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Dear Friends,

While reading through the page proofs for this issue of JESUITS, I had to pause and offer a prayer of thanksgiving in genuine gratitude for all the activities and events that they depict and all the lives that have been touched by the apostolic ministries of the New England Province. And to think that the pages that follow show but a small portion of the total picture!

As you will see, the photographs and articles tell the wonderful stories of three men entering the novitiate, Jesuits being ordained and taking final vows, scholastics being opened to new educational explorations on a global scale, a parish-sponsored immersion trip to Jamaica, SJs who also sport JDs, a jubilee celebration taking note of some 3,045 years of collective service to the Church and the Society of Jesus, the building of a new “green” Jesuit residence, and a range of province-sponsored programs in Ignatian spirituality offered to and by lay women and men!

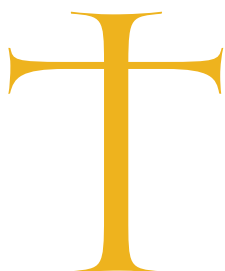
Although I take nothing for granted, seeing all these activities actually laid out in print truly reminds me of how blessed we Jesuits are to be laboring so fruitfully in the Lord’s vineyard alongside so many colleagues and friends who share both our values and vision.

The number of people who comment on our magazine makes me very much aware of how many individuals feel connected to our Jesuit mission. Whether you first met Jesuits in a school, a parish, a retreat house, or through family and friends, you have made us part of your lives. Hopefully, in this edition of JESUITS you will see and be encouraged by the fact that our mission continues to flourish with a real vibrancy and passion. Please know that your ongoing friendship and support plays a vital role each and every day in advancing that mission. *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam!*

May God continue to bless you and your families in abundance!

In gratitude,

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