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Dear friends, Peace of Christ!

As I reflect on the letters that Fr. Tom Regan, SJ, wrote in past issues of *JESUITS* Magazine, I am grateful for all he accomplished during his six years as Provincial of the New England Province. We are blessed with a wonderfully talented, dedicated staff at the provincial offices, and committed, enthusiastic Jesuits and lay collaborators in our apostolic works and ministries. The following pages highlight our

work in formation, education and Ignatian spirituality.

I am excited to return to New England — my home province where I entered the Society of Jesus and where I grew up and was educated. During my first day as Provincial, I presided at liturgy at the Chapel of the Holy Spirit at Campion Center, during which Fr. George Williams, SJ, professed his final vows, and where I was ordained deacon. You will read about the restoration of the Chapel on pages 10 and 11.

As I travel around the province, visiting our Jesuit communities and apostolic works and meeting with many of you, our companions on mission, I see God's blessings on our work in New England. We are truly responding to the call of Christ by serving the Church and you, the people of God. One of the directives of the Society of Jesus is saving souls. We strive to help people find the meaning of their lives in the story of Jesus.

New England Jesuits are missioned here in New England, across the United States and internationally. On pages 14 and 15, you can read about the gratitude our alumni/ae of Baghdad College and Al Hikma University have for their Jesuit education and their hope and courage going forward.

And of course, we cannot do what we do without your friendship, prayers and support. At our 10th annual Jesuit GALA we will honor Ann Marie and Dick Connolly with the *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam* award. Our GALA chairs, Mary and John Power, along with Grace Regan and her team in the advancement office, are hard at work to make this event the wonderful signature event it is.

I encourage you to learn more about the work of Jesuits in New England, become informed about our events and programs and learn about ways to support the ministries of the province by visiting our award-winning website, www.sjnen.org.

In gratitude,

Very Reverend Myles N. Sheehan, SJ

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