

## New Assignments



Fr. Robert J. Araujo, SJ, has been appointed the inaugural holder of the new John Courtney Murray, SJ University Professorship at Loyola University in Chicago. In addition to his other duties, he will be teaching at Loyola's Law School.

Mr. Christopher Ryan, SJ, was recently missioned to Nativity School of Worcester for his regency. He will teach religion and Spanish.



Mr. Thomas M. Olson, SJ, has been missioned to Fairfield College Preparatory School for his regency. He will join the theology department and will be teaching full-time.

Bro. Jonathan J. Stott, SJ, has been missioned to the Vatican Observatory in Tucson, Arizona, for his regency.



## Fr. Robert L. Keane, SJ, Chaplain Corps, U.S. Navy, Promoted to Captain



Provincial, Fr. Thomas J. Regan, SJ, congratulates Fr. Keane.



Fr. Keane with his sisters.

On January 5, brother Jesuits, family and friends attended the promotion ceremony of Fr. Robert Keane, SJ, to the rank of captain, at the Officers Club at the Naval Station in Newport, Rhode Island. Fr. Keane's siblings, Paul Michael Keane, Andrea Keane Burke, and Patricia Keane Kennedy (the sisters pictured at left) participated in the Frocking Ceremony. After a buffet luncheon, tours of the Naval Chaplains School were held. Fr. Keane, director of training at

the Naval Chaplains School, has departed to Okinawa for his new assignment. On January 16, Keane was interviewed for the *This Is the Day* program on Catholic TV about his experiences as a priest and chaplain in the military. The interview can be viewed on [www.catholic.tv](http://www.catholic.tv)



To read Fr. Keane's vocation story, visit *Vocations Stories under the Become a Jesuit* section on [www.sjnen.org](http://www.sjnen.org)

## Gallagher Honored with Catholic Historical Association Award



In January, New England Jesuit Charles R. Gallagher, SJ, received the American Catholic Historical Association's John Gilmary Shea Prize for his book *Vatican Secret Diplomacy: Joseph P. Hurley and Pope Pius XII*, (Yale University Press). The John Gilmary Shea Prize is given annually to the author of a book, published during a preceding 12-month period, which is judged by a committee of experts to have made the most original and distinguished contribution to knowledge of the history of the Catholic Church.

Mr. Gallagher with Mrs. Mercedes Hurley Hughes and Mrs. Georgia Kurz, nieces of Archbishop Joseph P. Hurley, papal diplomat and bishop of the Diocese of St. Augustine, Florida.

## Fr. Myles N. Sheehan, SJ, is Appointed Provincial of the New England Province



On Thursday, February 19, 2009, Adolfo Nicolás, SJ, Father General of the Society of Jesus, appointed Fr. Myles N. Sheehan, SJ, the next provincial of the New England Province of Jesuits. Fr. Sheehan will succeed Fr. Thomas J. Regan, SJ, whose six-year term will end on July 30, 2009.

Fr. Sheehan was born on April 18, 1956, in Marshfield, Massachusetts. He graduated from Thayer Academy, Braintree, Massachusetts, in 1974. Prior to entering the Society of Jesus, he completed his undergraduate degree at Dartmouth College and doctorate in medicine at Dartmouth College.

Fr. Sheehan joined the New England Province on August 25, 1985, and made his novitiate at St. Andrew House in Boston. After completing his philosophy studies at Loyola University in Chicago, he did two years of post-doctoral studies in gerontology at Harvard Medical School. He earned his M.Div. from the Weston School of Theology in Cambridge and was ordained to the priesthood on June 18, 1994. On April 22, 2005, he professed solemn vows. Since 1995, Fr. Sheehan has served as a professor of medicine at Loyola University's Stritch School of Medicine. In 2000, he added the administrative duties of senior associate dean to his teaching and research responsibilities.

Fr. Regan says, "I am confident that the considerable experience that he has gained through these important roles will bode well for his leadership of our province. I commend Fr. Sheehan to your prayers and thank him for his generosity in making himself available to serve the Society of Jesus in this important capacity."

It is expected that Fr. Sheehan will take office on the Feast of Saint Ignatius, July 31, 2009.

### The Role of the Provincial – Administrator of *Cura Personalis* and Visionary Leader

*In the Company of Leaders* was the title of the province's annual report. Over the past six years, the New England Province has been blessed to be in the company of, and benefit from the leadership of, our provincial, Fr. Thomas J. Regan, SJ.

The provincial is the administrator of *cura personalis*, the formation and well-being, of the members of the Society of Jesus in New England. Over the course of each year, he meets with every Jesuit to receive an "account of conscience," to prayerfully discern the spiritual, physical and ministerial development of each man. During his annual visitation to each Jesuit community, he presides at a community liturgy, directs a community meeting, meets with the local superior, and schedules time with the local bishop. In addition to our six New England states, the provincial visits New England Jesuits who are assigned throughout the U.S. and missioned in our international ministries, including Rome, Jamaica and Amman.

The provincial is also the visionary leader of the apostolic works—the educational institutions, parishes, and retreat houses—in the region and meets regularly with the directors of works. In addition, he oversees the provincial office and serves as a provincial member of the U.S. Assistancy team. This past year, provincials traveled to Rome as delegates to General Congregation 35, during which Fr. Adolfo Nicolás was elected Father General of the Society.

The governance decrees of the Society of Jesus allow provincials to serve for six years. As we gratefully acknowledge Fr. Thomas Regan's tenure, we prepare to welcome Fr. Myles Sheehan as the next provincial.

Since 1926, when the New England Province was formed, there have been 14 Jesuit priests who have served as provincials.

### Provincials of the New England Province

Fr. James M. Kilroy, SJ, 1926–1932  
Fr. James T. McCormick, SJ, 1932–1937  
Fr. James H. Dolan, SJ, 1937–1944  
Fr. John J. McEleney, SJ, 1944–1950  
Fr. William E. FitzGerald, SJ, 1950–1956  
Fr. James E. Coleran, SJ, 1956–1962

Fr. John V. O'Connor, SJ, 1962–1968  
Fr. William G. Guidon, SJ, 1968–1974  
Fr. Richard T. Cleary, SJ, 1974–1979  
Fr. Edward M. O'Flaherty, SJ, 1979–1985  
Fr. Robert E. Manning, SJ, 1985–1991  
Fr. William A. Barry, SJ, 1991–1997

Fr. Robert J. Levens, SJ, 1997–2003  
Fr. Thomas J. Regan, SJ, 2003–2009



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# Renewing Friendships at Campion Center



Photo of the entrance class of 1958 was taken in the winter of 1960 at Shadowbrook, the novitiate in Lenox, Massachusetts.

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Twenty-five Jesuits and former Jesuits who entered the Society in 1968 attended a weekend reunion at Campion Center last August. The invitees included those who entered in 1968, and their *secundi* (entering in 1967) and *primi* (entering in 1969). Some came from as far away as Jamaica, by way of Toronto.

The gathering began on Saturday afternoon in the Jesuit lounge—better known as the theologians' rec room. Acquaintances were renewed, old times were recalled, life histories were shared. On Sunday morning Mass was celebrated in the chapel, along with the Campion community, and the musical accompaniment carried everybody back to those long-gone decades. After Mass, the group visited the Jesuit cemetery and the health center. The weekend concluded with lunch in the dining room, after which the participants took off to their diverse

destinations, separating once again, but richer in memories and friendships.

Members of the entering class of 1958 planned a similar weekend in October, inviting their classmates and those who entered in 1957 and 1959. Thirty-six Jesuits and former Jesuits attended, some with their families and some coming from as far away as Chicago.

The program in October was modeled on the one used in August: an informal gathering on Saturday afternoon, followed by social hour, dinner, and more time. On Sunday morning there was breakfast, Mass, informal visits, and lunch. Once again, the ties of friendship were renewed and strengthened, and we appreciated more than ever the bonds that united us during those formative years of our lives. As people departed, they expressed hopes that there would be other opportunities to meet together and stay in contact. Several members of the entering class of 1959 have begun plans for an event in 2009.

Campion Center turned out to be an ideal setting for the reunions, with ample facilities and a warm reception from the community.



Fr. Michael Doody, SJ, and Jack Fitzgerald.



Fr. Michael Ford, SJ, and Ed McNamara



## Executive Assistants Meet



Ed McNamara, Fr. Terry Walsh, SJ, Vito Kasinskas, Bob Weber and Fr. Larry Ryan, SJ



From October 27–29, 2008, Fr. John Higgins, SJ, socius for the New England Province, hosted the socii from across the U.S. and Canada for their semi-annual meeting. The socius in each province acts as the executive assistant to the provincial. The Jesuits pictured above held their meetings at the McDavitt Center at the province office.

Back row, l-r: Frs. James Casciotti (Maryland), Luis Rodríguez (Wisconsin), Thomas Gaunt (Jesuit Conference), Richard Millbourn (Chicago), Raymond Fitzgerald (New Orleans), Bernard Carrière (French Canada), Peter Bissonnd (English Canada), Thomas Lankenau (Oregon). Front row, l-r: Frs. Michael Harter (Missouri), John Higgins (New England), Thomas Slon (New York), James Riley (Detroit), Al Naucke (California).



Bob Lebel and John O'Neil

## Class of 1953 Reunion



Five classmates who entered the Society of Jesus in 1953 gathered at the Boston College Jesuit Community in June 2008 to celebrate their 55th anniversary as Jesuits. Pictured above, l-r: Frs. John Higgins, Joseph Appleyard, Richard Cleary, Richard Clifford and Charles Healey.

## Fr. Skehan Hosts Book Signing



Friends, colleagues and former students traveled to the Weston Observatory on November 10 for a book signing hosted by Fr. James Skehan, SJ, to announce the publication of his latest book: *Roadside Geology of Connecticut and Rhode Island*. The book explains the history behind the geology and landforms of the area. *Roadside Geology of Connecticut and Rhode Island* and *The Roadside Geology of Massachusetts* by Fr. Skehan are available at <http://mountain-press.com>