



JESUITS

MARYLAND PROVINCE • USA NORTHEAST PROVINCE

SPRING/SUMMER 2019

A Faith
that does **JUSTICE**

Traditions and New Beginnings

Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ,
28th Superior General
of the Society of Jesus
1907 ~ 1991

PHANIM



“Our desire is to find the best way to collaborate in the Lord’s mission, the best way to serve the Church at this time, the best contribution we can make with what we are and have, seeking to do what is for the greater divine service and the more universal good.”

— Father General Arturo Sosa, SJ



Very Rev. Robert Hussey, SJ
Provincial, Maryland Province



Very Rev. John Cecero, SJ
Provincial, USA Northeast Province

FROM OUR PROVINCIALS

Dear Friends,

In February of this year, Father General Arturo Sosa, SJ, announced four Universal Apostolic Preferences to orient the ministries of the Society of Jesus for the coming decade. Adapting ministries to respond more effectively to the ever-changing needs and circumstances in each age is a hallmark of the Jesuit way of proceeding. Keeping this in mind, you will readily appreciate how these four Apostolic Preferences are suited to respond to the spiritual, material, and environmental challenges of our time.

- **Promoting discernment and the Spiritual Exercises**
- **Journeying with youth, making special efforts to instill hope among them**
- **Reaching out to those who are alienated and marginalized**
- **Caring for the earth, our common home**

In this issue of *JESUITS* magazine, we include a few pages to explain how these Apostolic Preferences came about as well as other features that show some ways these themes are already advancing our mission here and abroad.

We also highlight our five Jesuits ordained this month, whose diverse backgrounds and unique journeys through formation give us such hope for the many schools, parishes and apostolates they will serve as priests. We provide a short feature on Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ, our former superior general whose cause for canonization was opened in Rome earlier this year, and a unique look at how the Spiritual Exercises have been deepening people’s relationship with God for nearly 500 years.

This time of year is always one for hope and renewal, and there is much to be grateful for as we renew our commitment to go forth and set the world on fire. We are especially grateful to do it with you, our lay friends and partners in mission.

Sincerely in Christ,

Very Rev. Robert M. Hussey, SJ
Provincial, Maryland Province

Very Rev. John J. Cecero, SJ
Provincial, USA Northeast Province

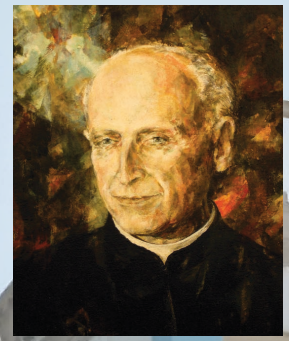




ABOUT OUR COVER

Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ, 28th Superior General of the Society of Jesus and an advocate for social justice, has had his cause for canonization opened in Rome.

Photo by Eric Vandeville via Getty Images



Editors

Michael Gabriele
PJ Williams

Contributors

Henry Frank
Rev. James F. Keenan, SJ
Wendell Laurent

Advancement

James F. Skurka,
provincial assistant
for Advancement
and Communications,
Maryland and USA
Northeast Provinces

Please address all correspondence
to *JESUITS* magazine:
JesuitsMagazine@jesuits.org

Maryland Province Jesuits
8600 LaSalle Road, Suite 620
Towson, MD 21286-2014
443-921-1310

USA Northeast Province
39 East 83rd Street
New York, NY 10028-0810
212-774-5500

JESUITS is published by the
Maryland and USA Northeast
Provinces of the Society of Jesus.
The opinions expressed are those
of the individual writers, and do not
necessarily constitute the official
policy of the Society of Jesus.

©2019 All rights reserved.
Printed in the USA.

♻️ Printed on recycled paper.

More on the web

Look for this symbol to find more
information online.

MARYLAND:
www.mdsj.org

USA NORTHEAST:
www.JesuitsEast.org



20

Students from Loyola
Blakefield collaborate
with the nonprofit
*Hand in Hand
Ministries* to build
and repair homes for
those in need in Belize.

Features

Collaborating for the Greater Good.....	4
Fr. Pedro Arrupe: Putting Faith into Actions	8
Meet Our 2019 Ordinands.....	11
Four New Universal Apostolic Preferences.....	14
When God Calls, the Way Opens.....	16
The 19th Annotation of the Spiritual Exercises.....	18
Jesuit Schools Serving Others.....	20
Advancing Our Mission.....	24

New Appointments and LEADERSHIP



Fr. Kenneth Boller, SJ, will take over the role of pastor at the Church of St. Francis Xavier in New York City starting on Sept. 1, 2019. For the past six years, Fr. Boller has served as president of St. Peter's Prep in Jersey City, N.J. Fr. Boller is no stranger to the Xavier community; he has worked at Xavier High School (next door to the parish), including from 1988-1997 as the school president.



Fr. Bill Campbell, SJ, has been named the next director of Eastern Point Retreat House in Gloucester, Mass., effective Aug. 1, 2019. In this new role, Fr. Campbell will oversee all aspects of the retreat program and facility, from operations to spiritual direction to marketing. Fr. Campbell was recently serving as vice president for mission at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass.

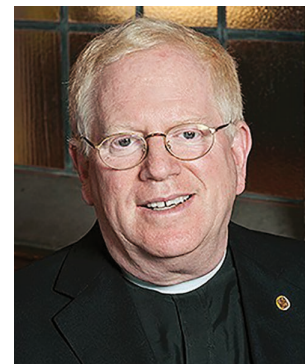


Effective July 1, 2019, **Andrew T. Cavacos** will become the new principal of St. Joseph's Prep in Philadelphia. He comes to the Prep after spending nearly his entire career at McQuaid Jesuit

High School in Rochester, N.Y., where he served as a math teacher, dean of students and then assistant principal for academics.



Dr. Frances Clemente will serve as the second principal of Cristo Rey New York High School starting July 1, 2019. Dr. Clemente has served as the founding principal of Newmark High School in New Jersey since 2003. Principal Bill Ford, who has guided Cristo Rey since the inception of the feasibility study, will conclude his term as founding principal in June 2019.



Fr. James Conn, SJ, professor of the practice of canon law at the Boston College School of Theology and

Ministry, will assume the position of superior of Casa Santa Maria at the Pontifical North American College in Rome, effective Sept. 2019. He is also a consultor of the Holy See's Congregation for the Clergy.



Dr. Michael Gomez will assume the presidency of Saint Peter's Prep on July 1, 2019. He is an alumnus of Saint Peter's, class of 1991, and will be the first lay president in Saint Peter's history. His last position was as the founding principal of Cristo Rey Philadelphia High School.



Nativity School of Worcester has named **Emily Kent** as its next principal. Kent will be the school's sixth-ever principal and the first woman in the role. Kent began her career in education at Nativity School of Worcester as a fellow in 2009. She went on to teach grades seven and eight. In 2012, she was promoted to the role of assistant principal. She continued to work at Nativity until 2015.



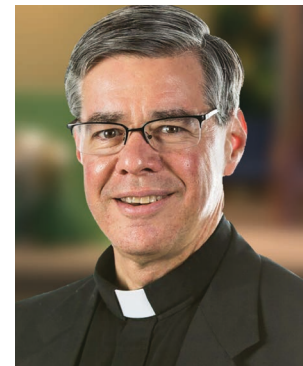
Fr. Kevin O'Brien, SJ, current dean of the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University, will become the 29th president of Santa Clara University, effective July 1, 2019. Fr. O'Brien has served as dean of the Jesuit School of Theology since 2016 and prior to that spent eight years at Georgetown University where he was vice president for mission and ministry, overseeing the largest inter-faith campus ministry in the country.



Fr. Mario Powell, SJ, has been named the sixth president of Brooklyn Jesuit Prep (BJP), effective July 1, 2019. BJP is a Nativity-model middle school serving low-income families in the Crown Heights neighborhood of Brooklyn. For the past four years, Fr. Powell has served at Regis High School in Manhattan as the director of the REACH Program, an educational and leadership program that prepares middle-school students from families with financial need to earn scholarships to leading high schools in New York City.



The provincial assistant for Pastoral Ministries for the Maryland and USA Northeast Provinces, **Fr. Edward Quinnan, SJ**, will also assume the role of provincial assistant for International Ministries in the USA Northeast Province starting July 1, 2019. In this new role, he will facilitate communication between the provincial and Jesuits and their communities serving internationally within the province and in other regions of the Society.



Effective this summer, 2019, **Fr. Mark Scalese, SJ**, director of campus ministry at Fairfield University, will become superior of the First Studies Program at Loyola University Chicago. In addition to campus ministry, he has a background in film production, producing religious, spiritual and educational documentaries and videos.

COLLABORATING

for the Greater Good.

By Mike Gabriele

Fr. Robert McChesney, S.J.,
(with the Dead Sea
in background) finds
alternate ways of travel.

F

ather General Arturo Sosa, SJ, recently announced four new Universal Apostolic Preferences that will guide the Jesuits' mission for the next 10 years (see the center spread of this issue). In his introduction letter for these new preferences, Fr. Sosa expressed a desire for Jesuits to collaborate more in the Lord's mission—to reach beyond individual provinces—to reach across continents and oceans—to work together to achieve the greater, universal good for all God's people.

Our world is facing a myriad of global concerns, from a refugee crisis that continues to swell, to escalating levels of poverty and violence in many parts of the world, to climate issues that now seem beyond control. This is why Father General has called the Jesuits to work together across borders, to collaborate more universally in an effort to better address these humanitarian needs.

The Maryland and USA Northeast Provinces have been active in many places abroad—building schools, caring for the poor, and helping to grow a Jesuit presence where vigilance for social justice is so sorely needed. Fr. John Cecero, SJ, provincial for the USA Northeast Province, recently attended meetings at the Jesuit Asia Pacific Conference in Palau to address training leaders for the future, the importance of the Spiritual Exercises and



a recommitment to educating our youth, all of which are cornerstones of the Jesuit order and a focus of the new Apostolic Preferences. The USA Northeast Province has a large presence in Micronesia, with schools and retreat ministries in Chuuk, Guam, Palau, Pohnpei, Saipan and Yap. “The province is even starting to bring Ignatian Spirituality to seminarians in Fiji,” said Fr. Cecero “I was blessed enough to recently visit there, where we now have three—and

soon to be four—Jesuits from our province helping to educate and form Church leaders in this part of the world.”

During his trip, Fr. Cecero also visited Fr. Julio Giulietti, SJ, a USA Northeast Province Jesuit who works in Vietnam. Fr. Giulietti has worked in Southeast Asia for more than nine years, most recently with universities in

▲ Pictured above: Though they come from some of the poorest, most remote regions of the globe, students at Xavier High School in Chuuk, Micronesia consider themselves blessed for the opportunity of a Jesuit education.



Fr. John Cecero, SJ, in Vietnam with (from left to right) Hoang Tran, a former Jesuit scholastic who is now married and raising a son while keeping a close relationship with the Vietnamese Jesuits; Tran Phan, a linguistics professor at the University of Education in Saigon; and Fr. Dinh Tran, SJ, a Jesuit priest and director of a young adult Ignatian prayer ministry.

Vietnam on curriculum development and teaching counseling at a medical university. Engaging with youth is especially important here, where 40% of the population is under the age of 25, yet only 7% are Christians, and where Vietnamese Catholic priests are barred from participating in public education work.

“I was so glad Fr. Cecero was able to see Saigon and how diverse the people are here,” said Fr. Giulietti. “He met fellow Jesuits, lay professors and medical students, and regardless of faith, their conversations were peppered with a sense of

meaning and purpose in their lives, a deep desire to do good for others. I know that the friendliness of the people he met in this part of the Jesuit frontier will remain with him for many years.”

Fr. Dennis Baker, SJ, who is president of Xavier High School in Chuuk, Micronesia, also works in an environment that serves an incredibly diverse group of people. “Xavier High School, although located on a small island in Chuuk, has one of the most international communities in the world,” said Fr. Baker. “We have students from four different countries

here and faculty and staff from about a dozen more.” At its core, Xavier High School in Micronesia is typical of any Jesuit high school. It educates students to become competent and compassionate leaders whose lives are guided by the Jesuit call to service, yet it does so for some of the poorest, most remote nations on the globe. The Japanese province of the Society of Jesus, in a true gesture of cross-conference collaboration, now sends a Jesuit scholastic to Chuuk as part of his formation service.

Fr. James Croghan, SJ, who has served as provincial assistant for

international ministries from 2016-2019, says that the service of our Jesuits in these regions abroad is a legacy we will continue to build on. “The history of our international work over many decades has been a real experience of magis and will help shape our vision as we respond to the mission given the Society in the recently articulated universal apostolic preferences.”

One part of the world many people might not expect our local provinces to have a presence in is the Middle East. Fr. Robert McChesney, SJ, for example, a Jesuit from the Maryland Province, works with refugees in Amman, Jordan. Jordan accommodates the second highest number of refugees per capita of any country in the world. Most of these displaced people do not live in refugee camps but in urban areas like Amman. Both Muslim and Christian, they have fled from Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Sudan and Somalia. Many of them have lost loved ones, been beaten or raped, and now simply hunger to improve their lives somehow. One of the surest ways of doing this, regardless of where they find themselves, is to learn and master conversational English. Enter Fr. McChesney, who teaches refugees intermediate con-



Fr. Rob McChesney, SJ, is surrounded by his students—refugees who have fled to Amman, Jordan.

versational English. “Although I’ve taught in conventional Jesuit secondary schools and universities, the stakes here are different,” said Fr. McChesney. “Most of the refugees here are in their twenties, many on their own. Their hunger for a welcoming smile, for guidance and character formation meshes easily with Ignatian pedagogy.” The ambition of these people who have lost so much inspires Fr. McChesney, and he readily admits

that he has been educated himself as to what it truly means to be a Father. “I know I am where God wants me,” he said. “What more could an aspiring shepherd desire?”

Fr. Robert Hussey, SJ, provincial of the Maryland Province, who also serves on the board for Jesuit Refugee Service (USA), sees these universal apostolic preferences as a continued commitment to the bigger picture. “Our vocation as Jesuits is to the universal Society of Jesus and not just to our own individual provinces,” he said. “This has always been our call, to go where the need is greatest. Collaborating across Jesuit conferences enables us to answer that call more effectively.”

It is no wonder that the fourth vow Jesuits profess is a specific promise to be “available for mission.” Reaching beyond provinces opens opportunity. It provides hope for solutions to global issues. It allows our priests, brothers and lay colleagues to join hands in new ways—to collapse virtual walls that separate us. It facilitates social justice—bringing it to those who truly live on the margins.

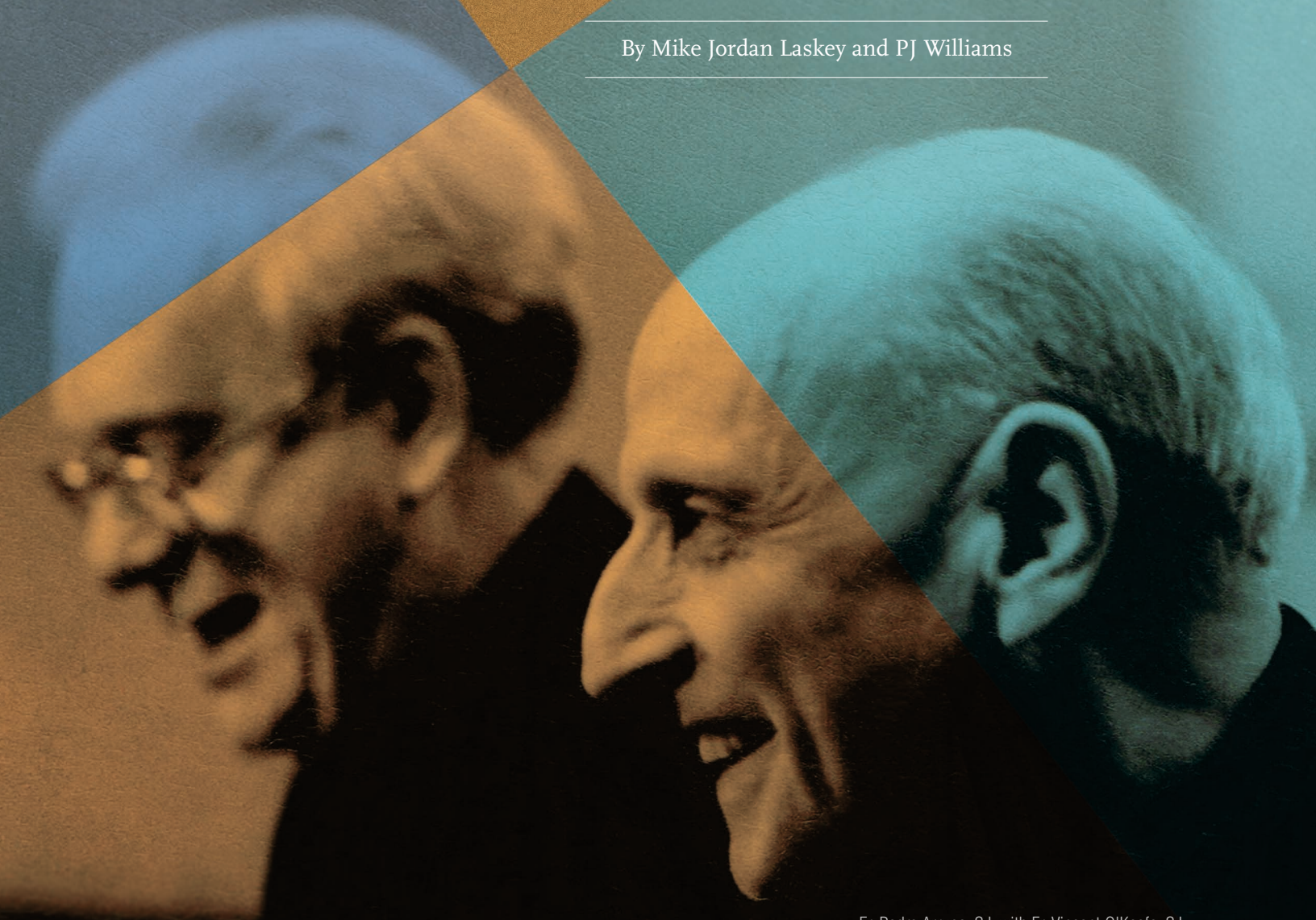


Fr. Dennis Baker, SJ, president of Xavier High School in Chuuk, Micronesia, beams proudly with his graduating class of seniors.

Three Inspirational Ways

Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ, put his **Faith** into action

By Mike Jordan Laskey and PJ Williams



Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ, with Fr. Vincent O'Keefe, SJ

“Nowadays the world does not need words, but lives which cannot be explained except through faith and love for Christ’s poor.”

— Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ

Sometimes referred to as the “second Ignatius,” Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ, led the Jesuits as their 28th superior general from 1965 until 1983. In addition to hailing from the Basque region of Spain, like St. Ignatius Loyola (one of the founders of the Society and its first Father General), Fr. Arrupe challenged Jesuits to be men of action and go out into the world to better serve those in need. Fr. Arrupe would often say, “Nowadays the world does not

need words, but lives which cannot be explained except through faith and love for Christ's poor." Fr. Arrupe wanted to remind those around him that the world needs witnesses, lives defined by their faith and their love of the poor.

Earlier this year, on February 5, 2019, the cause for Fr. Pedro Arrupe's sainthood was opened. The day was significant in that it was the 28th anniversary of his death. The cause for sainthood is a long process that can take years.

While we do not know when we will call him St. Pedro Arrupe, we do have a rich history to look back on. This includes his time as the provincial of the Japanese Province after World War II, his leadership of the Society of Jesus during the turbulence of the 1960s and his personal faith, which led to concrete actions in pursuit of justice in the world.

We have taken this opportunity to write about three of the ways that he lived his life as a man for others, and ultimately, like a saint.

1 He accompanied Japanese Christians during World War II and cared for victims of the Hiroshima atomic bomb blast.

Before serving as the Jesuits' superior general, Fr. Arrupe spent 27 years as a priest in Japan, starting in 1938. Right after Japan attacked Pearl Harbor in 1941, Fr. Arrupe was arrested and imprisoned for over a month because government authorities suspected him of espionage. The Christians he had been accompanying in his ministry were so devoted to Fr. Arrupe that they came to his prison cell to sing Christmas carols he had taught them, risking their own imprisonment.

"I was unable to contain myself. I burst into tears," he wrote later, so moved by their display of compassion and solidarity.

Four years later, while living on the outskirts of Hiroshima, the devastating atomic bomb blast shattered the windows of Fr. Arrupe's residence and shook the building. Drawing on medical training he had received before entering the Society of Jesus, Fr. Arrupe and his Jesuit companions cared for more than 150 people who had suffered bodily injuries and the mysterious, largely invisible symptoms of radiation poisoning.

Pope Francis, a great admirer of Fr. Arrupe, often talks about the need for Christians to follow the example of Jesus and go to the "peripheries," those edges of society where people are often forgotten or ignored. Fr. Arrupe also used that word, and he lived it: His care for Japanese Christians despite the incredible risks—a world away from the power centers of Catholicism in Western Europe—is the definition of going to the peripheries.

His example should make us wonder if we integrate enough quality time with those living on the peripheries of society into



Fr. Arrupe was in Hiroshima in 1945 when the atomic bomb was dropped. He used his medical school knowledge to care for more than 150 patients in the Jesuit novitiate that had been turned into an emergency hospital.

our own faith lives deeply enough. Are we too content, only sticking to comfortable, familiar places? Fr. Arrupe certainly was not and might one day be a patron saint of leaving your comfort zone.

2 He founded the Jesuit Refugee Service.

Drawing on his own experiences on the peripheries, and moved to compassion by the plight of Vietnamese people fleeing violence in their homeland on perilous boat journeys on the open sea, Fr. Arrupe used his position as superior general of the Society of Jesus to push for the creation of the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS), which was founded in 1980.

Individual encounters on the margins led him to work to change systems of oppression, using the Society of Jesus'

Fr. Ed Rooney, SJ, of the New York Province (now part of the USA Northeast Province) arranged for his nephew, Eugene (pictured here), a Northeast Airlines pilot, to pilot a flight that Fr. Arrupe was on.



institutional resources to respond to Christ's call to "welcome the stranger" on a large scale. Today, JRS serves hundreds of thousands of refugees in over 50 countries and works in legislative advocacy to fight for public policies that are more hospitable to refugees and asylum seekers. When we spend time with those who are suffering, and when we take just a few minutes to contact our elected officials in collaboration with JRS to lobby for more just migration laws, we're following Fr. Arrupe's lead.

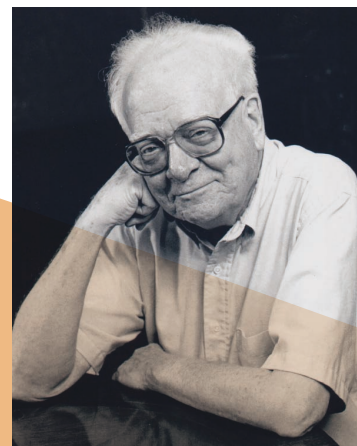
He surrendered to God during his own great personal suffering.

A 1981 stroke left Fr. Arrupe badly debilitated and unable to continue in his leadership role. Fr. Arrupe resigned his position during a gathering of Jesuit leaders called a General Congregation. He was wheeled into the meeting hall and, unable to speak, his final address was read aloud.

"More than ever, I find myself in the hands of God. This is what I have wanted all my life from my youth. But now there is a difference; the initiative is entirely with God," he wrote. "It is indeed a profound spiritual experience to know and feel myself so totally in God's hands." The address was met with "thundering applause and a torrent of tears."

The stroke sapped Fr. Arrupe's incredible energy and prevented him from continuing his work as superior general. But his illness didn't take away his faith-filled leadership ability, as he modeled for his brother Jesuits—and for all of us—reliance on God in the midst of great personal suffering. It's one thing to say we trust in the Lord when all is going well; it's quite another to truly live in trust when things go badly.

Whether he was caring for victims of an atomic blast, founding an international humanitarian relief organization, resting in the peace of Christ during his own illness or serving the Church and the world through countless other actions of selfless love, Fr. Pedro Arrupe was a leader and disciple worth emulating. As we pray for his sainthood, we ask Fr. Arrupe to pray for us.



Fr. Vincent O'Keefe, SJ, was a member of the New York Province and a friend and advisor to Fr. Arrupe. As Vicar General of the Society of Jesus, Fr. O'Keefe stepped in to lead the Jesuits for a short period after Fr. Arrupe suffered his debilitating stroke. "The friendship between these two Jesuits ranks right up there with great Jesuit friendships in history going back, I believe, to the time of Ignatius," said Fr. Jim Croghan, SJ, during his homily at the funeral Mass for Fr. O'Keefe in 2012. Fr. Croghan is a member of the USA Northeast Province and the grandnephew of Fr. O'Keefe. When asked what his granduncle might think of Arrupe's canonization, he said, "I can imagine Vinnie and Arrupe talking about it in heaven and Vinnie needling Arrupe about it, since Vinnie was a great kidder. I imagine no one would be happier about it than Vinnie would be."



Mother Theresa visiting Fr. Arrupe in Rome in 1982. After his stroke in 1981, Fr. Arrupe stepped down as the Superior General of the Society of Jesus.

Meet our 2019 Jesuits Ordained to the Priesthood

From all backgrounds and experiences, these Jesuits have completed a 10-year formation process that began as a discernment and a call of the Holy Spirit. They are now ready to begin living their vocations as Jesuit priests, serving the Catholic Church and all God's people who are in need of His care and mercy.

Please keep them in your prayers.

On June 8, 2019, the Maryland and USA Northeast Provinces ordained five Jesuits to the priesthood:

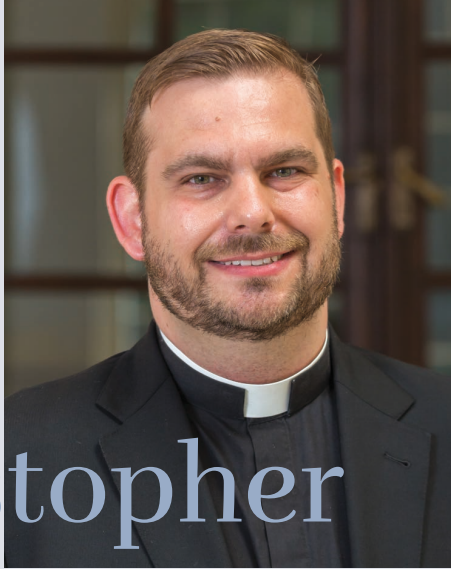
- Ricardo Ávila Natividad, SJ
- Christopher E. Grodecki, SJ
- Vincent J. Marchionni, SJ
- Richard H. Nichols, SJ
- Adam Z. Rosinski, SJ



...
Ricardo

Ricardo Ávila Natividad, SJ, was baptized in Chihuahua, Mexico. His parents and three brothers have been his most important catechists; they call El Paso, Texas, and Queen of Peace Parish home. He received first communion at Our Lady of Sorrows in McAllen, Texas. The Christian Brothers of El Paso's Cathedral High School taught Ricardo to think critically about the world and his faith. Christ stirred Ricardo's heart toward religious life while he completed a bachelor's degree in political

science and Latin American studies at the University of Chicago. After graduating from Yale Law School, Ricardo moved to New York City to practice transactional corporate law and later joined a litigation practice. He began attending the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal's "Catholic Underground" and volunteering at their friary in the Bronx. This prayer and work led Ricardo to contact the Society of Jesus' vocation office. He entered the Jesuits in 2008. As a novice, Ricardo taught at Xavier High School in Micronesia and spent time with migrants on the U.S.-Mexico border. He then completed a master's degree in philosophical resources at Fordham University. While studying philosophy, Ricardo gained a foothold in financial justice and access-to-justice work by volunteering with Fordham Law School's Feerick Center for Social Justice. As a regent, he represented the poor in consumer law matters as a staff attorney at a nonprofit and was then missioned to Nossa Senhora do Rósario in Brazil, where he worked with the Pastoral da Juventude. Next, he completed a bachelor's degree in sacred theology and a master's degree in divinity at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University. While there, Ricardo interned at the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of San Francisco and served the Diocese of Oakland at the Cathedral of Christ the Light.



...
Christopher

Christopher Grodecki, SJ, grew up in Winnetka, Ill. His family were active members of Sacred Heart Church, where Chris was an altar server and sang in the parish choir. He graduated from New Trier High School in 2001. He then attended Georgetown University, and in 2005 received his bachelor's degree in English and in German literature

before receiving a master's degree in German. He remained in D.C., working as a writer and researcher at a nonprofit public-interest law firm and participating in both social and young adult ministries as a parishioner of St. Matthew's Cathedral. Chris maintained his friendships with the Jesuits at Georgetown and began to discern his vocation to the Society of Jesus. He entered the Jesuits in 2009, and as a novice, served as co-teacher and Ignatian Identity assistant at Washington Jesuit Academy. Chris was then missioned to Loyola University Chicago, where he received a master's degree in philosophy. While in Chicago, he was a SPRED (Special Religious Education) catechist at Queen of Angels Parish; catechist of the English RCIA program at St. Procopius Parish; and chaplain to the Loyola University Chicago women's soccer team. Thereafter, Chris taught philosophy and served as director of the RCIA program at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia for two years. In 2016, Chris began his theology studies at Regis College in Toronto and received the Master of Divinity degree. He served as a deacon at St. Anthony's Parish in Oceanside, N.Y. Chris is currently completing the Licentiate in Sacred Theology and Master of Theology programs at Regis College in Toronto and serves at the University of Toronto Newman Centre.



...
Vincent

Vincent Marchionni, SJ, was born in Lower Merion, Penn., and attended Saint Aloysius Academy in Bryn Mawr. It was there he received instruction in the faith from the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. He then attended St. Joseph's Prep and Saint Joseph's University. Vinny discovered his Jesuit vocation during a talk on SJU's campus about the school's Jesuit identity. He credits Jesuits

on campus with teaching him how to pray the Examen and to do Ignatian contemplation as part of his discernment. He entered the Jesuits in August 2008. As a novice, he worked in Catholic schools, hospitals and nursing homes, and at a homeless outreach. He also studied Spanish in Bolivia and philosophy and theology at Saint Louis University. In addition to his studies, he continued to serve the homeless through a local Jesuit parish, as well as helping with campus ministry at SLU and engaging in vocation promotion. Vinny's regency was at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Baltimore, where he taught American and world history, as well as serving as assistant boys' lacrosse coach. He went on to finish his theology studies at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University. While in the Bay Area, he assisted at St. Jarlath's Parish in Oakland, where he helped form a youth group, coordinate bilingual (English/Spanish) worship, and serve as a deacon. Vinny will serve in two parishes his first year of priesthood. This summer, he will serve at Our Lady of Mount Carmel + Saint Benedicta + Saint Mary of the Assumption in Staten Island and in Sept. will move to Parras de la Fuente, Mexico, to serve at the Jesuit parish of Santa Maria de las Parras.

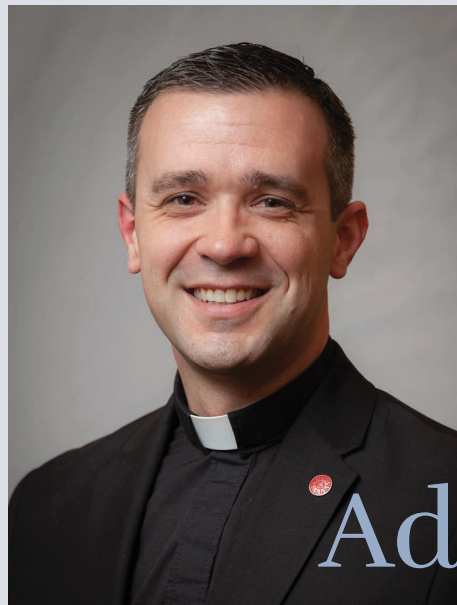
Richard Nichols, SJ, grew up singing in the choir at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen in Baltimore. He first met the Jesuits as a seventh-grade student at Loyola Blakefield in Towson, Md., and studied with them again at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass. After earning a bachelor’s degree in mathematics, Rick was commissioned as an officer in the Navy and volunteered for submarine service. When the Navy sent him to do intelligence work in the D.C. area, he met priests from the Archdiocese of Washington. Inspired by their example, he left the Navy and went to Immaculate Conception Seminary in South Orange, N.J. As a seminarian, he completed the 30-day Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius and decided to enter the Society of Jesus in 2008. After the novitiate, the Jesuits sent him to Saint Louis University, where he earned a master’s degree in philosophy. He then taught math and served as athletics chaplain at Gonzaga College High School in Washington, D.C. Missioned next to the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, he earned a Licentiate in Sacred Theology before going to serve as a deacon at St. Anthony’s Church in Oceanside, N.Y. Highlights of his formation include volunteer work at Calvary Hospital in the Bronx, Latin study under Fr. Reginald



...
Richard

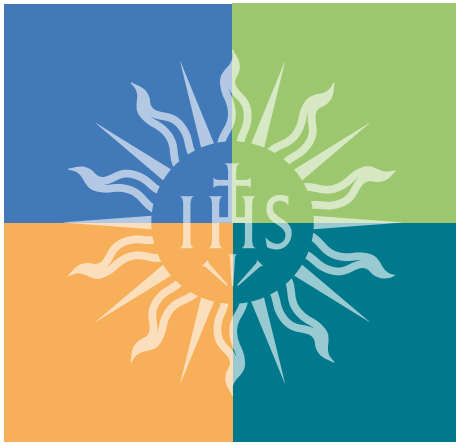
Foster; and clinical pastoral education at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. After ordination, Rick will continue to serve as a chaplain at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital.

Adam Rosinski, SJ, grew up in Philadelphia. His family was active at their local parish, St. Cecilia, and Adam was especially involved in the parish grade school and youth group, and as an altar server. Because his mother’s cousin is also a Jesuit, who spent many years in Chile, Adam heard about the Jesuits growing up, but it wasn’t until he was an undergraduate at the University of Scranton that he really came to know the Society of Jesus. There, Adam was fascinated by the Jesuits and their mission and became inspired to discern his own Jesuit vocation. After graduating, he worked as a high school teacher before entering the Jesuits in 2009. As a novice, he spent time on the parish staff of St. Raphael Catholic Church in Raleigh, N.C. After the novitiate, he was missioned to study philosophy at Loyola University Chicago, where he also served as chaplain to the university’s softball team and worked with the Ignatian Spirituality Project, offering Ignatian retreats to homeless men who were in recovery from addiction. His next mission took him back to Philadelphia for regency, where he served as a teacher and campus minister at St. Joseph’s Prep. There, he also had the privilege of coordinating the “2Philly4Francis” pilgrimage, which brought together 43



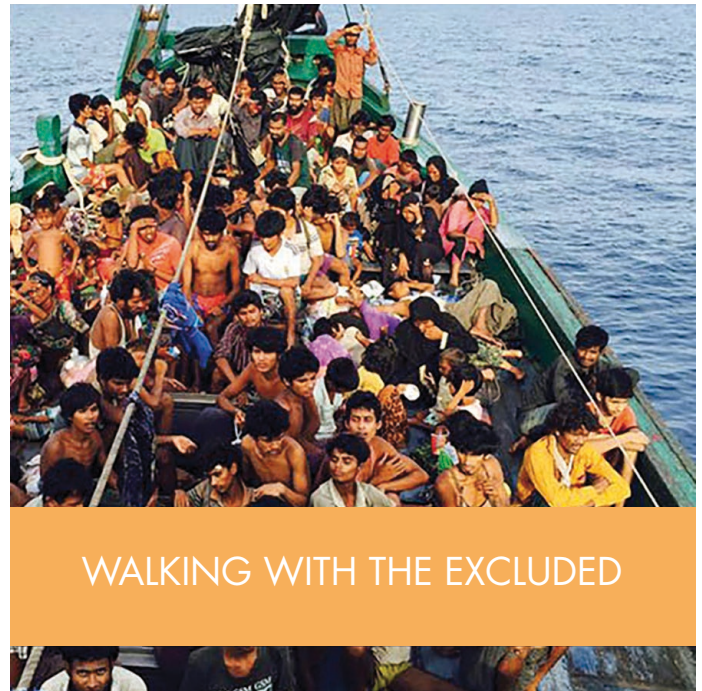
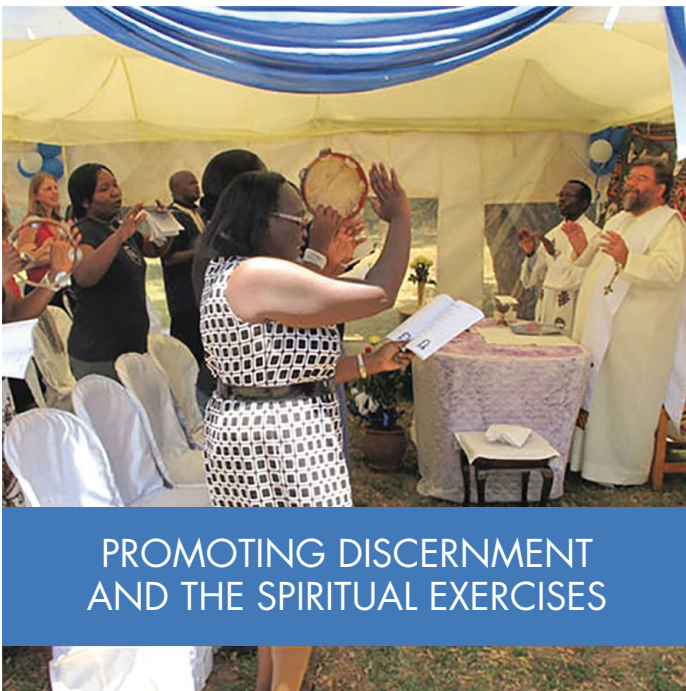
...
Adam

Jesuit high schools to celebrate Pope Francis’ visit to the city in 2015. In 2016, his formation took him to the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, where he earned Master of Divinity and Master of Theology degrees and served as a deacon at St. Brigid and Gate of Heaven Parishes in South Boston.



Earlier this year, the Society of Jesus announced four new Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAPs) that will guide its mission for the next 10 years. Crafted through a 16-month dialogue with Jesuits around the world, the UAPs are **promoting discernment and the Spiritual Exercises, walking with the excluded, caring for our common home and journeying with youth.**

FOUR NEW UNIVERSAL APOSTOLIC PREFERENCES



In a very Ignatian way of proceeding, the Society chose to emphasize these themes by naming them “preferences” (as opposed to “priorities”) to reflect the spirit of discernment involved in settling on the four UAPs: when deciding between good options, all other things being equal, we should “prefer” to do to one thing over another—“priorities” suggests that we have made these four topics our focus no matter what other activities might be possible.

“Our desire has been to find the best way to collaborate in the Lord’s mission, the best way to serve the Church at this time, the best contribution we can make with what we

are and have, seeking to do what is for the greater divine service and the more universal good,” Father General Arturo Sosa, SJ, wrote in a letter introducing the UAPs to the whole Society of Jesus. “We have lived through a process that has produced, step by step, a consensus that we believe is guided by the Holy Spirit.”

The UAPs replace Apostolic Preferences that were released by then-Superior General Father Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, SJ, in 2003, which prioritized ministries in China, Africa, the intellectual apostolate and the Roman houses, and among migrants and refugees. The worldwide discernment process that led to the new preferences

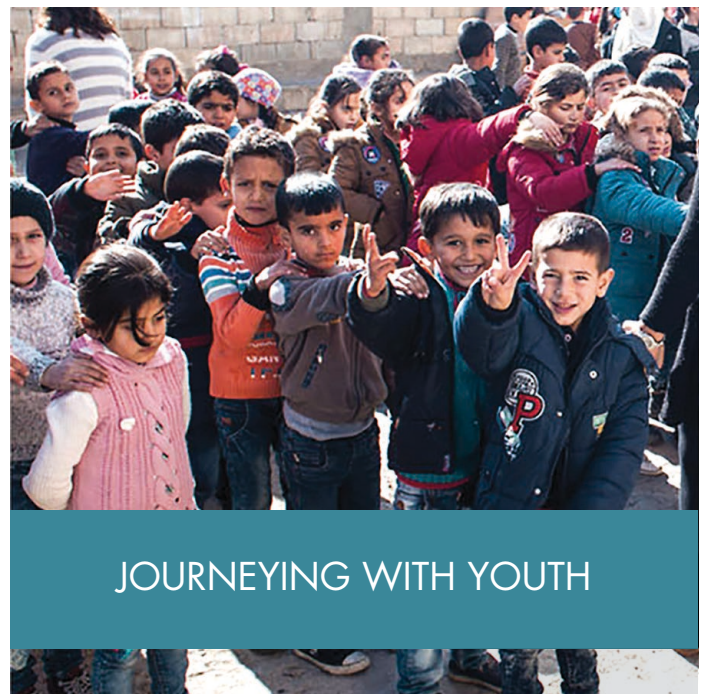
“WE HAVE LIVED THROUGH A PROCESS THAT HAS PRODUCED, STEP BY STEP, A CONSENSUS THAT WE BELIEVE IS GUIDED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.”

—Father General Arturo Sosa, SJ

focused on three main questions: “Where do we hear the call of Jesus today as He carries His cross in the world?” “What is the Church asking of us?” and “Where are we most needed?”

“I hope the UAPs will challenge Jesuits and our collaborators to think critically about our work in the world

God at every stage of life and in every social setting, sharing the gifts of Ignatian Spirituality with a broader audience; and caring for God’s creation. Father General and his team boiled them down to the four UAPs and shared them with Pope Francis. The Holy Father replied with a single question: “Is this what you need the Society



and to take bold action in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ,” said Fr. Timothy P. Kesicki, SJ, president of the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States and a participant in the UAP dialogue process. “The UAPs aren’t a new program to implement, though they might lead us to start new programs. Rather, they reflect certain movements of the Holy Spirit we encountered through the discernment process that point a way forward. The UAPs should help sharpen our focus on what’s really central to our mission at this point in history.”

Throughout the preparatory dialogue, several central themes emerged: accompaniment with the people of

of Jesus to be doing at this point in its history?” After a period of prayer and reflection, Pope Francis returned the UAPs to Father General—not just as a document, but as a mission to the Jesuits from the Holy Father himself.

“The preferences seek to unleash a process of apostolic revitalization and creativity that makes us better servants of reconciliation and justice,” Father General wrote. “Let us undertake this process, designing it and assessing it in accord with persons, times, and places in the light of the Church’s orientations and the Spirit’s guidance.” ■



When God calls,
the way opens.

A lay woman's journey to lead a Jesuit parish

By Dee Papania

I remember as a third grader wanting so badly to be an altar server like my brothers. It was a different Church then, with limited roles for females, in a time before the Church began to see itself in a new way—before opening doors for greater lay involvement. That in no way inhibited my love for the Church and my desire to serve God by serving His Church. By the time I was 13, I was volunteering with the parish CCD program. And so began a lifetime of active Church volunteerism, which included numerous committees, councils and service

opportunities in a variety of ministries. Volunteer service ultimately led to more professional ministry in parish work as a director of religious education and as a pastoral associate.

These years were a graced time of growth, learning, and formation with Fr. Joseph Lacey, SJ, who whole-heartedly supported my pursuit of relative academic degrees, training in spiritual direction and leadership formation, all of which proved to be preparation for a more expanded role as a parish life director. I was appointed parish

"There is a sense of empowerment, of trusting and being trusted, of being part of something new and wonderful in the Church, of experiencing the Spirit at work..."

life director at St. Alphonsus Rodriguez Church in Woodstock, Md. in September of 2018. This appointment was the fulfillment of a vocational calling and a dream come true. It is my great joy and challenge to serve in this capacity.

It's easy to look back now and see the unfolding of my vocation as one guided by the Spirit. On a professional level, I am honored and humbled by the awesome responsibility of leading a parish. My daily prayer is for the courage to go wherever the Lord is leading me and to ask for the grace and wisdom to do God's will in this leadership role. It can, at times, seem daunting, and my confidence rests solely in the belief that this is where God wants me.

St. Alphonsus Rodriguez was founded in 1869 by the Jesuits as an offshoot of Woodstock College Seminary to serve the needs of the local community. The parish is steeped in Ignatian spirituality, tradition, charism and sense of mission. Today, as the Society of Jesus looks at its own clergy resources and how best to utilize their gifts, it does so with a vision that honors its past and looks to the future, especially in regard to its involvement with parishes.

The Maryland Province recently collaborated with the Archdiocese of Baltimore to retain its Jesuit affiliation with St. Alphonsus Rodriguez through a restructuring of the relationship between the Archdiocese and the parish. These conversations led to a real and creative dialogue that would honor the past, serve the present and provide lasting hope for the future. The Jesuits proposed to retain the parish and assign a sacramental minister if the Archdiocese agreed to leadership under a lay ecclesial minister. This to me was little more than wishful thinking, as there were no other

lay ecclesial ministers leading parishes in the Archdiocese. But the Church of today is not the Church of the 1960s, and the Holy Spirit opened the doors to bring this new role to fruition for me. I am excited by the possibilities for parish leadership with both the Jesuits and the Archdiocese in the vision and reality of the expanding roles of lay leadership in the Church. This is a great promise of hope for parishioners.

Let there be no doubt: This restructuring was a big change for the parish. It is the first time in 150 years that the parish does not have a "pastor," let alone a Jesuit at the helm. Yet, the members of the parish have been overwhelmingly accepting and supportive. Perhaps the most moving and heart-touching moment of my professional career was when my appointment was announced at the Saturday Vigil Mass and the congregation reacted with a spontaneous standing ovation. We are a family, there for one another, and I am deeply grateful for their positive response.

On a personal level, I am filled with deep gratitude for this opportunity to love God by loving and serving God's people in parish leadership. There is a sense of empowerment, of trusting and being trusted, of being part of something new and wonderful in the Church, of experiencing the Spirit at work and recognizing the opportunities now open to lay ministry that were not available to that third grader decades ago.

We will continue to move forward as a parish and a family, living out our roles to be missionary disciples through the context of our Ignatian way. I pray the gifts of the Spirit continue to bear great fruit in our faith community, and in me, as I lead the parish into the future.

▲
Dee Papania, parish
life director, with
Fr. Joe Lacey, SJ,
at St. Alphonsus
Rodriguez Church.

The 19th Annotation of Spiritual Exercises

By Henry Frank



The Spiritual Exercises are a blueprint for prayer to help people discern God's presence in their lives.

In February, the Society of Jesus announced four Universal Apostolic Preferences. These Preferences—promoting discernment and the Spiritual Exercises, walking with the excluded, caring for our common home, and journeying with youth—will guide the global mission of the Jesuits for the next decade.

While the Preferences are not exactly ranked, it seems appropriate that the Spiritual Exercises should come first. In a letter accompanying the release of the Preferences, Pope Francis wrote: “The first [Preference]

is fundamental ... Without this prayerful attitude, the rest will not function.” Composed by St. Ignatius of Loyola himself, the Exercises are his great gift to anyone seeking a deeper relationship with God.

Simply put, the Spiritual Exercises are a blueprint for prayer to help people discern God's presence in their lives. “The Exercises allow people to put God first, and God's lead first in their lives,” said Fr. James Bowler, SJ, pastoral minister at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Charlotte, N.C., who

stopped counting after directing more than 100 people through the Exercises. “They are a means to help people live out their authenticity, to help them embrace true human flourishing.”

In four stages, referred to as “weeks,” the retreatant contemplates various aspects of her life, as well as the life, Passion, and Resurrection of Jesus. “I was thoroughly convinced of how much God loves me, in spite of all my flaws,” Debbie Thibeault said of her experience making the Spiritual Exercises last year.

The Exercises can sound daunting. “It’s a process,” said Ms. Thibeault. “You start out and you’re not sure if you can make it to the end. But once you dip your toes in, you just get absorbed by the love and acceptance of God.”

The experience is different for everyone, and that’s the point. St. Ignatius designed the Exercises to help people build a personal relationship with God. “People take to it so gracefully and so naturally, just totally enjoying the encounter,” said Fr. Bowler. “It’s not like they are doing penance the whole time.”

There are two primary ways to make the Exercises. The first is the “30-Day Retreat,” in which the retreatant goes through the Exercises in their entirety in about a month of continuous, silent prayer, usually in a retreat house.

For those whose schedule does not allow for 30 consecutive days on retreat, there is a second option. St. Ignatius appended 20 notes, called “annotations,” to the Spiritual Exercises. In the 19th, he writes that the format in which the Exercises are made can be adapted, so that the Exercises can be made in the midst of daily life. The 19th Annotation, sometimes called “the Spiritual Exercises in Daily Life,” is not an abridged version, or second-best to the 30-Day retreat. It is the full Exercises made over a longer span of time—typically about nine months.

As intended, the specific format of the 19th Annotation varies. In general, the retreatant spends an hour each day in prayer and meets

regularly with a spiritual director. Often, the 19th Annotation is made with a group, which gathers regularly to process the fruits of their individual prayer. “At the beginning, it was a little awkward, because we didn’t know what to say,” Ms. Thibeault said of her group experience. “But by the end, it was very intimate. We were very close as a result of going through it together. It wasn’t just the people I got close to. It was also God.”

The Spiritual Exercises have been the foundation of the Jesuit mission since the founding of the Society in the 16th century. It is no surprise, therefore, that they feature so prominently in the Apostolic Preferences. Making the Exercises is a transformative experience for anyone seeking a deeper relationship with God.

More
on the web

To learn more, or to find out where you can make the 19th Annotation of the Spiritual Exercises, visit www.JesuitsEastOIS.org/spiritualexercises.

“They are a means to help people live out their authenticity, to help them embrace true human flourishing.”

— Rev. James Bowler, SJ



Serving Others...



In October 2018, Loyola Blakefield had its most successful Fall Food Drive in school history. Students collected 21,338 nonperishable food items for members of the St. Gregory the Great community in West Baltimore.

Jesuit Schools Deliver the Promise of “Men and Women for Others”

By PJ Williams

In his 1973 address to Jesuit alumni in Valencia, Spain, Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ, Father General of the Society of Jesus, coined the term “men for others,” which has since been expanded to “men and women for others” so as to include all Jesuit-educated graduates.

While this has been adopted as a maxim of Jesuit values, it was originally intended as a challenge to ensure Jesuit schools were producing graduates who would show their love for God by loving their neighbor. Fr. Arrupe believed that the first step in promoting justice was accompaniment—becoming friends with those who are poor and marginalized.

“If we carry a deep respect for all people, then we cannot stand idle while they are taken advantage of,” said Nicholas Napolitano, provincial assistant for Social Ministries in the Maryland and USA Northeast Provinces. “Love demands that we speak out and act to end unjust structures and systems. We must take sides



Canisius High School's Food Drive for St. Luke's Mission of Mercy occurs in November each school year. Approximately 2,000 pounds of food are collected as well as \$8,000 for this Catholic mission located on the east side of Buffalo.

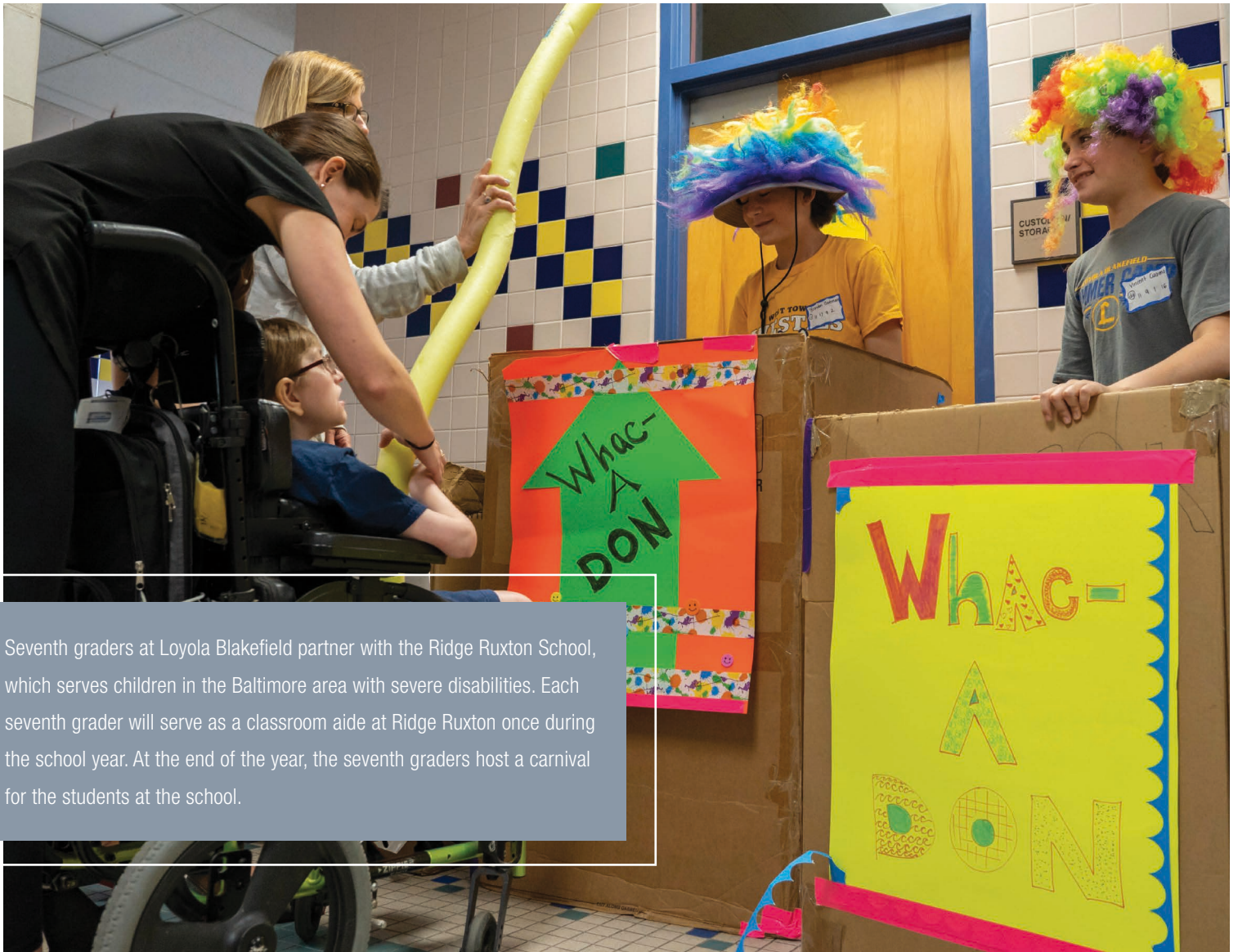
with people who Jesus stood with: the weak, the oppressed, the marginalized.”

The Jesuit schools within the Maryland and USA Northeast Provinces have taken this message from Fr. Arrupe to heart. That is why they make sure the education provided to students not only prepares them mentally and spiritually, but also gives them a desire to seek justice and accompany those on the margins.

In Towson, just outside Baltimore, Md., sits the college prep school Loyola Blakefield. The Jesuit school educates close to 1,000 men from grades six

through 12, and every day several of them are sent out on service trips to work with those in need.

“Five to eight students will gather in the morning with our volunteers,” explains Brendan O’Kane, director of Ignatian Mission and Identity at Loyola Blakefield. “We start with a reflection and we go over where we’re going, why we’re going, what we’re doing and how it connects to our mission.” Every student at Loyola Blakefield will have one day of service each year through junior year. Service locations vary by grade



Seventh graders at Loyola Blakefield partner with the Ridge Ruxton School, which serves children in the Baltimore area with severe disabilities. Each seventh grader will serve as a classroom aide at Ridge Ruxton once during the school year. At the end of the year, the seventh graders host a carnival for the students at the school.

but include helping at soup kitchens and working with children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

O’Kane stressed the need for students to leave behind the comfort of their school and confront things like poverty head on. “To go there consistently erases the distance because there’s a relationship there; we don’t want to isolate ourselves up here,” said O’Kane of the distance between the school and the service sites. “Gustavo Gutiérrez said, ‘So you say you love the poor, then name them,’ and our students do learn people’s names, they do build relationships.”

Loyola does more than just daily service trips. Director of Ignatian Service, Beth Ann Szczepaniak and Ignatian Mission and Identity associate, Vonda Duncan,

organize food drives, the Adopt-a Family program and longer service trips, both domestically and internationally. “By having these daily service trips, the topic of serving others is always present for them,” says O’Kane. “Even if a student isn’t serving on a particular day, a friend or classmate probably is.”

At Canisius High School in Buffalo, students must complete 100 hours of service before graduation. This includes the Companions service immersion program in their junior year. In addition to working with the poor, students have an opportunity to deepen their faith and reflect on why it is important to serve others.

“During Companions, students read Fr. Arrupe’s ‘men for others’ speech and have a reflection on their final night based on that document,” says Ronald

Ahrens, the director of Ignatian Service at Canisius High School and an alumnus of the class of 1991. “The documents help show a young man how to think about other people and each participant does a presentation based on that reading. Sometimes they also do a follow-up, something to think about after the trip.”

When asked what he thinks attracts young students to serving others, Ahrens attributes it to gratitude. “They want to feel gratitude for what they have. I think that they do this because they want to feel more content. They can take things for granted, but this reminds them not to do that,” he says. “Then there’s the kid who comes from not such a privileged background and they want to thank God for the opportunity to come to the school. They want to help and they’re the first who give back.”



Top left: Syracuse Deputy Mayor Sharon Owens and executive director of *A Tiny Home for Good*, Andrew Lunetta take part in the ribbon cutting of a home. Top right: Le Moyne College students joined alumna Caitlin McGuire (center back row) as they repaired a house during a service immersion trip to Quito, Ecuador. Bottom right: Canisius High School's Fall Coat Drive annually helps those in need prepare for the winter season.



"I really think there's value in getting uncomfortable; there is plenty of room to offer that in the service of others, that the push towards comfort wouldn't allow."

As an undergrad, Lunetta worked at homeless shelters and started the program *Pedal for Possibilities*, which worked to provide bicycles to the homeless. By biking with the homeless, he was able to help give them something to do when they were not in a shelter. Lunetta recommends that people who do service work for others focus on the person their work is helping. "Spend time with the person you're supporting. It makes what you're doing more real," said Lunetta. "You're not just serving soup or hammering a nail if you know the first name of the person. Seize that opportunity whenever you can."

When it comes to determining if a Jesuit education succeeds in forming men and women for others, Fr. Dolan is reminded of something he once told a group of Le Moyne students. He was celebrating the baccalaureate Mass and during the homily he said to them, "We know we've succeeded in offering you a Jesuit education if in 10 years you're sitting with your family and one of your kids asks, 'when will we get to work at the soup kitchen again?'"

"Once that sense of service to others is passed on," he continued, "then we've done our job." ■

Service trips can have a profound and lasting effect on students. Canisius College alumna Alice Zicari had no intention of having a job running service trips until her senior year when she took part in World Youth Day in Brazil. That experience led her to donate a year of service in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps and eventually to her current position in Syracuse in Le Moyne College's office of campus ministry, coordinating the school's domestic and international service immersion trips. "Attending World Youth Day in Brazil really made me want to do this kind of work," said Zicari.

Zicari works with Fr. William Dolan, SJ, who organizes the local service projects at Le Moyne, including with the Rescue Mission, a non-profit in Syracuse providing programs to end hunger and homelessness in the region.

"We want students to distinguish between what feels good and the greatest need," says Fr. Dolan. "You go to the Rescue Mission parking lot with coffee and soup—people tell you how good you are and that feels good." He goes on to explain that the greatest need at a similar non-profit, *Road to Emmaus*, is at the drop-off center. "It's not about feeling good, it's about the greatest need. One of Fr. General's Apostolic Preferences is discernment, and we ask students to discern to see where they can address the greatest need."

Le Moyne alumnus Andrew Lunetta is executive director of *A Tiny Home for Good*, which builds fully equipped 300-square-foot homes for the homeless, echoes the sentiments of Fr. Dolan. "I think that there's a real call for people in general towards comfort—once you made it, you should just stay in your lane," said Lunetta.



2019 JESUIT GALA

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

HONORING **10** High Schools
One Mission

On April 9, more than 600 friends, supporters and alumni gathered for the USA Northeast Province's 2019 Jesuit GALA. More than 80 of those in attendance were Jesuits from around the world in various stages of formation.

In years past, the province has honored individuals who have worked selflessly for the greater glory of God. This year at the GALA, the province honored its 10 Jesuit-sponsored high schools in the northeastern region of the United States: Boston College High School, Canisius High School, Cheverus High School, Fairfield Prep, Fordham Prep, Loyola School, McQuaid Jesuit, Regis High School, St. Peter's Prep and Xavier High School. Despite being spread across five states in the northeast, these 10 schools all have a shared Ignatian heritage and mission that can be seen in the competence, compassion and courage of their students.

Grace Cotter Regan and Fr. James F. Keenan, SJ, accepted the award on behalf of the schools. Regan is the president of Boston College High School and

previously worked at the New England Province, now a part of the USA Northeast Province, as the executive director of advancement. Fr. Keenan is the director of donor relations at the USA Northeast Province and served lengthy tenures as president of Xavier High School, McQuaid Jesuit High School, Canisius High School, Saint Peter's Preparatory School and the New York City Nativity Schools.

"These schools are obvious instruments to serve God's greater glory by providing Jesuit education and character formation for their many students and families," said Fr. John Cecero, SJ, provincial of the USA Northeast Province, during his remarks on stage.





REFLECTING

on the Lenten Season 2019



More than 300 guests attended the Ash Wednesday event in Naples, Fla. this year.

“These events provide a perfect opportunity for East Coast friends and benefactors to connect with one another through prayer and Jesuit spirituality.”

—James Skurka

To celebrate the beginning of Lent this year, friends and benefactors of the USA Northeast Province gathered in Palm Beach Gardens and Naples, Fla., to take part in a Lenten day of reflection offered by Fr. Mark Luedtke, SJ, and Fr. Michael Rossmann, SJ. They spoke about Lent as a spiritual journey, our own wandering in the desert, facing our temptations and turning to God.

Those gathered included graduates of East Coast Jesuit high schools, colleges and universities and former parishioners from the Northeast, including friends and family members. On the morning following the Naples event, a breakfast was held to allow a more intimate gathering where folks from the Northeast could meet the provincial, Fr. John Cecero, SJ, and hear him speak on

Jesuit mission, provide updates about the province and answer their questions. It was a wonderful way for everyone to network together as well and form new friendships.

“These events provide a perfect opportunity for East Coast friends and benefactors to connect with one another through prayer and Jesuit spirituality,” said James Skurka, provincial assistant for Advancement and Communications. “It was a special opportunity for those at our Naples event to meet our provincial, Fr. Cecero, and engage with him on all that the Jesuits are doing here and abroad.”

If you would like information on future events such as these, please contact James Skurka at jsturka@Jesuits.org.

Save the Date!



Tuesday, September 24, 2019

THE TENTH ANNUAL

10th

Dear Friends,

Please join us this year for the 10th annual *Friends of the Jesuits Golf Outing*.

Over the past decade, hundreds of alumni, Jesuits, friends and supporters have spent a day on the green in support of the works of the province.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we have raised close to \$2.5 million through these events. These funds are used to help provide for the care and support of senior and infirm Jesuits. They have also been used to provide assistance to parishes, retreat ministries, schools, social ministries and international missions.

This year promises to be unlike any other. We have special surprises planned that will be announced as we approach the big day. We hope to see you on the green!



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

QUAKER RIDGE GOLF CLUB

146 GRIFFEN AVENUE • SCARSDALE, N.Y.

- ▶ To benefit the apostolic works of the Jesuits
- ▶ To support the care of senior and infirm Jesuits

For more information, visit www.JesuitsEast.org/Golf2019 or contact Ann Marie Houston at ahouston@Jesuits.org, 617.607.2814.

How have the new Apostolic Preferences focused your call, as both a Jesuit and on your current work promoting vocations?

The work of vocation promotion goes on, much like it did before we learned about the Apostolic Preferences. However, they are a much-needed source of affirmation and encouragement in this work. They remind me that we are not only helping young men to discern their vocation, but also preparing them to do the Spiritual Exercises once they get to the novitiate if it be God's will for them.

It takes about a year or so before a man is invited to apply to the Society. Wherever they are on their journey, we seek to meet them, and offer them some of the spiritual tools from the Spiritual Exercises.

Fr. Rodolfo Casals, SJ

Vocation promoter for the Maryland and USA Northeast provinces. Before becoming a Jesuit, he was an officer in the United States Navy and served on several warships based out of Japan.

I often tell the guys “we are deeply invested in a process, not an outcome.” But, as I get to know the men, I can't help but begin to hope they will find their way into the Society. I often pray asking to remain indifferent to these desires. I give God these hopes and look to be of help to these guys.

How did your time in Japan shape who you are as a Jesuit?

During my time in Japan, I was busy learning to drive a warship as a naval officer. The last thing on my mind was the Society of Jesus. I felt my vocation was to be the best naval officer I could be. If anything, it was the rosaries during the quiet night watches off the coast of Japan, that eventually led me to an encounter with God. There is nothing quite

like prayer at sea. It is an easy way to connect with a sense of God as creator and me as one of his creations.

What do you find most inspiring in Pedro Arrupe's life and example?

On one of my trips to Hiroshima, I had the chance to see the former sight of the Jesuit novitiate where Pedro Arrupe was the novice master. After the atomic bombing, he turned the novitiate into a field hospital where he treated countless burn victims. During this time, he felt that God was making use of his former career as a medical student to serve the Japanese people. It's just a reminder to me that nothing is wasted in our vocation; even the things we feel that we leave aside in our journey to become Jesuits continue to bear fruit.





Will you
consider
a gift to
the Jesuits?

A Spiritual Journey to Portugal

11 DAYS: OCTOBER 21 ~ 31, 2019

Visiting

FATIMA * SANTARÉM * PORTO * NAZARÉ * OBIDOS
LISBON * SINTRA * CASCAIS

Hosted By

**THE MARYLAND & USA NORTHEAST
PROVINCES OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS**

With Spiritual Director: Fr. Rodolfo Casals, SJ

For more information, please contact
Mr. James F. Skurka, tour coordinator:

Tel: (212) 774-5548 | Email: jskurka@jesuits.org



To make a gift that supports the
Jesuits and their work, please contact:

**Maryland Province
of the Society of Jesus**

8600 LaSalle Road, Suite 620
Towson, MD 21286-2014

Cori Tyner | ctyner@jesuits.org
443-921-1332

www.mdsj.org

**USA Northeast Province
of the Society of Jesus**

39 East 83rd Street
New York, NY 10028-0810

James Skurka | jskurka@jesuits.org
212-774-5500

www.JesuitsEast.org



JESUITS
USA Northeast Province

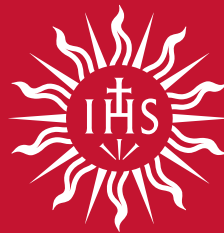
39 East 83rd Street | New York, NY 10028

NONPROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Brockton, MA
Permit No. 243



The Mission Continues

*The Society of Jesus
Serving at the Heart
of the Church
Since 1540*



JESUITS®

To learn more, visit

BeAJesuit.org

The imposition of hands during the rite of ordination of a priest. The 2018 Ordination Class (from left to right):
Eric Studt, SJ; Henry Shea, SJ; Timothy O'Brien, SJ; Patrick Nolan, SJ; Keith Maczkiewicz, SJ; and Brian Konzman, SJ