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Seeking a PATH of Hope and Renewal





"But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."

— Is. 40:31



Very Rev. Robert Hussey, SJ Provincial, Maryland Province



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

### FROM OUR PROVINCIALS

### Dear Friends,

One of the key tenets of the Daily Examen, based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, is to reflect with gratitude on how God has been present to us throughout the day. Although it can indeed be a challenge some days to find clear rays of hope and goodness, we focus on the many ways God is reaching out to us with constant blessings—with hope and renewal. This summer especially, we were so very blessed to ordain six new priests (three from each of our two provinces) for the Society of Jesus and the Catholic Church, our largest ordination in five years. Sharing the joy with those dedicating their lives to the Church and the body of Christ is a wonderful way to experience God's presence in our midst. He reminds us through these new priests that good things are surely on the horizon.

Regardless of your vocation in life, there are challenges to be grappled with and achievements to be celebrated. We hope this issue of *JESUITS* magazine gives you some optimism as you read about how our apostolates and programs are helping people overcome trials, find promise in their lives and become fulfilled individuals—experiencing the joy of being men and women for others.

We pray that you continue to find hope in our Savior Jesus Christ, who is the way to joy even on our most troublesome days.

Sincerely in Christ,

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

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



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### FROM OUR PROVINCES

# New Appointments





Fr. George E. Collins, SJ, was appointed a consultor of the USA Northeast Province. Fr. Collins is currently the vicesuperior of the Loyola Jesuit Center in Morristown, N.J. He previously served as president of Cheverus High School in Portland, Maine, and before that as assistant to the vice president for mission and identity and director of campus ministry at Fairfield University.



In addition to his current assignment as director of mission and ministry at St.

Joseph's Prep High School, **Fr. Charles Frederico**, **SJ**, has assumed the role of superior for the Arrupe House Jesuit Community in Philadelphia. Before moving to Arrupe House last year, Fr. Frederico served for eight years as vocation director for the Maryland and USA Northeast Provinces.



Fr. Arthur Leger, SJ, was named vice-superior of the Jesuit Community of Fiji. A native Fijian, he has served as a director of the East Asian Pastoral Institute in Manila and was previously director of Xavier High School in Chuuk. Most recently, Fr. Leger has made a significant contribution as chancellor in the Diocese of the Caroline Islands.

**Fr. Richard McAuliff, SJ**, was named vice-superior of the Jesuit Community of Yap. In this capacity, he will also serve as director of Yap Catholic



High School. Most recently, Fr. McAuliff served as director of Cardinal Mindszenty High School in Palau, and he has held many administrative positions in Micronesia over the years.



James Skurka was named provincial assistant for advancement and communications for the Maryland and USA Northeast Provinces. Prior to his service to the Jesuits, Jim focused on advancement efforts at museums, colleges, and universities. He served as director of Cornell University's regional office for alumni affairs and development in New York City for 14 years.



### Boston College High School Welcomes **Grace Regan**

On May 3, Fr. John Cecero, SJ, provincial of the USA Northeast Province of the Society of Jesus, officially missioned Grace Regan as president of Boston College High School. More than 40 Jesuits attended the Missioning Mass, which celebrated Regan as the 28th president of BC High and the first woman to hold the school's presidency.

Historically, Missioning Masses were used only to send Jesuits forth to their new endeavors, but recently, such ceremonies have also offered meaningful and public recognition for Ignatian lay leaders beginning service as heads of Ignatian works. With Regan's appointment, the USA Northeast Province became the first Jesuit province in the U.S. and Canada with female presidents at all three levels of education: at middle schools and a secondary school and within higher education.

"Grace's love for the Society of Jesus and our mission in education is unequivocal, and I am confident that her collaborative and inspirational leadership will ensure the Jesuit and Catholic identity of our cherished school for years to come," Fr. Cecero said.

Regan is no stranger to BC High. As the daughter of the legendary football coach, teacher and guidance counselor Jim Cotter '55, she has been a presence at the school much of her life. Her son, Bartley, is also a graduate of the Class of 2012, and her deep experience as a leader in Catholic educational institutions cemented her place as school president.

She previously served as head of school at St. Mary's in Lynn, Mass., and prior to that was provincial assistant and executive director of advancement for the New England Province of Jesuits. She has served in leadership roles in advancement and alumni at Boston College and the College of the Holy Cross. She holds master's degrees in pastoral ministry, student affairs and higher education administration from Boston College and the University of Vermont and has completed Catholic leadership development programs at Boston College's Lynch School and the University of Notre Dame.

# CELEBRATING Six New Jesuit Priests

n June 9, 2018, the Maryland and USA Northeast Provinces of the Society of Jesus ordained six Jesuit scholastics to the priesthood—the largest group in five years. They were among the 27 Jesuits in the United States, Canada and Haiti to be ordained this summer.

This year's Ordination Mass for our East Coast Jesuits couldn't have been more beautiful. A perfect sunny day set the bright atmosphere as friends and family gathered to celebrate this incredible milestone for our new Jesuit Fathers—Brian G. Konzman, SJ (Maryland Province); Keith A. Maczkiewicz, SJ (USA Northeast Province); Patrick C. Nolan, SJ (USA Northeast Province); Timothy W. O'Brien, SJ (Maryland Province); Henry J. Shea, SJ (Maryland Province); and Eric M. Studt, SJ (USA Northeast Province).

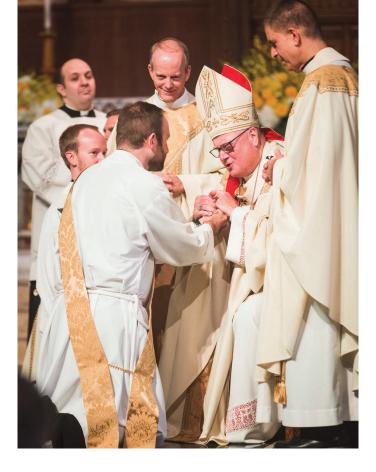
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Timothy Cardinal Dolan stands in the center, with Father Provincial John Cecero, SJ (USA Northeast) far left; Father Provincial Robert Hussey, SJ (Maryland) far right; and our new Jesuit priests (L to R) Fr. Patrick Nolan, SJ; Fr. Keith Maczkiewicz, SJ; Fr. Brian Konzman, SJ; Fr. Timothy O'Brien, SJ; Fr. Henry Shea, SJ; and Fr. Eric Studt, SJ.

These young men from Scranton, Long Island, Philadelphia, Minnesota and Massachusetts stood before His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, and professed before God their vow to serve the Church as priests in the Society of Jesus. A decade of formation, comprising studies, ministry, prayer and discernment, culminated in their profound commitment to serve Jesus and His community. In the days following this momentous ceremony, these new Jesuit priests were asked to reflect on their journey to the Society and the significance of their paths to the priesthoods.





The new Jesuit priests this year are: Fr. Patrick Nolan, SJ; Fr. Keith Maczkiewicz, SJ; Fr. Eric Studt, SJ; Fr. Timothy O'Brien, SJ; Fr. Henry Shea, SJ; and Fr. Brian Konzman, SJ.



High School blessed me tremendously. I took joy in teaching and coaching the students. The parents humbled me by entrusting their sons to us. My co-workers constantly floored me with their energy, creativity and deep care for the kids. I learned a lot, grew even more, and loved most of all.

The transition into the asceticism of theology studies was rough. Gone were the seemingly infinite outlets for affective energy, replaced with the library's musty solitude. Even that experience, though, proved fertile ground for the work of the Holy Spirit as it drew me more deeply into contemplative prayer. Out of that prayer, I started to minister at the Newman Center for Cal Berkeley. That ministry proved very different from working at the high school—not simply due to the nature of the work, but especially due to its source: prayer. I began to learn in earnest what it means for Jesuits to be contemplatives in action.

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It means, in part, that we make ourselves available to the Spirit, to serve as the vehicle through which grace works and from which people draw. Ordination day concretized that reality. My family was hosting a dinner down the street, and I was caught up at the post-Ordination reception by people wanting a new priest's blessing. As I withdrew my hands, many people would snatch them, force them palmsup and kiss them. It drove home to me



that this vocation is not my own, my priesthood is not my own, and my role is now to meet the needs of the people of God, by the Spirit's work in me and by the Spirit's work in them. That kenotic joy is exactly where I've been called to remain.

### FR. KEITH A. MACZKIEWICZ, SJ

When I transferred to Fairfield University in 2001, I found on campus both a supportive faith community and a group of men who were fulfilled in their calling as Jesuit priests. I've often said that the shortest version of my vocation story is that I knew happy Jesuits. The longer version is that God has been leading me in a quietly obvious sort of way for a long time now.

After graduation, I served for two years in a Catholic high school's campus ministry, where I had the opportunity to work with students and staff, coordinating services with a cadre of priests, many of whom I admired. Before long, I felt I was being drawn to work with older students who had deeper questions. And when I arrived at the University of Scranton to work in campus ministry in 2006, my boss was a Jesuit I knew from Fairfield, Fr. Terry Devino, SJ. When I was an undergraduate, Terry had offered an invitation that stuck with me for a long time: "You should think about this, the Jesuits," he said. As my boss, his tone was different: "What are you waiting for?!" I appreciated his directness.

Once I entered the Society of Jesus, God's "quiet obviousness" continued, and I felt easily led from place to place, from experiment to experiment (as we call them), always confident that I could say "yes" to the next thing because of my experience of God during the last. Saying "yes" was never really a



struggle for me, but rather just the next obvious step in a long line of steps I have made with my generous God that has led me to ordination as a Jesuit priest in His service. Here's to many more.

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### FR. PATRICK C. NOLAN, SJ

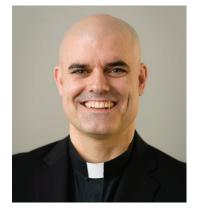
entered the Jesuits when I was 29, after a seven-year career in the sports marketing industry. I have six siblings and 13 nieces and nephews, and the possibility of missing family events was my biggest worry about entering the Jesuits. While I have missed some graduations and birthdays (especially when I was assigned to the Pacific islands of Micronesia), my Jesuit formation and now my priesthood have brought me even closer to my family than I could have imagined.

In the first year of the novitiate, I served as an orderly for cancer patients at Calvary Hospital in the Bronx—feeding, shaving and washing terminally ill patients and changing their bedsheets. It was a real "school of the heart" that has affected how I have prayed with the suffering Jesus during the Third Week of the Spiritual Exercises.

A few weeks before I was ordained, my own father's health began to decline. When I arrived, my mom was laid up too because she had hurt her back trying to help my dad. My brothers and sisters and I worked together to care for our parents however we could, and I even taught them how to change the sheets with a person still in the bed, which I first learned at Calvary Hospital more than 10 years ago.

My dad was unable to make it to my ordination and first Mass, but thankfully, my mom was there for both liturgies. When I came home from my first Mass at my home parish, my sister and godmother, Fran, said to me, "Can you anoint daddy?" As soon as I started the prayers, my mom said, "Anoint me too!"

Just two weeks after my ordination, my father died. I was able to preside at his



funeral. That was part of my father's plan. Five years ago, my parents planned to move to a condo in Florida. My dad said, "No. We have to stay in our parish so Patrick can say his first Mass at St. Rose of Lima."

It turns out that my biggest fear became my greatest consolation. I have been available to my family in an intimate way in my early days of priestly ministry. My family prepared me to be a good Jesuit and a priest, and the Jesuits prepared me to be a good son and a brother.

### FR. TIMOTHY W. O'BRIEN, SJ

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L im, what's the matter? Are you alright?" they asked, nearly in unison. I was sitting in the Fordham University Church in June 2017 with my parents before the start of the ordination liturgy. They had come to New York for the celebration, knowing well some of my Jesuit friends who were to be ordained. I had just returned to the United States after my first year of theology studies in France. As the choir rehearsed, I was explaining various parts of the ordination rite to them. All of a sudden, seemingly out of nowhere, I started sobbing.

As my parents' alarm suggests, random fits of weeping are not exactly my default emotional setting. But the joy I felt in that moment was intense, and it just knocked me over. When I eventually composed myself enough to speak, I blubbered out, "I'm just ... so ... happy."

I have come back to this scene often. This moment crystallized something in me that had not yet found words: my gratitude for all the joy that God has brought into my life through the Society of Jesus.

I first felt called to share this as an undergraduate at the College of the Holy Cross, attracted by the ministry of the Jesuit community and their lay colleagues. It was following that joy that brought me to enter the Jesuits in 2008, and I have found that grateful joy throughout these 10 years in the Society of Jesus. It is the joy of a life lived for and with God. It is the joy of a life lived



with brothers and friends in the Lord. It is the joy of a life lived in service to the Gospel—even when it is lived in spaces of suffering, pain, and loneliness.

And in light of that gratitude, what can I give except everything I have?

### FR. HENRY J. SHEA, SJ

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still vividly remember reading *The Power and the Glory* by Graham Greene for an AP English project as a senior in high school. The book chronicles the life of a priest on the run during an era of persecution in 1920s Mexico: he is a flawed figure in many ways, yet deeply devoted to the people he serves. The book stirred something in my heart. I felt called to this.

When I set out for college at Georgetown University, however, other ambitions had risen to the fore: I would be a lawyer, I thought, and then perhaps try my hand in politics. But God persisted. A spiritual experience of profound joy in God's presence re-opened my horizons. Then, through the lives of the Jesuits I knew at Georgetown, I sensed I was being called in a similar way. A silent retreat in Wernersville, Pa., only confirmed this, and the summer after graduation, I entered the novitiate in Syracuse, N.Y.

That was nearly 11 years ago now. I am so grateful for all that Jesuit life has given me. It is hard to know where to begin in describing its blessings. It has certainly made me a better human being—expanding my mind and stretching my heart. The friendships we're able to form with each other as Jesuits are unique and profound. The privilege of serving God's people whether in a parish and community center, in a high school classroom, or



most recently through preaching and the sacraments—has brought me tremendous consolation. And the joy of God's presence, especially in the Eucharist, continues to fill my heart with gratitude. To all this I can only say, "Thanks be to God."

 $\mathbf{M}_{y}$  path to priesthood in the Society of Jesus has been part of a journey toward greater intimacy with Jesus—a journey that started in my childhood with my grandmother teaching me prayers and taking me to Mass. My quest to better know and love Jesus took on new contours when I did an abbreviated version of the Spiritual Exercises retreat as a senior at the College of the Holy Cross. On this retreat, I started thinking of Jesus not only in terms of His wise sayings and ethical teachings, but also as a person who wants to be close to me and, through me, to other people. As I talked with Jesuits at Holy Cross and elsewhere, I started to recognize that the Society of Jesus is a group of men that is drawn

together by this basic principle, that Jesus wants to draw close to us in the concrete situations of our daily lives.

The nearly 12 years of formation that led to my ordination to the priesthood were a long lesson in finding Jesus in the most diverse of circumstances. My studies and work led me all over the world, from great universities in wealthy cities to seemingly hopeless situations both in developing countries and in the forgotten corners of America. In each new place, I search for the Jesus who wants to be close to us.

I see my ordination to the priesthood as part of this larger journey. As I preach the Word and celebrate the sacraments, I hope to encourage God's



FR. ERIC M. STUDT, SJ

people with the Good News that Jesus is always drawing close to us, just as surely when we are sick or feeling bad about some of the things we have done as when we are celebrating more joyful events such as the birth of a child or one of life's transitions.

### THE IGNATIAN RETREAT:

A Quiet Place to Find God in a Busy World.

By Henry Frank

If you have spent any amount of time with a Jesuit, you have likely heard the mantra "finding God in all things." The spiritual tradition of St. Ignatius Loyola begins with the Christian belief that God is everywhere and in all things. Our job is to seek God in our midst and listen for God speaking to us. Easier said than done.

The Ignatian retreat is a time set aside for the purpose of finding God. Phones turned off, laptops closed, the Ignatian retreat guides us silently into God's presence.

The idea of finding a quiet space to hear God's call is not new. God told the prophet Elijah, for example, to "go out and stand on a mountain before



the LORD" (I Kings 19). Elijah stood there and tried unsuccessfully to discover God in a strong wind, an earthquake and a fire. At last, he found God in the "sheer silence." As with Elijah, God speaks to us in the stillness.

In our daily lives, St. Ignatius encourages us to pray the Examen, a reflection on our day that can be prayed in a few quiet minutes. But the quality, duration and location of the silence is consequential. For the bigger questions in our lives, we need time to rest and listen for God without feeling rushed or interrupted.

Apart from a daily conversation with a retreat director, the Ignatian

retreat is spent in silence. The retreat director accompanies us by helping us process what is on our minds and hearts, the substance of our prayer. Whatever that is—a major decision, a particular challenge—God meets us there, and under the guidance of a director, we discern God's call.

Finding God often takes time. It is not something that can be rushed. Finding God also requires us to get to know ourselves, to clear our heads long enough to know what it is we want from God and where to look for God in our lives.

The Ignatian retreat is our version of the still, quiet place that Elijah found on the mountain. It is essential to our spiritual lives that we take time every so often to enter such space and allow God to meet us there.

Jesuit retreat houses are a places built for finding God. Visit their websites to see when Ignatian retreats are being offered. Find a retreat that fits your schedule, then call or register online. There is no set time when you are "supposed to" make a retreat. Find a Jesuit retreat house near you and a date that works for you, and spend some time drawing closer to God.

Henry Frank serves as communications and advancement manager for the Office of Ignatian Spirituality.



#### Ignatius House Jesuit Retreat Center (Atlanta, Ga.)

Located on 20 heavily wooded acres overlooking the Chattahoochee River, you'll discover a place where you can withdraw from the demands of daily life, rest and become more fully aware of God's presence.

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Loyola Jesuit Center comprises over 30 acres of beautiful lawns, gardens and woodlands. Since 1927, Loyola has welcomed people of all faiths, cultures, ages and walks of life who seek serenity, rest, healing and fulfillment. Loyola on the Potomac (Faulkner, Md.)

Situated on a bluff overlooking the Potomac River, Loyola on the Potomac sits on 235 acres of beautiful woodlands. Guests are invited to embrace the prayerful silence and grow in their relationship to God.



Eastern Point Retreat House (Gloucester, Mass.)

Eastern Point Retreat House is an oasis of silence on the ocean where people rediscover God's presence in their hearts and in our world.

#### Jesuit Center for Spiritual Growth (Wernersville, Pa.)

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#### Campion Renewal Center (Weston, Mass.)

Located just outside of Boston in Weston, Mass., Campion Renewal Center enhances the lives of men and women of faith through a wide range of programs including retreats, days of prayer and spiritual direction. vning slaves is dated 1711 at the Newtown farm.

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### Endowment of Tears, Hope for Reconciliation

By Dr. Stephen Ochs

n the spring of 2017, in response to increasing racial polarization in American society and to Pope Francis's call to make reconciliation a top priority for Catholics, Fr. Scott Pilarz, SJ, president of Georgetown Preparatory School, announced reconciliation as the theme for the 2017–18 school year. He appointed a committee composed of administrators, faculty, students and parents that developed a year-long program of education, reflection and action aimed at exploring and reconciling Georgetown Prep's historical connec-

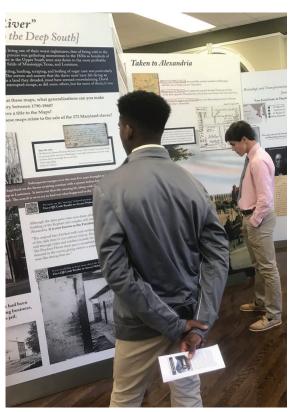
tions to slavery and promoting dialogue in the Prep community about the current state of race relations at the school and in the nation at large.

The program first featured two presentations that I gave with three students (Will Boggs '18, Drew Askew-Black '18, and Hakeem Smith '18) during school assemblies, as well as one to Prep alumni and parents. Two presenters from outside the school also spoke: Ms. Rachel Swarns of the New York Times and Ms. Meli Short-Colomb, a direct descendant of two of the 272 slaves sold by the Maryland Province in 1838 and a current student at Georgetown University. Each presentation was followed by small group discussions led by faculty, staff and administrators.

The year also featured a student-led, school-wide conversation on race, performances of the musical, "Big River" and the searing drama "The Exonerated" and reflections on reconciliation and race in some of the school's weekly Examens. Capping the year's activities, an exhibit in the Southwell Library entitled *Georgetown Prep and Slavery: Endowment of Tears, Hope for Reconciliation* opened to the Prep community and the wider public on May 9, 2018, and ran through June 13, 2018.

As curator of the exhibit, I was

honored to work closely with the students and with Michael Foster of the Fine Arts Department, who created the graphics. The exhibit was based on documents and illustrations from the Booth Family Center for Special Collections at Georgetown University, the online Georgetown Slavery Archive and the Georgetown Preparatory School Archives. The exhibit explored the central role that slavery played in establishing, maintaining and rescuing Georgetown College and its largest constituent element, the Preparatory



Department, through the sale of 272 enslaved persons on farms owned by the Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus in 1838. At this time in history, 75% of the students at Georgetown College had been prep students. Our title for the exhibit emphasized that the 272 slaves on the Maryland farms and those at Georgetown College constituted a living endowment of coerced benefactors who made both Georgetown University and Georgetown Prep possible. Both the entrance and the exit of the exhibit emphasized the debt owed to the enslaved, declaring on behalf of the institution, "We stand in their debt; we remember and honor their suffering; we are inspired by their strength and faith; and we pray as an institution for their forgiveness."

In order to help Prep students identify and empathize with the enslaved, the exhibit highlighted enslaved male teenagers both at the Jesuit-owned farms and at Georgetown College who were of the same age as current and past Prep students.

> Employing the concept of "worlds apart," the exhibit contrasted the daily lives of the enslaved teenagers—young men who today might very well be Prep students—with those of students in the Preparatory Department at the College between 1789 and 1840. These included Joseph Johnson, the nephew of Henry Johnson, one of the purchasers of the 272. After viewing the exhibit, Keegan Shreves, a Prep junior, wrote, "Reading the story of Gabe [one of the young male slaves] and looking at the illustration [entitled, "Head of a Negro Boy"], I felt a connection to someone my own age. Reading the text and examining the documents, I saw how he attempted to purchase his own freedom in 1827. I felt hope for him, only to learn that the College ended up selling

him in 1833." Senior Emmet John Harrington observed that viewing the exhibit "opened my eyes to see a more personal side of slavery." Melisande Short-Colomb, a descendant of Mary Queen and Abraham Mahoney of the 272, wrote, "Thank you for this wonderful, thoughtful and insightful exhibit. Well done Little Hoyas!"

Dr. Stephen Ochs is Lawler Chair of History at Georgetown Prep.

# Faith. Community.



A recent CLA New York cohort gathering for their closing retreat in Cornwall, N.Y.

# Leadership.

Contemplative Leaders in Action celebrates 10 years of young adult formation.



By Henry Frank

In the coming year, Contemplative Leaders in Action (CLA) will graduate its 10th cohort. CLA is a two-year Ignatian spirituality and leadership formation program for young adults in their 20s and 30s. CLA participants gather locally each month to share a meal and have a conversation about themes drawn from the Spiritual Exercises, topics in Ignatian leadership and current events that impact personal faith and professional lives.

While the program nurtures individual growth, it also strives to build a cohort of leaders, who are committed to cultivating the dynamics of faith and justice among their families, co-workers and communities.

Since its inception in New York City a decade ago, CLA has expanded to eight more cities: Baltimore, Boston, Charlotte, Detroit, Philadelphia, Seattle, St. Louis, and Washington, D.C. Nearly 500 people have completed the program as of this spring. Next year alone, more than 200 young adults will participate in CLA nationwide.

To mark this major milestone, and to highlight the impact the program has had over the years, we asked alumni to reflect on how their CLA experiences have informed their sense of being an Ignatian leader in the world today.

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-Jaclyn Newns

### **JACLYN NEWNS**

Campus Minister, Saint Joseph's University CLA—Boston, 2015



I was encouraged to seek out CLA by Fr. Terry Devino, SJ, my mentor since I was a student at the University of Scranton. Terry has always encouraged me toward spaces where my gifts meet God's grace, so I trusted his suggestion of CLA when I moved to Boston in the fall of 2013.

I met 15 people in the living room of a Jesuit community the week I moved to a new city. We gathered there once a month to break bread and build friendship over sweet potatoes and jerk chicken. We were a unique crew of personalities and professions, including an architect, a union organizer, a teacher and mother of six, an actuary, a graphic designer and a carpenter. We were a bold, messy, distracted and holy crew.

To lead my life with Ignatian spirituality, I aim to take a "long, loving look at the real," as Jesuit theologian Fr. Walter Burghardt wrote. In that circle of 15 friends, I was nudged to name and claim the real and to gaze upon and revere the consolations and desolations of my life. I was taught how to bring all of my lived experience forward into the light and attention of spiritual direction. My prayer life expanded through daily Examens and deeper conversations. Walking with others as companions became an intentional act of mercy. CLA gave me people to walk with.

Last July, I stood at the baptismal font at the Paulist Center in downtown Boston with my goddaughter, Petra Rose. Her mom, Emily, had invited me to worship in that community four years earlier when we met through CLA. I stood in the same chapel at Emily's wedding and recently took five of my students there from Philadelphia. CLA led me to faith communities where I felt kinship, and now I strive to create similar spaces of belonging.

Working in campus ministry at Saint Joseph's University, I design retreats that steep students in storytelling, creativity, encounter and community. Students unpack their identities, widen their personal images of God, and listen with loving attentiveness to each other. Recently, on a weekend Ignatian art retreat, 30 students prayed with clay, watercolor and photography. Seeds for this retreat were planted through my CLA capstone project when a cohort member provided space on Boston College's campus to guide students through *visio divina*, a reflection on images of justice. CLA solidified art as a nonnegotiable avenue of my spiritual life.

Through CLA, I was encouraged to pay attention to my own desires and the desires of the Spirit. I was given a space of holding and beholding, a space of accountability, a space of love. Our world needs such spaces.

I am deeply grateful to the Jesuits for continually reminding me: This space is for you; you are good, and you are welcome here.

### **DEANNA HOWES SPIRO**

Director of Communications, Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities

CLA—Washington, D.C., 2015



One day in March 2013, my good friend Tim Ebner asked to meet for a drink. He wanted to tell me all about the Contemplative Leaders in Action (CLA) program (which he had just completed) and why I needed to apply. The timing was pretty fortuitous as I had just been promoted to director of communications at the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU) in Washington, D.C., where I had been working for the previous six years. Although I was coming into the role as an internal hire who was Jesuit-educated at

Fordham University, I knew that I wouldn't be effective without a "refresh" in Jesuit leadership training and Ignatian spirituality. Thus, I was intrigued by what I learned from Tim and couldn't wait to apply for CLA.

I was delighted to be accepted into a cohort that had its first meeting and opening retreat in Fall 2013. Our group bonded well with each other, and our leader, Kevin Buckley, helped to set a prayerful tone for each meeting in his calm and measured way. Although we only met once a month, we built a community that supported and encouraged each other and always held one another in prayer. I knew that no matter what challenges I faced at work or in my personal life, I could always count on this group of people to be my prayer warriors and spiritual advisors.

In addition to the guidance and wisdom that I gained from my cohort members, I gained exposure to models of Ignatian-inspired leadership through our reading of Heroic Leadership by Chris Lowney and our in-session visits from influential members of the local Jesuit network including Rev. Joe Lingan, SJ, the former rector of the Jesuit community at Georgetown University, and Sister Lisa Buscher, RSCJ, who now directs the CLA program. Most crucial to my personal and professional development was that they taught me about Ignatian discernment. For me, this was the missing link that I needed to fully animate my work in Jesuit higher education and to deepen my personal relationship with God.

It has now been three years since I completed the CLA program. I have become a member of the advisory committee for the Washington, D.C., region and a member of the steering committee for our local Loyola Club, all while continuing to serve at AJCU. It is a blessing to be so strongly connected to organizations like AJCU and CLA, which both share the same goal: to do everything for the greater glory of God. AMDG.



If you are interested in learning more about this program, find us on the web at www.ContemplativeLeaders.org. CLA is a program of the Office of Ignatian Spirituality, serving the Maryland and USA Northeast Provinces. •

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-Deanna Howes Spiro

# Serving Those Who Served

By Michael Gabriele



The Fordham Veterans Association keeps its vets connected and involved.

He office of Veterans Services at Saint Joseph's University, recently had to cover his other ear while on the phone with a prospective student. His caller was on an aircraft carrier in the Sea of Japan. Needless to say, veterans can face some significant challenges when seeking guidance for higher education or assistance landing a civilian job.

Jesuits have always been known for accompanying those in need, especially when providing access to education. So it is unsurprising that Jesuit universities are recognized by many veterans' associations as exemplary when it comes to reaching out and helping our vets succeed in both their educational and their life goals.

"We go far beyond helping veterans and their families gain an education," said Hank Gillen, an Army veteran himself. "It is the breadth of our services that differentiates Saint Joseph's University." From financial assistance and resolving related issues, to facilitating internships and finding the right fit for job opportunities, SJU is a true partner for veterans, targeting suitable course programs and "While serving their country, their entire focus is on the collective team ... and that reality is lost when they return."

-Matt Butler

Veterans enrolled in the Entrepreneurship Bootcamp at Saint Joseph's University were especially engaged with the university's recent Vietnam retrospective photo exhibit. career paths based on their strengths and interests. "Right now, our graduate programs in criminal justice are very popular with veterans, but we are also seeing an interest in the writing program and an increased interest in computer science."

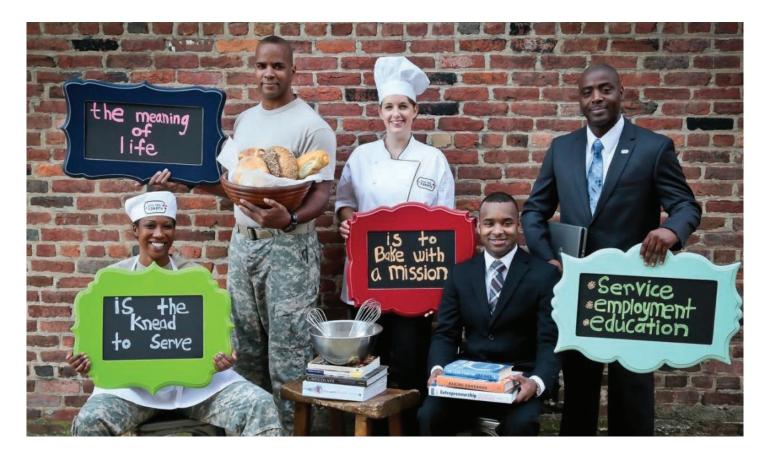
Saint Joseph's University is also the only Catholic university in a consortium of 10 U.S. universities to offer an Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans (EBV) that provides the tools, education and mentorship necessary for them to start or grow their own businesses. With faculty leadership from the SJU Haub School of Business, along with industry practitioners from the Philadelphia business community, veterans with dreams of running their own businesses can attain the necessary skills for a successful launch and long-term growth.

Matt Butler, director of military and veterans' services at Fordham University and a veteran himself, understands the nuances that can make transitioning into civilian education and careers a challenge for vets. "Veterans have a special bond with their brothers and sisters in the military," he explained. "While serving their country, their entire focus is on the collective team and the unit as a whole, and that reality is lost when they return. We help them shift their center of attention onto their personal strengths and accomplishments when planning their education and interviewing for jobs."

Support and guidance are just as important as academics for veterans. Many of them are first-generation college students without the family support others have when applying to a university or navigating course work and a career path. "Our veterans at Fordham span from 20 to 60 years old," said Butler. "Oftentimes, simply finding them a roommate in New York and connecting them with fellow vets in our program can greatly ease their stress and allow them to focus on their education and discern what they want to do, which many aren't sure of when they get here."

Connections seem to be the key connecting veterans with the appropriate student groups, fields of study, internship opportunities and job interviews,





and then mentoring them through the gauntlet of hoops that spring up along the way. "Their success rate is very high if they can make that transition into the civilian job market, and they make such good business owners," added Butler. "You won't find more dedicated workers committed to success than military veterans."

Georgetown University certainly understands this concept. It partners with Dog Tag Bakery, a popular bakery and coffee shop right in the heart of Georgetown co-founded by the late Fr. Rick Curry, SJ, who spent his life helping those with disabilities. Dog Tag Bakery's mission is to empower service-disabled veterans, military spouses and caregivers to discover personal and professional fulfillment in the civilian world. While the bakery does employ some veterans looking for work, the real support happens upstairs, above the shop. A five-month fellowship program provides service-disabled veterans, military spouses and their caregivers the hands-on assistance needed

to effectively re-enter the workforce or become successful entrepreneurs themselves. At the conclusion of the program, graduates get a certificate in business administration from Georgetown University's School of Continuing Studies. It is truly a living business school.

"It's not just about a job or about going back into education," said Meghan Ogilvie, chief executive officer of Dog Tag Bakery. "It's really about helping our veterans find purpose again and find a mission."

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has recognized that suicides among military veterans have become a national public health issue. In the Jesuit tradition of accompaniment, reaching out to these servicemen and women to help them attain an education, confidence in their potential and an eagerness to live life to the fullest is a true act of discipleship. "These programs for our veterans are like a partnership—a very high-touch experience that looks at their whole person," specified Gillen. "It's very Ignatian." Service-disabled veterans tap Dog Tag Bakery and Georgetown University for real-world experience and business training.

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During a January 2017 visit from Fr. John Cecero, SJ, provincial of the USA Northeast Province, three Jesuit scholastics renewed their vows. Pictured, left to right, are: Fr. Minh Tran, SJ (ASL), Ardi Jatmiko, SJ (IDO), Fr. Dennis Baker, SJ, Fr. John Cecero, SJ, Naoki Ochi, SJ (JPN), Wylly Suhendra, SJ (IDO), Fr. Jack Mattimore, SJ, and Fr. Arthur Leger, SJ.

# Ignatian Service to a Global Society

By Mike Benigno

As Jesuit provinces explore new partnerships and shift their boundaries, the international apostolate continues to evolve.



2018 graduates from Yap Catholic High School (top) and Xavier High School in Chuuk (bottom).



# Micronesia

nternational ministry is among the most recognizable traits of the Society of Jesus, and just as they did centuries ago, men continue to join the Jesuits eager to serve abroad. The roots of going to different lands date back to St. Ignatius and the early Jesuits, who wanted to spread the Gospel in places where others had not gone.

Many, but not all, present-day Jesuit provinces include sponsored apostolates outside of their traditional regional boundaries. At the same time, it still remains commonplace for Jesuits in nearly every province including the Maryland and USA Northeast Provinces—to be assigned to missions in parts of the world beyond their own native regions. The Jesuits aren't just the largest men's religious order in the Church; they also send more individuals to foreign ministry than any other religious order.

But as Jesuit provinces explore new partnerships and shift their boundaries,

Jesuits from the Northeast serve at St. Anne's Parish in Kingston, Jamaica. the international apostolate continues to evolve, with several recent meaningful changes relating to the work of Jesuits from the East Coast.

The international ministries of both the Maryland and USA Northeast Provinces have, for the better part of a century, led to new vocations and substantial contributions in service to overseas peoples.

In 1947, Maryland Province Jesuits embarked on a call to Jamshedpur, India, accepting a mission to help those in need, especially the indigenous tribal people. They started schools, cared for the sick, ministered the Gospel and, most importantly, recruited other Jesuits from all over the world to come join them. What started with a small group of Jesuit priests from the United States became the Jamshedpur Province, a thriving province of its own with more than 200 Jesuits.

The ministries that flourished under former New York Province Jesuits in the Philippines led to the formation of a new province there in 1958, one that went on to provide one of the largest sources of vocations among the global Jesuits.

Echoing the Philippines, Loyola Jesuit

College in Nigeria, also founded by New York Jesuits, and other works such as retreat centers and parishes officially formed the North West Africa Province in 2005. These works continue to flourish.

And in Kingston, Jamaica, the ministries that are staffed by Northeast Jesuits will join the Guyana region of the Province of Britain on Oct. I, forming an Englishlanguage section of what eventually will be a bilingual Caribbean Province. The resulting province would include the two large secondary schools served by the New England Jesuits, along with St. Anne's Parish and other places where Jesuits currently serve.

"Many of the places where American Jesuits have worked have been areas that were initially part of the colonial expansion of other nations," said Fr. James Croghan, SJ, provincial assistant for international ministries for the USA Northeast Province. "What we find is that, in time, these places are becoming much more able to stand on their own, and we are recognizing that."

When circumstances allow, Jesuit





Fr. Michael Linden, SJ, ministering at Sacred Heart Parish in Amman, Jordan.

superiors from a province that borders on a ministry of another province may officially adopt the ministry and administer it as one of its own. A school run by the Maryland Province Jesuits in Chile was grafted onto the Chilean Province, and such is the case with the Jesuit Center and other affiliated works in Amman, Jordan, which were established by Jesuits of the former New England Province.

In October 2017, at the request of the Jesuit provincial of the Near East Province, Sacred Heart Parish, which serves a community comprising mostly expatriates from surrounding nations, was officially added to the Near East Province. Fr. John Sheehan, SJ, serves as pastor of the parish, and the nearby Jesuit Center has welcomed some 13,000 Christians of all denominations annually. In accordance with the convenio agreement renewed in 2016, financial support for this regionand the assignment of Jesuits-will continue. Ongoing partnerships with organizations such as Jesuit Refugee Service will also enable Ignatian ministries to have an even greater impact.

"From cultural training that is bridging great divides to language courses offered to Muslim adults and the sheer level of pastoral energy that priests here have devoted to ministries that help to heal victims of torture, recent years have seen rich additions to the core ministries offered in Jordan," said Fr. Michael Linden, SJ, Jesuit superior of Jordan and Iraq. "These efforts will continue to flourish, and the Near East Province shares the same commitments."

Finally, in 2014, instead of becoming a new province or being added to another, the Jesuit works in Micronesia that were founded by Jesuits of the former New York Province were among those that became an official Jesuit community of the USA Northeast Province. The main community is based in Chuuk and houses those serving at Xavier High School. Two other Jesuits live in a community on Yap, while staffing Yap Catholic High School. Still others serve in Guam, Saipan, Palau and Pohnpei, and an additional community was recently established some 2,500 miles away, in Fiji—the first new foreign initiative of the Northeast Jesuits. Since June of this year, three Jesuits there have served the Pacific Regional Seminary, broadening the tradition of helping to educate and form leaders who are grounded in Ignatian spirituality.

Despite the distance separating them, the Jesuits in these communities remain united under one superior, Fr. Thomas Benz, SJ, who has established solid communication and regional cohesiveness through regular visits and widely circulated newsletters.

"The sense of inculturation in the Pacific is strong," said Fr. John Cecero, SJ, provincial of the USA Northeast Province of the Society of Jesus. "Those on different islands often learn the local languages, whether it's Yapese, Chuukese or Palauan. Yet, no Jesuit there thinks of himself just as a Jesuit of Yap, Chuuk or Palau. Instead, they see themselves within a much broader horizon, serving the whole region."

Many of these changes have coincided with the global restructuring of Jesuit provinces, and the Maryland and USA Northeast Provinces are set to unite in 2020. "Consistent with the vision of our Superior General, Fr. Arturo Sosa, SJ, and the recent General Congregation 36, Jesuits worldwide are pushing themselves to continue to look deeply at ministries beyond their local boundaries and to be even more invested globally," Fr. Cecero said.

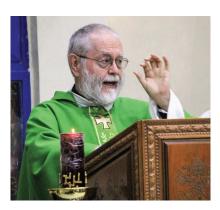
The uniquely Ignatian principles of growth, expansion and empowering those in need are even part of the bedrock of the Jesuit presence in the United States and Canada. St. Isaac Jogues was among the first Jesuits from France who traveled to the New World in the 1600s to live and work with the native populations of North America. In the late 1800s, when German Jesuits were forced to leave ministries in their country, some came to Buffalo, N.Y., and eventually spread westward.

"When we meet Christ the King in the Spiritual Exercises, he is on a mission, and he's inviting us to join him," said Fr. Benz. "Our readiness to go to whatever frontiers we're missioned to—geographic or otherwise—continues to be a challenging and energizing feature of Jesuit companionship with Jesus."

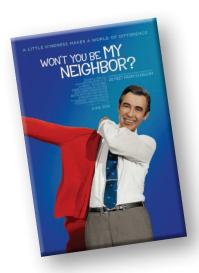
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## Jesuit Friends and Alumni Mass Ctober 20-21





Fr. John Sheehan, SJ, welcoming alumni and guests at Sacred Heart Parish in Amman, Jordan.



Alumni gathered with family members and fellow parishioners at St. Michael's Church in Buffalo, N.Y., and more than 20 other locations last year.

The film Won't You Be My Neighbor has been breaking box-office records for a documentary since it was released this summer. The movie chronicles the legacy of Fred Rogers, a Presbyterian minister who for 33 years used a children's television series as his pulpit. Fr. Matt Malone, SI, of America Media and David Brooks of the New York Times have uniformly praised the film for capturing the "gospel of Mr. Rogers." In each of his episodes, Mr. Rogers used a variety of techniques to communicate the message of love and kindness, and he did so in a very Ignatian manner-in "deeds more than words."

Alumni and parents of Jesuit schools are very familiar with this Ignatian concept. It is how we live as good and supportive "neighbors" to those close to us, as well as those on the margins. This will be the third year that the Maryland and USA Northeast Provinces join in hosting *Jesuit Friends and Alumni Masses* on October 20–21. These liturgies are a great way to gather for Sunday Mass and network with other Jesuit-educated alumni and their friends and families. Each Mass is followed by a reception for fellowship and to learn more about Ignatian connections and our Jesuit schools and apostolates.

We hope you will join us this year! Please visit either the Maryland Province home page at www.MDSJ.org or the USA Northeast home page at www.JesuitsEast.org for a list of participating parishes, Mass times and to register.

## **ESUIT JALA 2010** Supporting Our Mission

Fr. John Cecero, SJ, provincial of the USA Northeast Province, presented Brendan and Kerry Swords with the 2018 *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam* Award.

On April 17, more than 750 friends of the USA Northeast Province gathered for the 2018 Jesuit GALA. The event, held in Boston, had over 80 Jesuits in attendance and raised more than \$1 million to support the Jesuit ministries of the USA Northeast Province. The evening honored Brendan and Kerry Swords with the *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam* Award in recognition of their selfless work as board members and generous supporters of many Jesuit and Catholic organizations in the Boston area.

Brendan and Kerry Swords have deep connections to the Northeast Jesuits. Brendan and his three brothers are graduates of the College of the Holy Cross, where his uncle, Fr. Raymond Swords, SJ, served as president from 1960 to 1970. Fr. Swords also led Regis High School in New York City, the Cranwell Preparatory School in Lenox, Mass., and Cheverus High School in Portland, Maine.

Kerry is also Jesuit-educated, having graduated from Boston College and later receiving her MBA from Harvard Business School. She is involved with many influential Boston-area philanthropies, currently serving as a trustee of Nativity Preparatory School in Jamaica Plain, a Jesuit middle school serving boys from low-income families throughout the city.

Fr. John Cecero, SJ, provincial of the USA Northeast Province of the Society of Jesus, in recognizing Brendan and Kerry at the event, commented, "Brendan and Kerry share our conviction that Jesuit education has the potential to undo injustice and inequality, and they truly believe that a transformative Jesuit education will definitively orient our students and alumni to lives of competence, compassion and conscience."



Next year's Jesuit GALA is set for April 9, 2019, in Boston. For photos, video and more from the 2018 GALA, visit www.JesuitsEast.org/Gala2018.

### THREE QUESTIONS

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### What brings you joy?

Being a priest, celebrating the Eucharist, family, and friends are a few of the things that bring a smile to my face and fill me with happiness.

### What insights into prayer can you offer others?

One common challenge I have

### Fr. Claudio Burgaleta, SJ

Theologian and historian; superior of the St. Peter's Jesuit Community

encountered in my own prayer life, and in helping others to pray, is that we forget that prayer is a grace or gift from God. People try too hard sometimes, and they don't let God do the heavy lifting. Another challenge is to think that the way you have prayed in the past is the way you should continue to pray in the present. What works in prayer and the ways that God manifests God's self to us change over time, for many reasons. An openness to experiment and be flexible is very important.

### What's something most people don't realize about Jesuit life?

Jesuit life is hard work for many reasons. But it is also full of surprises that are like the seasonings in cooking, which make a dish interesting and savory.







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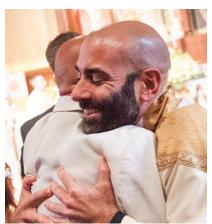
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