

Welcome Our New Novices

The New England Province welcomes five men into the New England Province. Letroy Monroe entered the Jesuit Centre Novitiate in Kingston, Jamaica, on August 14. James Ferus, Andrew Otto and Marco Rodriguez entered the St. Andrew House Novitiate in Syracuse, New York, on Saturday, August 22 and Stev Metika entered the novitiate in Cairo, Egypt, on October 5.



Letroy Monroe was born in Kingston, Jamaica, on September 12, 1989, the son of Merna Layne and Elvis Monroe. He has one older brother, Bruce. He attended Calabar High School, and continued his studies at Portmore Community College, where he obtained an associate degree in business. He has been very active in his

church, and very involved in youth programs in the wider Archdiocese of Kingston. He enjoys music and singing.



James Ferus is from New Bedford, Mass. James, 23, earned an AB in government from Harvard College. A volunteer with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in 2008 and 2009, he worked with youth assisting in job training through a corporate work-study program in Harlem at Cristo Rey High School. In Portland, Oregon, he

managed an evening hospitality center for the homeless called Operation Nightwatch Portland. His interests include music (violin and viola), mathematics, sociology, religion, baking, chess and recreational sports.



Andrew Otto is from Framingham, Mass. Andy, 24, holds a BA in communication with a minor in psychology from Curry College. His work experience has been with Disney World in Florida, CBS-TV (WBZ in Boston) and most recently in client management (concierge) at Circles. He has volunteered, taking pledges for PBS

Television and Radio, in various homeless ministries in the Boston area, and as a Eucharistic minister and lector at St. Ignatius Church in Chestnut Hill. Andy's interests include travel, writing and blogging. He has been to Jamaica,

Brazil, the U.K. and Bermuda, as well as a train trip from Boston to San Diego. His brother (Brent Otto) is also in the New England Province of the Society of Jesus.



Marco Rodriguez is from Cambridge, Mass. Marco, 46, has a BA in Spanish from Texas Tech University in 1985 and later studied plant biology at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. A brother candidate in the Society, he has worked as an academic and immigration advisor to international students in the U.S. at Berklee College

of Music. His volunteer experiences include the Peace Corps in Jamaica for two years after college, tutoring at Boston Partners in Education and more recently as a pastoral care volunteer at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Boston. He enjoys cooking, gardening, small repair projects and natural science.



Stev Metika is from Amman, Jordan. Stev, 28, will enter the novitiate in Cairo, Egypt, in October. He has attended Al Mustansiriyh University in Baghdad. His volunteer experiences include three years with the Focolare Movement, an organization that provides clothing for needy Iraqi and Jordanian families as well as

a coexistence program for Christians and Muslims in Amman, which offers food and clothing. He has worked full time since 2003 at the Zumont Industrial Company, and his father's Baghdad restaurant; later worked as a graphic designer for a private design studio and the Jesuit Center. Stev is currently the administrator of finance and logistics, and the coordinator of family visits at the JRS in Amman. His other interests include reading, swimming and woodworking.

Jesuit Novices Profess First Vows

Five Jesuits from the Maryland, New England and New York Provinces professed First Vows on Saturday, August 15, 2009, at Holy Cross Church, Dewitt, New York. Jesuits profess perpetual vows of poverty, chastity and obedience to the greater glory of God.

John Peck, 28, from the Maryland Province, was born and raised in New Kensington, Penn. He earned a BA in philosophy from the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio and a Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. A modern languages enthusiast, John speaks German, Italian and French. John spent his long experiment teaching at Gonzaga College High School in Washington, DC. After vows, he will begin First Studies at Fordham University.

Angelo Joseph Rizzo, 28, from the Maryland Province, grew up in Philadelphia, Penn. He holds a BS in biology from the University of Scranton and an MA in pastoral counseling from Loyola College in Baltimore. Before entering the novitiate, he worked as the director of Christian service at Loyola Blakefield and, prior to that, the assistant director of Ignatian service at St. Joseph's Prep, Philadelphia. During his long experiment, A.J. worked in campus ministry at Georgetown University. He will begin First Studies in the fall at Fordham University.

Travis Stoops, 26, from the Maryland Province, originally hails from Venetia, PA. He received a



L-r: John Peck, SJ, A.J. Rizzo, SJ, Travis Stoops, SJ, Henry Shea, SJ and Dan Corrou, SJ.

BA in philosophy from Duquesne University in 2006, and co-founded Duquesne's chapter of Phi Sigma Tau, the international philosophy honors society. During his long experiment, Travis worked with the Jesuit Refugee Service in Washington, DC, Nogales, AZ and Nogales, Mexico. After vows, Travis will begin First Studies at St. Louis University.

Henry Shea, 24, from the Maryland Province, was born and raised near Minneapolis, Minn. He is a 2007 graduate of Georgetown University with a BA in government. He has also studied at the Universidad Alberto Hurtado in Santiago, Chile and taught English as a volunteer in Panama. In the summer of 2006, he worked at the Philanthropy Roundtable in Washington, DC. Henry spent his long experiment teaching at Scranton Preparatory School in Scranton, Penn.

After vows, he will begin First Studies in the fall at Fordham University.

Daniel Corrou, 37, from the New England Province, grew up in Saratoga Springs, New York. He has a BA in religious studies from LeMoyne College in Syracuse and a master of theological studies from Harvard Divinity School. Dan entered the New England Province of Jesuits in August 2007. Prior to entering the novitiate, he worked for Fidelity Investments and was a volunteer with Jesuit Volunteers International (JVI) in Micronesia. He later became associate director of JVI. Dan taught at Cheverus High School in Portland, Maine, during his long experiment. He is in First Studies at Heythrop College in London.

Jesuit Priests Profess Final Vows



Fr. Bruce Morrill, SJ, is acknowledged by his brother Jesuits after pronouncing final vows.

On July 31, 2009, the Feast of St. Ignatius, **Fr. George T. Williams, SJ**, pronounced final vows at the Chapel of the Holy Spirit at Campion Center in Weston, Mass.

Fr. Myles Sheehan, SJ, Provincial of the New England Province, presided. Fr. Thomas Regan, SJ, outgoing Provincial, Fr. Paul Holland, SJ, rector of the Campion Jesuit Community, and Fr. Richard Deshaies, SJ, provincial assistant for formation, concelebrated the liturgy. Fr. Williams is a prison chaplain at MCI-Concord, Mass., and was featured in the spring issue of this magazine.



Fr. Myles Sheehan, SJ, with Fr. George Williams, SJ, in the rotunda at Campion. St. Ignatius is in the background.



Fr. Andrew Garavel, SJ, speaks to the community gathered for his final vow ceremony.

Fr. Andrew J. Garavel, SJ, professed his final vows on October 23, at the Jesuit Community Chapel at Santa Clara, California. Fr. Myles Sheehan, SJ, New England Provincial, received the vows. Fr. Garavel is a professor of English at Santa Clara University.

Diaconate Ordination



Fr Herbert Keller, SJ, Fr. Terrence Devino, SJ, and Fr. Bernard McIlhenny, SJ

New England Jesuit, **Fr. Terrence P. Devino, SJ**, pronounced final vows on September 21, the Feast of St. Matthew at the University of Scranton, Penn. Fr. Herbert Keller, SJ, acting rector, received the vows. Fr. Devino is the vice president for University ministries at the University of Scranton.



Fr. Myles Sheehan, SJ, receives the vows of Fr. James Martin, SJ.

Fr. James J. Martin, SJ, professed his final vows on November 1, the Feast of All Saints, at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, New York. Fr. Myles Sheehan, SJ, Provincial of the New England Province, received the vows. Fr. Martin is a writer and the culture editor of *America* magazine.



Mr. George Collins, SJ, and his mother in front of St. Ignatius Church in San Francisco.

Mr. George E. Collins, SJ, was one of 12 Jesuits who was ordained deacon on October 24 at St. Ignatius Church in San Francisco, California. The Most Reverend John Cummins, DD, Bishop Emeritus of Oakland, presided at the Liturgy. Mr. Collins is a third-year theologian studying at the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, California and will be ordained a priest in June, 2010.

*Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,
my memory, my understanding
and my entire will,
all I have and call my own.*

*You have given all to me.
To you, Lord, I return it.*

*Everything is yours; do with it what you will.
Give me only your love and your grace,
That is enough for me.*

~ St. Ignatius Loyola