

Jesuits In Formation

Meet Our New Novices

On August 19, eight new novices began their Jesuit journey as they entered the novitiate at Saint Andrew Hall, Syracuse, NY. Two of them are members of the New England Province. ✦



Brett B. McLaughlin comes from Pittsford, NY, where he attended Pittsford Mendon High School. At the College of the Holy Cross he earned his B.A. in history, political science and religious studies. After Holy Cross, Brett attended the U.S. Air Force Officer Intelligence School at Goodfellow Air Force

Base in San Angelo, TX. Brett traveled extensively in England while stationed overseas as Chief of Mission Analysis. He has taught religious education for four years and has worked as a parish intern with the Jesuits at Storrs, CT and at the Church of the Transfiguration in Pittsford, NY. Brett's hobbies include hiking, distance running, movies, and reading.



Eric M. Studt grew up in Gardner, MA. He attended St. John's High School in Shrewsbury, MA, and the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester. After his graduation from Holy Cross with a B.A. in philosophy, Eric was awarded a Thomas J. Watson Fellowship

to study Latin American liturgical music in Peru, Bolivia, Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil and Mexico. Eric has most recently worked as a faculty member at Nativity Prep in Worcester, where he taught Spanish, religion and music. Eric has also been an organist and director of music at several parishes in the Worcester area. Eric's hobbies include playing

Novices No Longer ...

On August 12, four novices of the New England Province professed perpetual vows of poverty, chastity and obedience in the Society of Jesus. In the next stage of Jesuit formation, called "First Studies," they will study philosophy and theology while engaging in various ministries especially among the poor and marginalized. ✦



Thomas M. Olson, SJ comes from Rutland, MA, where he attended Wachusett Regional High School in Holden and the College of the Holy Cross. He worked as an executive for Conversent Communications for the year before entering the novitiate.

Among Tom's achievements are his extensive experience in music, vocal performance, original composition and instrument education, especially guitar and piano. He will begin studies in the fall at Saint Louis University.



Christopher J. Ryan, SJ is a native of Haddonfield, NJ, and a graduate of St. Joseph Prep in Philadelphia. Chris graduated from Dartmouth College, where he was deeply committed to the Aquinas House Catholic Student Center, serving as its president for two years. He was also

involved in various other service activities and programs, notably in the Presidential Scholar Research Assistant Program. He has been assigned to continue his studies at Saint Louis University.



Brent H. Otto, SJ hails from Framingham, MA, where he attended Framingham High School and graduated from the College of the Holy Cross. In August 2001, Brent was awarded the Thomas J. Watson fellowship to study Catholic education in India for one year.

An Eagle Scout, Brent taught history at Burncoat High School in Worcester and Auburn High School in Auburn, MA, before entering the novitiate. He will be studying at Fordham University.



Jonathan J. Stott, SJ comes from Vernon, CT, where he attended Rockville High School. He graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, MA and went on to graduate studies in Physics at Case Western Reserve University, where he earned his PhD. He worked at

Massachusetts General Hospital as a research fellow in the Department of Radiology and was an active member of St. Ignatius Parish in Chestnut Hill. He will continue his studies at Regis College, Toronto.

Youth, Vibrancy and the Future



The first-ever gathering of all American Jesuits in formation was held in June at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles. More than 250 young men, from novices to the newly ordained, and from every American province met with the provincials and directors of formation. Together they reflected on the Jesuit Conference strategic planning document, *A Meditation On Our Response to the Call of Christ*, which served as the underpinning for the group's discussions. ✝

Catholic Press Association Writing Award

The Catholic Press Association announced in June that **Mr. Matthew Malone, SJ**, was the First Place winner in its "Best General Essay" category. Matt's winning essay, which appeared in *America* magazine in March, 2005, was titled, "The Father of Mercies: A Lenten Reflection on Forgiveness." The essay told the story of his father's heroic act of forgiving the man who was responsible for Matt's brother's death in a drunk-driving accident in 1984. ✝

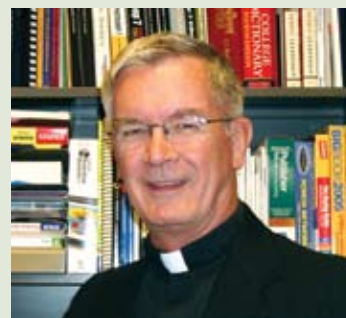


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- Training people for hospital ministry
- Educating lay people to be leaders in the Church
- Ministries in Jamaica, the Middle East, Haiti and Brazil ✝



Liturgy at St. Anne's Church in Jamaica



Watch for an article on Jamaica by Fr. Richard Roos, SJ, in the next issue of "Company" magazine.



Fr. Jim Webb, SJ, from Canada and director emeritus of the St. Mary Rural Development Project, discusses irrigation with Jamaican farmer Eric Miller.



November 5 is Jesuit Vocation Promotion Day which occurs on the Feast of All Saints and Blessed of the Society of Jesus. Email Fr. John Wronski, SJ at jwronski@sjnen.org for more information.