesia

Fr. George Hunt, SJ

Born January 22, 1937; died February 25, 2011
Teacher at LeMoyne College, editor *America*
magazine, director of Abp. Hughes Institute on
Religion and Culture, Fordham University

Fr. T. Patrick Lynch, SJ

Born August 19, 1930; died February 28, 2011
Professor, administrator at St. Peter's College

Fr. George Graziano, SJ (JPN, formerly NYK)

Born February 2, 1930; died March 9, 2011
Teacher of English and computer learning at
Sophia University, Japan

Br. Gerard Schade, SJ

Born April 9, 1929; died April 20, 2011
Assistant director of Jesuit Bureau, Buffalo; teacher,
Majuro, Marshall Islands; director of the Murray-
Weigel Hall infirmary

Fr. Donald O'Brien, SJ

Born January 25, 1923; died June 14, 2011
High school ministry, Loyola School; chaplain
Kwajalein, Marshall Islands; parish ministry,
St. John the Evangelist, White Plains

Fr. Edward Zogby, SJ

Born December 11, 1934; died June 16, 2011
Teacher of theology, Le Moyne College; chaplain,
Fordham University, Lincoln Center; parish ministry,
Our Lady of the Rosary, New York

Stages of Formation

Meet Andrew Downing, SJ

*Doctoral Student in Systematic Theology
at the University of Notre Dame*

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NOVITIATE

During the first two years, a novice lives the life of the vows in community, makes the 30-day retreat and engages in various “experiments” serving others. After two years, he pronounces vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

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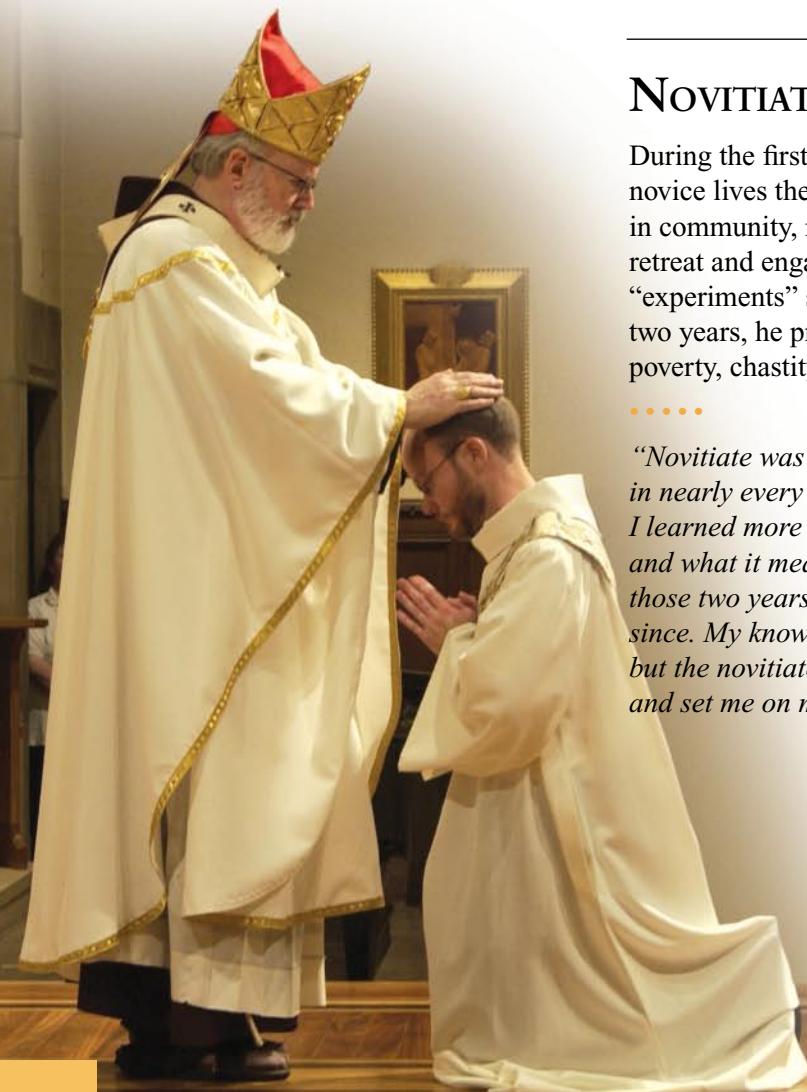
“Novitiate was challenging to me in nearly every way. Yet, I’m sure I learned more about God, myself and what it means to be a Jesuit in those two years than in any others since. My knowledge has deepened, but the novitiate laid out its course and set me on my way.”

FIRST STUDIES

For three years, the Jesuit studies graduate-level philosophy and theology and devotes the majority of his time to academic pursuits culminating with an appropriate degree.

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“Studying philosophy at Fordham was enjoyable for me. But the importance of those years comes from the people I met then; those friends are still the companions that support me in my Jesuit life today.”



Cardinal Seán O’Malley, OFM Cap., during the imposition of hands at the ordination of Andrew Downing, SJ

SAVE THE DATE



Never has the light and truth of St. Ignatius shone more brightly than it does through the Jesuit apostolate of education and social justice at our Nativity Schools.

V. Rev. Myles Sheehan, SJ, Provincial, and his Jesuit brothers are honored to celebrate the Jesuit works at the tuition-free middle schools of the Nativity Preparatory School of Boston and the Nativity School of Worcester.

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Fr. Andrew Downing, SJ, with his parents after his ordination to the priesthood

REGENCY

Regency is a time for a Jesuit to be fully involved in the apostolic work and community life of the Society. For one to three years, he is assigned to full-time work in one of the Society's apostolates: high school or college teaching, campus ministry, or social and pastoral ministries.

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"My two years teaching philosophy at Fairfield University allowed me to see up close both the great accomplishment that Jesuit higher education represents and the great challenges it faces, if it is to continue in its mission of educating young people not only for successful lives but for faithful ones as well."

THEOLOGY

The three-year program of theology studies is designed to prepare the Jesuit for the Master of Divinity degree and then for ordination to the diaconate and priesthood.

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"While finishing my studies for ordination, I had the great opportunity to serve as a deacon at St. Ignatius parish in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts. There I learned that the people of God today do still hunger for an experience of God – in prayerful celebration of the Sacraments, in thoughtful preaching of the Gospel."

TERTIANSHIP

After ordination and three to five years of active ministry, a Jesuit is invited to participate in tertianship, a yearlong study of the foundational documents of the Society, the study and experience of the 30-day Spiritual Exercises and apostolic endeavors. Then, the Jesuit is called to final vows in the Society of Jesus.

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"Tertianship is on the horizon and I am in conversation with the provincial about a timeline as I move toward final vows. While studying at Notre Dame, I have been blessed to find lively and welcoming communities both at the university and at a local parish, whose faith has formed me as I learn – in practice, not in theory – how to be a priest."

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"Go forth and set the world on fire"

— Saint Ignatius Loyola

This quote was Ignatius' parting directive to Francis Xavier, as he set out to carry the Gospel to the people of the East. The admonition continues to be heard by parishioners, retreatants and students in various Jesuit ministries, men and women who have taken time to reflect on the meaning of Ignatius' words.

Fortunately for the Jesuits of the New York Province, John Meditz, an alumnus of Xavier High School '66 in New York City, heard these words on different occasions when he was a teenager. John credits his Jesuit education during those formative years with "transforming a young man into a '**man for others**'."



At Fairfield University, John continued to deepen his Jesuit roots. "In my day, Fairfield provided a broad-based core curriculum, and it still does today," says John. "St. Ignatius emphasized seeing God in all things. The greater your exposure to philosophy, literature, theology, and the arts and sciences — the greater your horizons grow, and the closer you can come to God."

Larry Lauricella, a Xavier classmate and friend since childhood, notes that "John represents the embodiment of the Jesuit principle of a man for others. He has leveraged his Jesuit education to achieve a highly successful career in the world of finance and a major leadership role in the field of philanthropy. His gifts of time, talent and treasure have been extensive and far reaching."

On the Province level John Meditz has supported programs for senior Jesuits at Murray-Weigel Hall in the Bronx and the New York Nativity Schools, which recently celebrated their 40th anniversary of helping youngsters break the cycle of poverty through education.

His dedication to Xavier — he was the major donor of the Meditz Family Library Learning Center at the Manhattan school — is matched by his profound appreciation of education in general and Jesuit education in particular. His conviction is that "students are the future. Solid learning is the key to a successful move out of poverty and a doorway to success in life." He believes strongly that "education trains one to think, to analyze and to be genuinely creative. A Jesuit education develops personal skills — those broad-based intangibles founded in philosophy and theology."

With a substantial lead gift from John, the Bellarmine Museum at Fairfield became a reality. The Museum houses the University's art collections, as well as art on loan from the Metropolitan Museum of Art and The Cloisters. The main gallery of the Museum bears the names of John's late mother and father.

John has established a scholarship fund at Fairfield University for students with high demonstrated need, and he generously contributes each year to both the Xavier Annual Fund and its scholarship fund. He believes that "nothing is more noble than to assist with a young person's financial need for an education."

For over three decades John has given consistently, with increasing generosity, to a number of Jesuit ministries. Truly, John Meditz has left a legacy of leadership. He is "Perpetuating a Tradition for Excellence."

Is there a Jesuit who has influenced or shaped your life or the life of someone you know? After you consider your personal circumstances and the needs of your loved ones, please consider remembering the Jesuits in your gift planning.



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Improving Care for Senior Jesuits

Whether Jesuits are long-term residents or recuperating short-term from a recent surgery before returning home, they all receive top-level care at Murray-Weigel Hall, the health care facility provided by the New York Province to meet the medical, physical, emotional and spiritual needs of senior and infirm Jesuits.

Trained staff and generous volunteers provide round-the-clock patient care. The adjacent campus of Fordham University affords beautiful grounds for walking as well as all the facilities of a modern university, including access to the university library.

Recently, Fr. David Ciancimino, SJ, the Provincial Superior, initiated a renovation to improve many interior and exterior spaces and to enhance the resources available to the Jesuit community. It's an ambitious project, despite the limited funds that are available.

Perhaps the most critical need at Murray-Weigel — and the most expensive to meet — is the upgrade of the old elevator, so that men who cannot easily climb stairs will be assured of convenient and safe movement in the building. And since more men will be living in this Jesuit community in coming years, an addition to the dining room, "a Florida room," will provide more space and a year-round gathering place looking out on Fordham's picturesque grounds. Bathroom facilities are being added to individual rooms, and walk-in showers, better suited to the care of the elderly, are replacing old fashioned bathtubs. And just about everything is getting a fresh coat of paint.

Outside the building, the cumbersome ramp leading to the front door is being replaced with one that meets modern standards, for reasons of both safety and convenience. And finally we are putting the finishing touches on "sealing the building envelope" by repointing the bricks on the main stairwell and resurfacing a few of the secondary roofs.

This three-million-dollar project will enhance the lives of the 60 Jesuits who now live and recuperate at Murray-Weigel. This building upgrade is possible only because of the kind generosity of Province benefactors.



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(Above left) St. Ignatius and companions profess vows at Montmartre, Paris; (right) a novice professes vows at Syracuse, New York.