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A Family Visit from Jesuit Father General Adolfo Nicolás



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Fathers Provincial (from left): Myles Sheehan, SJ, James Shea, SJ, and David Ciancimino, SJ



Lord, where do you send us to bring your love and mercy to others? There are no borders, no limits: you send us to everyone. Grant us the grace to remember that your love is not only for those who seem close to us, more receptive, more welcoming. It is for everyone. Help us not to be afraid to go and to bring the Gospel into every area of life, to the fringes of society, even to those who seem farthest away, most indifferent. You seek all, and you want everyone to feel the warmth of your mercy and love.

— Pope Francis, adapted from
World Youth Day Homily, July 28, 2013

Dear Friends,

In every corner of the world, the election of Pope Francis has raised and deepened the profile of the Society of Jesus. Even people who do not know the Jesuits are asking, “What is a Jesuit?” “Why is it so different that this pope is a Jesuit?” “What does it mean?” When asked why he became a Jesuit, Pope Francis said he was **looking for something more**. People enter the Society of Jesus **looking for something more** but also come to our parishes, colleges and universities, high schools and middle schools, retreat houses and social centers **looking for something more**.

In June, seven Jesuits were ordained priests at Fordham University Church. Five Jesuits professed their First Vows in August having completed the two years of initial formation as novices. Five new novices entered the novitiate, St. Andrew Hall. A number of our Jesuit priests are continuing their graduate studies in Sacred Scripture, religious dialogue and the study of the ancient world, to name just a few areas. Your generosity, our friends, provides for their education and preparation for ministry, and the needs of the many apostolates in which they will work.

In this issue of JESUITS you will read of the recent visit of Jesuit Father General Adolfo Nicolás, and of Jesuits and friends who are bringing the Gospel into every area of life—through the ministry of education; by planning to restore the Society of Jesus’ apostolic works and ministries in Iraq; by fostering Ignatian spirituality programs; and by being in service to the people of Kyrgyzstan and pilgrims at MAGIS and World Youth Day in Brazil. We also celebrate our Jesuit jubilarians and remember those who have returned home to the Lord.

Jesuits will continue to respond to the needs of those **looking for something more** because of friends like you. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity and goodness. Be assured that the Jesuits pray for you every day.

Sincerely in the Lord,

V. Rev. James M. Shea, SJ
Provincial of Maryland Province

V. Rev. Myles N. Sheehan, SJ
Provincial of New England Province

V. Rev. David S. Ciancimino, SJ
Provincial of New York Province



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Jesuit Father General Adolfo Nicolás in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit at Campion Center

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Across Our Provinces



New President at Fordham Prep

Fr. Christopher Devron, SJ, was named the 35th president of Fordham Preparatory School in July 2013. He succeeded Fr. Kenneth Boller, SJ, who served for nine years. Fr. Devron has a diverse background and experience in a range of assignments, especially in secondary education. He was the founding president of Christ the King Jesuit College Preparatory School in Chicago. He also served at Regis High School in New York City as the founding director of recruiting excellence in academics for Catholic high schools and as executive director of the Inner-City Teaching Corps in Chicago. A Chicago native, Fr. Devron joined the Jesuits in 1991 following his graduation from the University of Notre Dame.



New President at Saint Peter's Prep

Fr. Kenneth Boller, SJ, was named the 27th president of Saint Peter's Preparatory School in Jersey City, N.J., in July 2013. Fr. Boller, who most recently served as president of Fordham Preparatory School in New York City, succeeded Fr. Robert Reiser, SJ, who completed his seventh year of service in June. Fr. Boller possesses more than five decades of service in Jesuit education, mostly at the secondary level in teaching and administration at Canisius High School in Buffalo, N.Y., and Xavier High School and Fordham Prep, both in New York City. Fr. Boller entered the Society of Jesus in 1964 and was ordained in June 1975. He has served on a number of boards of trustees, including Saint Peter's Prep.



New President at Canisius High School

Fr. Joseph Costantino, SJ, was named president of Canisius High School in July 2013. Fr. Costantino brings more than 35 years of experience as a Jesuit to his new role, having served the past seven years as the pastor of the Church of St. Francis Xavier in New York City, where he oversaw the second phase of the church's restoration. The restoration earned the church a Lucy G. Moses Preservation Award from the New York Landmarks Conservancy and the Victorian Society Award. A Brooklyn native, Fr. Costantino entered the Society of Jesus in 1977 and was ordained a priest in 1987. Fr. Costantino noted that the high school "figures very fondly in my youth, as it was the site of my first summer assignment as a Jesuit novice in 1978."



New President and Principal at Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit

The Board of Trustees of the new Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School, opening in fall 2014, named its founding president, **William Garrett**, in January 2013. Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit is a newly sponsored ministry of the Maryland, New England and New York Provinces of the Society of Jesus. The 500-student school will be part of the Cristo Rey network, which provides low-income students with a rigorous college prep education. Students also participate in a corporate work-study program, which supplements tuition costs. Mr. Garrett served as national director of development for UNICEF in the U.S. and as vice president of campaigns, chief operating and senior vice president of community impact for the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta. Most recently he served as president of the Saint Joseph's Mercy Foundation, also in Atlanta. He holds a Master of Social Work and a Master of Business Administration from Columbia University and a Master of Theological Studies from Spring Hill College. Mr. Garrett is an ordained deacon in the Catholic Church.



Fr. James Van Dyke, SJ, has been named founding principal of the new Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School. Fr. Van Dyke taught English and religion at Fordham Preparatory School in New York City, and has worked in Jesuit secondary education for 24 years. Fr. Van Dyke, a native of Buffalo, N.Y., holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Virginia; a Master of Divinity and a Master of Theology from the Weston School of Theology (now the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry); and a Master of Arts in Liberal Arts from St. John's College in Annapolis, Md. Fr. Van Dyke joined the Jesuits in 1981 and was ordained in 1993.



New President at Wheeling Jesuit University

Fr. James Fleming, SJ, was appointed Wheeling Jesuit University's 10th president by the Board of Trustees in July 2013. Fr. Fleming joined Wheeling Jesuit University in 2010 as the institution's first vice president for mission and identity and then chief of staff. He became executive vice president in 2012. He previously served as director of mission planning and assessment for Boston College and was a member of that faculty from 2000 to 2010. He is the author of numerous articles and publications, and holds a doctorate in education policy, organization, measurement and evaluation from the University of California, Berkeley. A native of Lowell, Mass., Fr. Fleming joined the Society of Jesus in 1983 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1995.

A Fire that Kindles Other Fires – *Profile of an Ignatian Educator*

Although the summer break had barely begun, that didn't stop more than 500 Jesuit educators from heading back to the classroom last June to attend the Jesuit Secondary Education Association (JSEA) *Colloquium on Ignatian Education*.

A great value of this event is the interaction of people meeting with one another and the networking that goes on, which continues after the Colloquium.

— Fr. James Stoeger, SJ

This triennial event, held at Saint Louis University, included teachers, staff and administrators from 56 of the 59 Jesuit secondary schools in the United States and Canada.

The theme for the 2013 Colloquium was *A Fire that Kindles Other Fires—The Profile of an Ignatian Educator*. According to Fr. James Stoeger, SJ, JSEA president, an Ignatian educator is easy to spot. He or she is focused on caring for the individual; discerning ways of teaching and learning; modeling Ignatian teaching methods; building community and collaboration; and animating the Ignatian vision.

Special events enhanced the Colloquium. The nine U.S. Jesuit provincials met with educators from the schools sponsored by their provinces, and the group welcomed visitors from Jesuit schools in South America and Australia, as well as representatives from the Jesuit Curia in Rome. In addition, all the conference presentations were led by attendees, rather than outside presenters, according to Fr. Stoeger. “We used the

expertise of the teachers and educators that were gathered in St. Louis,” he said.

Participants also heard an energetic appeal from U.S. Jesuit Conference President, Fr. Thomas Smolich, SJ, about their role in implementing and extending the mission of the Society of Jesus through education.

“A great value of this event is the interaction of people meeting with one another and the networking that goes on, which continues after the Colloquium,” Fr. Stoeger explained. “This is part of building the national network of Jesuit schools.”

Colloquium attendee Jack Raslowsky, president of Xavier High School in New York City, said that past Colloquiums had set the bar high and St. Louis did not disappoint: “This important gathering is life-giving to Jesuit schools and to those who work in them. I left St. Louis grateful, renewed and reminded of the Spirit among us.”

Excerpted from an article posted on the Jesuit Conference website

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A Family Visit

from Jesuit Father General Adolfo Nicolás



Pictured (from left): V. Rev. James Shea, SJ, Father General Adolfo Nicolás, SJ, V. Rev. Myles Sheehan, SJ, and V. Rev. David Ciancimino, SJ

Jesuits in the U.S. received a visit from Jesuit Father General Adolfo Nicolás, Superior General of the Society of Jesus, in October. Father Nicolás, 77, had a full schedule that took him to Boston, New York, St. Louis and Chicago and included a range of activities, from talking with Jesuit scholastics and provincials to visiting Jesuits in health centers and attending a meeting with the presidents and board chairs of the 28 Jesuit colleges and universities which comprise the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU). Father General encouraged Jesuits to seek greater depth and avoid distraction. “How do we face the frontiers? How do we respond to problems of war, poverty and violence? How can we help reduce human suffering? The Society of Jesus has always had the capacity to move and respond where the needs are greatest.”

Father Nicolás’ visit began in Boston, where he met with Jesuits and faculty members at the Boston

College School of Theology and Ministry. Fr. James Gartland, SJ, rector of the Blessed Peter Faber Jesuit Community, said that Father Nicolás’ message to the faculty was that the church needs Jesuits who are formed for the intellectual life—men of great depth. Later, he met with 55 Jesuit scholastics from over 20 different countries who are studying there.

Father Nicolás also visited Campion Center in Weston, Mass., taking time to visit every room in the health center where the New England Province’s infirm Jesuits reside. In the Chapel of the Holy Spirit at Campion, Father Nicolás celebrated the Final Vow Mass for Fr. John Siberski, SJ. According to Fr. Joseph Appleyard, SJ, socius and executive assistant to the provincial of the New England Province, “Everyone was charmed by his sense of humor and openness.”

During his two days in New York, Father Nicolás celebrated

the Eucharist with 150 Jesuits, lay directors of works and province staff, met with Jesuits in formation and visited Jesuits in Murray-Weigel Hall, the province infirmary. Fr. Thomas Scirghi, SJ, rector of the Jesuit Community at Spellman Hall, Fordham University, said Father Nicolás “encourages us to go deep in our prayer, in our work and in our study, and this is what we can offer to the church as a whole and to the world. He sees the role of Jesuits as preachers, as teachers and as spiritual directors, acknowledging the presence of God in each person we meet and with the Gospel message we are able to free them.”



Father General Adolfo Nicolás, SJ, celebrated liturgy at Fordham University Church.

Adapted from the Jesuit Conference’s website story about this visit. For more about Father General’s visit, go to www.jesuits.org.

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From left: V. Rev. James Shea, SJ, Zachariah Presutti, SJ, Stephen Nicholson, SJ, V. Rev. Myles Sheehan, SJ, Daniel Gustafson, SJ, V. Rev. David Ciacimino, SJ, William Woody, SJ and Michael Lamanna, SJ

Jesuits Celebrate First Vows

- Five novices pronounced their First Vows in the
- Society of Jesus on Saturday, August 10, 2013,
- at Holy Cross Church in DeWitt, New York.



V. Rev. James Shea, SJ

More than 300 Jesuits, family and friends gathered to witness Daniel Gustafson, SJ, Michael Lamanna, SJ, Stephen Nicholson, SJ, Zachariah Presutti, SJ, and William Woody, SJ, commit their lives in service to the Church and the Society of Jesus. The men professed vows of poverty, chastity and obedience during a Mass celebrated by Maryland Province Provincial Fr. James Shea, SJ. Concelebrants were New England Province Provincial Fr. Myles Sheehan, SJ, and New York Province Provincial

Fr. David Ciacimino, SJ. Fr. James Carr, SJ, novice director for the novitiate at St. Andrew Hall, delivered the homily. The Ignatian Schola, a vocal ensemble comprised of lay persons and Jesuits, led the assembly in song during the Mass.

Professing First Vows is the culmination of the two-year novitiate period, during which Jesuit novices are formed in the spiritual and communal life of the Society of Jesus. Key to this formation is the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius Loyola, a rigorous 30-day retreat in



Fr. James Carr, SJ

which the novice seeks to hear more clearly what Christ is calling him to do. After the 30-day retreat, there are pilgrimages to distant, unfamiliar places, and other experiences that test the novices—preaching, ministering (including service in hospitals) and living in Jesuit community. These “experiments,” as they are called, are designed to prepare Jesuits to profess their First Vows of poverty, chastity and obedience with greater interior clarity.

Upon completion of the novitiate and the profession of First Vows, Jesuits advance to First Studies, the next stage of formation which ordinarily involves two years of graduate study in philosophy and one year of graduate-level theology. This fall, scholastics Daniel Gustafson, Michael Lamanna and Stephen Nicholson began their First Studies at Loyola University Chicago. Zachariah Presutti joined the Bellarmine Community at St. Louis University, and William Woody joined the First Studies program at Fordham University.

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for vocations.



*Father,
in the name of Jesus,
through the power of Your Holy Spirit,
we pray that You inflame the hearts of men
with courage and trust
and the desire to labor for Your kingdom
as Jesuits.
We ask You
through the intercession of Mary, our Mother,
St. Ignatius, and all Your saints,
to bless the Society of Jesus
with bountiful vocations
that it may continue to serve Your church
with passion and zeal.
May Your will be done.
Amen.*

Reflection on a Long Experiment

By Danny Gustafson, SJ



Danny Gustafson, SJ, (right) relaxes with students in the St. Joseph's Prep Mission and Ministry Office.

I arrived at St. Joseph's Preparatory School in Philadelphia with a mission of co-teaching three sections of a senior religion class about Ignatian spirituality and working in the Mission and Ministry Office. After arriving I added "assistant tennis coach" to the job description.

On many occasions before or after school, between or during classes, in the building or away at a retreat, tennis match or service trip, casual conversations with students would spring up. Oftentimes these conversations were as simple as what my students had done that weekend, why they hadn't done their homework, how their other classes were going, or who they were planning on inviting to prom. As these unstructured conversations continued and as I came to know the boys better, two realizations leaped out at me.

The first question I asked was,

"What exactly are these students looking for by wandering into my office or stopping me in the hallway?" Initially I supposed it to be simple curiosity about me as the newest teacher in a school or because of the reliable supply of granola bars I kept stashed in the bottom drawer of my desk. Eventually I came to realize that each and every student was looking for essentially one thing and one thing only—acceptance. A place and a person or group with whom they could be themselves, relax, take a deep breath in the midst of a typically busy high school day, and know that they are cared for.

The second realization I had about these seemingly routine conversations was that as the students got more comfortable around me (and I around them), every now and then the seriousness of the conversation would deepen significantly. Suddenly I would find myself talking about something that was painful,

unknown or simply not regularly discussed in the day-to-day life of a typical teenager. We would plunge from talking about college basketball to a student's concerns or fears about moving away to college and being away from friends and family. The next conversation would range from talking about that day's school-wide morning prayer to a student's struggle with belief in God or disconnect with the Catholic Church.

In seeking acceptance and an opportunity to share something challenging in their lives, these students helped me to recognize that this is a universal human characteristic. Indeed, these are the same thirsts that I feel, and that all of us feel. And it is exactly where God wants to meet us: listening to us, helping to carry our burdens, loving us at each and every turn.

I shall remain ever grateful to the students of St. Joe's Prep for teaching me one lesson in particular. Through these students, God showed me that being a companion of Jesus will also bring me to what may be a run-of-the-mill conversation or may lead to listening to someone vulnerably share an issue that has been plaguing him or her for years. As I find myself feeling fulfilled, and joyful, and fully myself in these situations, I know that they are encounters with Christ and opportunities to bring greater glory to God.

Last spring, Danny Gustafson, SJ, worked at St. Joseph's Prep in Philadelphia for his Long Experiment, part of his second-year training in the Novitiate. This fall, Danny began the next stage of Jesuit formation, First Studies, at Loyola University Chicago.

Building Bridges

By Thomas Olson, SJ

to and from South Dakota

St. Francis Mission is located on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Situated in America's second poorest county, Rosebud is home to 15,000 Lakota who suffer from intolerably high rates of poverty, alcoholism, drug abuse, suicide, unemployment and gang-related crime. Established by the Jesuits in 1886, the Mission brings to the people of Rosebud the Word of God, the Sacraments and various programs of recovery, education and hope.

I completed my Regency at St. Francis Mission in 2012, where I served as a development director. In my work, I was dedicated to building relationships with two vastly different groups of people. The first group, the Mission's Lakota staff, in conjunction with my Jesuit brothers, works tirelessly to serve the myriad needs of Rosebud's people. The second group is the Mission's major benefactors.

I spent a great amount of time and energy with the latter group, traveling throughout the United States to personally meet and visit with them. The primary goal of these visits was to ensure that our most faithful and generous donors would continue to support the Mission financially. A second goal, no less important than the first, was to ensure that these donors were acknowledged and thanked for what I often refer to as their "gratuitous generosity."

I often marveled at how the work that I was doing was helping to build bridges of mutual passage between the rich and the poor, the powerful and the powerless. Commended to Jesuits and our collaborators by the 35th General Congregation, this bridge-building work profoundly confirmed my own Jesuit vocation and corresponding desire to serve *our least Society* as a priest.

Sharing their pains, joys, fears and

hopes, both Lakota people on the reservation and their benefactors who live in places as far away as Los Angeles, Chicago and New York opened up to and shared with me the joys and sorrows of their lives. Some of these individuals even shed tears of happiness and/or sorrow during my visits with them. I often found myself asking the same question: namely, "Who am I that this person would share with me so much?" While pondering this question, I also experienced tremendous, heartfelt desires to become a Jesuit priest. On some occasions, I ended a conversation with a Lakota person or left the home (or office) of a donor with the desire to offer them the Sacrament of Reconciliation. On other occasions, I longed for the ability to celebrate a Mass for one of their deceased loved ones or a marriage for one of their children.

As a Jesuit regent, I learned firsthand that the Jesuits are in a unique position to minister to and serve people on all sides of the socio-economic-political boundaries that divide this great nation. Having witnessed this, I was truly honored to have helped build bridges between some of America's neediest and some of America's wealthiest.

Tom Olson, SJ, is in his second year of theology studies at Boston College's School of Theology and Ministry, where he is pursuing dual M.Div. and Th.M. degrees in preparation for ordination to the priesthood. In his studies, he is researching and developing a theology of philanthropy.



Tom talks with staff members Marie Kills in Sight, Lenora Fast Dog and Richard Bracha at St. Francis Mission headquarters.

Celebrating Ordinations

With great joy and gratitude to God, we welcome our new Jesuit priests! On June 8, Bishop Thomas Donato, D.D., auxiliary bishop of Newark, ordained our brothers to the priesthood at Fordham University Church in the Bronx, New York. These seven men of the Maryland, New England and New York Provinces of the Society of Jesus were among 16 Jesuits ordained priests across the country that month.



Newly ordained priests are congratulated by the congregation. From left: Jesuit Fathers Stephen Surovick, Bret Stockdale, Michael Rogers, William Noe, Michael Magree, Peter Folan and James Donovan



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1. Fr. James Donovan, SJ, was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and grew up on Long Island. A graduate of Le Moyne College in Syracuse, N.Y., Fr. Donovan earned a bachelor's degree in biology in 1986. In 2004, Fr. Donovan entered the Society of Jesus. Ordained a deacon in 2012, he served at St. Leo's Church in Oakland, Calif., and San Quentin State Prison while earning his Master of Divinity at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University in Berkeley, Calif. He is currently missioned to St. Anthony's Parish in Oceanside, N.Y.

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2. Fr. Peter Folan, SJ, is a native of Massapequa Park on Long Island. Fr. Folan attended the University of Notre Dame and earned a bachelor's degree in the Program of Liberal Studies and German in 2000. In 2003, he entered the Society of Jesus. In 2010, he was missioned to the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, where he earned a Master of Divinity as well as a Licentiate in Sacred Theology. Fr. Folan is serving as an associate pastor at Holy Trinity Church in Washington, D.C.

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3. Fr. Michael Magree, SJ, was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio. After earning a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Franciscan University of Steubenville in 2000, Fr. Magree continued his studies at Ohio State University, where he earned a master's degree in classics in 2001. In 2002, Fr. Magree entered the Society of Jesus. In 2010, Fr. Magree was missioned to the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, where he earned a Master of Divinity. Fr. Magree is now completing his Licentiate in Sacred Theology at St. Joseph's University while serving part-time as a chaplain at St. Joseph's Preparatory School in Philadelphia.



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4. Fr. William Noe, SJ, is a native of Racine, Wis. Fr. Noe studied electrical engineering at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., earning a bachelor's degree in 1993 and a master's degree in 1996. He entered the Society of Jesus in 2003. In 2010, Fr. Noe was missioned to the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University in Berkeley, Calif., where he earned a Licentiate in Sacred Theology while serving as a deacon at St. Patrick's Church in Oakland. He is currently missioned as parochial vicar to Sacred Heart Parish in Richmond, Va.

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5. Fr. Michael Rogers, SJ, was born in Hartford, Conn. He attended the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., earning a bachelor's degree in philosophy in 2002. Upon graduation, he entered the Society of Jesus. Fr. Rogers was missioned to Rome to the International College of the Gesù to complete his studies at the Pontifical Gregorian University in preparation for ordination. He was the national coordinator for MAGIS 2013, the Jesuit pastoral program that was held this summer in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, preceding World Youth Day. Fr. Rogers has returned to Rome to continue his studies in fundamental theology.

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6. Fr. Bret Stockdale, SJ, was born and raised in Worcester, Mass. He attended the University of New Hampshire, earning a bachelor's degree in political science in 1997. In 2003, he entered the Society of Jesus. Missioned to the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, where he earned his Master of Divinity in 2003, Fr. Stockdale earned a Licentiate in Sacred Theology while serving as a deacon at St. Luke's Parish in Westborough, Mass. Fr. Stockdale is assigned to Fairfield Preparatory School to serve in campus ministry.

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7. Fr. Stephen Surovick, SJ, grew up in Voorhees, N.J. He attended the University of Scranton in Pennsylvania, earning a bachelor's degree in political science in 1996. In 2003, he entered the Society of Jesus. Missioned to the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry in 2010, Fr. Surovick earned a Master of Divinity. Fr. Surovick is now completing his Licentiate in Sacred Theology. Trained in spiritual direction, particularly in the techniques for leading eight-day silent retreats, Fr. Surovick is continuing this work and pursuing his interest in public service and academics.



Spirituality at Sea

By Fr. James Shaughnessy, SJ

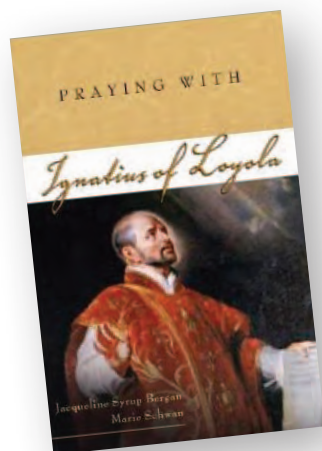


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have been helping out as a cruise ship chaplain for the past eight years, but my full-time ministry is at Tufts Medical Center in Boston and on the weekends I minister at the Federal Prison in Devens, Mass.

For the past three years I have sailed with Royal Caribbean cruises from Barcelona to New Orleans. I was well aware that we would be spending nine days at sea—with no stops. That's a lot of water. That's a lot of time to look out at the ocean, and the sun rising and setting.

On longer cruises, several people will come up and identify themselves as Jesuit grads or connected to the Society in one way or another. From time to time, people tell me that celebrating Mass every day and listening to a brief homily about the beauty of nature surrounding us at sea has felt a little like a mini-retreat. So I took to Amazon and eBay and equipped myself with 10 copies of *Praying with Ignatius of Loyola*, by Jacqueline Syrup Bergan and



“...it’s a time to remember and be grateful for our lives, our families and the staff serving us from around the world.”

Marie Schwan, CSJ, a simple book with short themes from the *Spiritual Exercises*. Preparing for one recent cruise, I packed the books and figured that I would give a try at another adaptation, the “retreat at sea.”

At the cruise’s opening liturgy, I explained that I was a Jesuit priest and talked briefly about the cruise being a time to remember and be grateful for our lives, our families and the staff serving us from around the world. I suggested that we might use the time to consider, to contemplate, to reflect and to offer prayers of gratitude. I invited them to make a modified version of an Ignatian retreat on the eight days at sea.

Each day we gathered for morning Mass and afterward, people were encouraged to eat breakfast together in small groups. Later in the morning,

about 20 to 25 of us met in the interfaith chapel, a lovely spot at the very top of the ship. I would introduce a different experience of prayer around a theme from *Praying with Ignatius of Loyola*. I had only 10 books so we agreed to share them throughout the day.

We came back together in the afternoon to share reflections on the Ignatian theme of the day. About 12 to 15 people came to every session, and in a very significant way, shared their experience of prayer. Stories were told, struggles were admitted, tears were shed and there was plenty of laughter as well. I have no doubt that the experience was a helpful and genuine experience of prayer for all who chose to make the retreat, including the director!

Fr. James Shaughnessy, SJ, is the director of pastoral care at Tufts Medical Center in Boston.



Jesuits Minister to Christians *in the Middle East*



Jesuits have historically been known as a missionary order and Jesuits today minister in places around the globe. Since 1987, a community of New England Jesuits has offered faith formation programs to the Christian community of Jordan through the Jesuit Center in Amman and to parishioners at the English-speaking Sacred Heart Parish, which serves many immigrants in Jordan.

Fr. Michael Linden, SJ, is the superior of the Jesuits in Jordan and Iraq. He explains that the Jesuit Center exists for the “formation of Christians and others who want to work and discover more about their discipleship for Jesus Christ.” Operating much like a diocesan pastoral center, the Jesuit Center offers programs and training in Holy Scripture and discipleship. Youth and young adult Christians are formed in their own Christian heritage, and Christian pilgrimages are organized to explore the roots of their faith. The Center is also the home for the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) in Jordan, which ministers to the needs of the many Iraqi, Syrian, Sudanese, Somali and other refugees and immigrants who now make Jordan their home.

Ministries in Jordan are not Fr. Linden’s only focus. In his role as assistant to the provincial of the New England Province for international ministries, Fr. Linden is working to find ways to restore the Society of Jesus’ apostolic presence in Iraq.

The following is excerpted and edited from an interview Fr. Linden had with Fr. Victor Edwin, SJ, editor of JIVAN, a magazine of the Jesuits in India.



What is the work of the Jesuit Center?

The Jesuit Center began as a new apostolate of the Jesuits of the New England Province in 1987. At the time, many New England Jesuits who had previously worked in Baghdad remained in the Near East in various ministries. The Latin Church in Jordan was growing, and one of our Jesuits began a library for the Christians found in many areas of the Muslim world. Soon, the local bishop asked the Jesuits to consider ministries among the English-language Christians. In 1989, the Jesuits established a center for adult faith formation.

Presently, the Center is focusing on three areas. First, the English-language parish, Sacred Heart, is a “personal” parish of the Jesuits, and has a Jesuit

pastor. The parish has no building or assets—it consists of a pastor and people who assemble in five locations each weekend for Eucharist and the Word of God. Many members are workers from other countries, working in Jordanian households, embassies, agencies and businesses. Second, the Center supports the faith formation of Jordanian Christians through Bible courses, catechetics and workshops in-house and in rural areas. It is entirely Jordanian in scope. Soon we hope to partner with Bethlehem University for a process which will enrich Christians who are teaching in parishes and schools. Third, the Center is the administrative home for the Jesuit Refugee Service in Jordan, which organizes special projects like “Jesuit

Commons” where refugees can obtain university credit for various types of learning done at the Center.

I heard it is your responsibility to find ways for restoring the Jesuit presence in Iraq. Jesuits were in Baghdad from 1932 to 1969. Why did they have to leave Baghdad?

In 1932, Fr. General Wlodimir Ledóchowski, SJ, asked American Jesuits to establish a school in Iraq based on a joint appeal by the King of Iraq and the Patriarch of the Chaldeans. So, Baghdad College opened, staffed entirely by the Jesuits of the New England Province. In 1959, they established Al Hikma University. Both had fine reputations among Christians and Muslims. As the years went on, graduates became involved in various aspects of the country—education, government, business, finance, religion—and became prominent Iraqi leaders. Unfortunately, due to political circumstances, the Jesuits were asked to leave Iraq in 1969 and the schools were closed.

Are the present authorities favorable to Jesuits returning to Iraq?

Actually, virtually anyone we have spoken to is favorable. Many remember the schools and “the good old days” of course, but that approach would be unrealistic now. However, there are good and supportive persons, Christians and Muslims, secularists and devout, who would welcome the Jesuits back.

What will be the nature of Jesuit presence in Iraq in the future?

This is hard to predict. Some would like the U.S. Jesuits to parachute in—with a full Jesuit staff and system from the 1950s back to Baghdad College. Some believe this is possible! More realistically, Jesuits have learned in Amman that faith formation and service to migrant workers is important in the Near East. Close collaboration in the

pastoral goals of the local bishops is important. This can probably be replicated in Iraq. Also, Iraqi Christians are a “giving” people, and there will be Jesuit vocations from Iraq. These Iraqi Jesuits will eventually make the major discernment about their identity and work; perhaps it will include schools, perhaps not.

In what ways do you think the Asian Jesuits could lend a helping hand in Jordan and in Iraq in the future?

The Society of Jesus is an international religious organization. It would be a mistake to keep the work of Jordan or Iraq in the hands of one culture. One solution is a healthy mix of international Jesuits who would live out their cultural tensions in their own community while they remain open and sensitive to the needs and opportunities they discover in their context—and the cultural strengths they bring and find. Let us do it!

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— Fr. Michael Linden, SJ



During his visit to Amman, V. Rev. Myles Sheehan, SJ, (second to left) meets with (left to right) Fr. John Predmore, SJ, pastor of Sacred Heart, the Papal Nuncio for Jordan and Iraq, Archbishop Giorgio Lingua, and Fr. Michael Linden, SJ, superior of Jesuits in Jordan and Iraq.

**More
on the web**

To watch Fr. Linden's video message and learn more about the work of the Jesuits in the Middle East, visit <http://bit.ly/SJjord>.

Jubilee Celebrations

A blessing to the Church and the Society of Jesus, we are grateful to the Jesuits celebrating jubilees for their wholehearted response to God's call to serve.

Fr. Charles Connolly, SJ, was the homilist at the Mass of Thanksgiving on June 7 at Fordham University Church.



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Chaplain at the Greater Baltimore Medical Center; professor at the University of Scranton; assistant pastor at Corpus Christi Church, Holy Rosary Church and St. John's Church

Fr. Gerard Campbell, SJ

Born August 26, 1919; died August 9, 2012
Director of Jesuit Spirituality at Holy Trinity Parish; rector and president at Georgetown University; professor at Loyola College and St. Joseph's College

Fr. Thomas Masterson, SJ

Born September 30, 1933; died August 27, 2012
Director of campus ministry, vice president for university ministry and professor of history at the University of Scranton

Fr. Joseph Kolb, SJ

Born November 19, 1922; died October 17, 2012
Professor at Wheeling Jesuit University, St. John's College in Belize and St. Xavier's Godavari School in Katmandu

Fr. Henry Haske, SJ

Born June 5, 1927; died October 21, 2012
Professor at the Colegio San Mateo in Chile; socius and assistant for international apostolates; superior of the Jesuit Center and Georgetown Preparatory School

Fr. William McGroarty, SJ

Born June 3, 1919; died November 26, 2012
Assistant province treasurer and spiritual director at Loyola College; dean of students at Wheeling Jesuit University; minister at Georgetown University

Fr. Gerald Fitzpatrick, SJ

Born September 24, 1941; died November 27, 2012
Minister, teacher and superior at Colegio San Mateo and Colegio San Ignacio in Chile; retreat director for Loyola Retreat House

Fr. William Lynn, SJ

Born December 25, 1922; died December 25, 2012
Dean at the Pontifical College Josephinum; professor at Daegun College in Korea, Loyola College, St. Joseph's College and Woodstock College

Fr. John Woodward, SJ

Born February 14, 1925; died January 23, 2013
Math teacher at Gonzaga High School for 40 years; physics and math teacher at St. Joseph's Preparatory School

Fr. Gilbert Sweeney, SJ

Born October 10, 1923; died March 24, 2013
Chaplain at the Veterans Administration Hospital; professor at Loyola University Maryland and Georgetown University; teacher at Scranton Preparatory and St. Joseph's Preparatory

Fr. Alvaro Ribeiro, SJ

Born September 17, 1947; died April 14, 2013
Professor of English at Georgetown University; warden of Ricci Hall at the University of Hong Kong

Fr. George Hess, SJ

Born October 10, 1919; died July 30, 2013
Ministered in India for 63 years at Loyola School, De Nobili School, Loyola College of Education and the Loyola Center for Communication and Culture

Fr. Jon O'Brien, SJ

Born May 22, 1926; died July 31, 2013
Associate dean, psychiatrist and professor at Georgetown University Medical School; psychiatrist and director of counseling at the Pontifical North American College in Vatican City

NEW ENGLAND PROVINCE

Fr. Joseph MacWade, SJ

Born December 17, 1928; died August 26, 2012
Ministered in Jamaica for 42 years as a teacher at St. Michael's Seminary, director of the Christian Life Community at Campion College and director of the Apostleship of Prayer

Br. Cornelius Murphy, SJ

Born November 23, 1925; died November 19, 2012
Assistant director of Jesuit Seminary Guild; cafeteria service at Boston College High School; and varied ministries at the Jesuit Novitiate at Shadowbrook

Fr. Thomas Hamel, SJ

Born June 12, 1926; died January 13, 2013
Teacher at College of the Holy Cross, Weston College and Al-Hikma University in Baghdad; retreat minister at Gloucester; spiritual director at College of the Holy Cross

Fr. James M. Collins, SJ

Born March 7, 1925; died January 24, 2013
Executive assistant to the president of St. Joseph's University; socius, New England Province; director of international apostolates, Maryland Province and served nine years in India as student, teacher and dean

Fr. Oliver Nickerson, SJ

Born September 9, 1923; died January 31, 2013
Ministered for 21 years in Jamaica as chaplain at St. George's College, pastor at Holy Trinity Cathedral and St. Thomas Aquinas; teacher at Fairfield Preparatory, Fairfield University and Sophia University in Tokyo

Fr. Richard McCafferty, SJ

Born February 10, 1925; died March 18, 2013
Ministered at St. Charles Borromeo; professor at Arizona State University, Loyola Marymount University, Las Positas College, Stephens College and San Jose State University

Fr. William Connolly, SJ

Born July 29, 1925; died April 4, 2013
Librarian at Weston College; retreat director and spiritual direction ministry at Boston College; teacher at Fairfield College Preparatory School and Boston College High School

Br. Francis Cluff, SJ

Born March 26, 1923; died April 9, 2013
Treasurer at the provincial office for 43 years; province treasurer emeritus at Campion Center for seven years

Fr. Joseph Laughlin, SJ

Born August 31, 1926; died May 27, 2013
Pastoral ministry at Campion Center and Boston College High School; chaplain for St. Ann Mission in Maine

NEW YORK PROVINCE

Fr. Vincent Novak, SJ

Born August 3, 1924; died August 6, 2012
Pastoral ministry and dean of the School of Religious Education and Graduate School at Fordham University for 43 years; teacher at Fordham Preparatory School and Canisius High School

Fr. James Sadowsky, SJ

Born December 28, 1923; died September 7, 2012
Taught at Fordham University for 52 years as a lecturer, professor and assistant editor of the International Philosophy Quarterly; professor at LeMoyn College

Fr. John Sturm, SJ

Born June 13, 1917; died September 22, 2012
Associate pastor, Marriage Encounter ministry at St. Michael's Parish, Buffalo, NY; dean and teacher at Canisius High School

Fr. Thomas Blessin, SJ

Born September 22, 1932; died October 31, 2012
Spiritual Exercises at Saint Peter's College; chaplain, teacher, dean at Loyola School in New York; director of Trinity Spiritual Center

Fr. Gerald Chojnacki, SJ

Born November 7, 1943; died November 6, 2012
Provincial; minister, teacher, chaplain and student counselor at Colegio San Ignacio in Puerto Rico; rector and director of ministry at Ciszek Hall, Fordham University

Fr. James Dolan, SJ

Born October 15, 1937; died December 1, 2012
Pastoral ministry – DeMello retreats at St. Ignatius and Syracuse Retreat Houses; retreat minister at McQuaid Jesuit High School; teacher at Colegio San Ignacio in Puerto Rico

Fr. Thomas Green, SJ

Born December 17, 1929; died December 26, 2012
Associate pastor at St. Aloysius Church, St. Ignatius Church, St. Peter's Church and St. Michael's Parish; pastor at St. Francis Xavier Church, St. Peter's Church and St. Ann's Church

Fr. James McDonough, SJ

Born October 17, 1911; died December 31, 2012
Teacher at St. Andrew-on-Hudson, University of Guam, Loyola School and St. Peter's Preparatory School; administrator for the Graduate School at the University of Guam

Fr. John Marzolf, SJ

Born December 24, 1924; died January 8, 2013
Superior at Murray-Weigel Hall, the Jesuit Novitiate in Benin City and Syracuse Retreat House; teacher at Le Moyne College, Boston College, Syracuse University and Canisius College

Fr. Francis Staebell, SJ

Born October 11, 1918; died February 8, 2013
Associate pastor at St. Michael's Parish; pastoral minister, superior and teacher in the Marshall Islands; pastoral minister and chaplain at Mercy Hospital; teacher at McQuaid Jesuit High School, Fordham and Brooklyn Preparatory Schools

Fr. Edward Dunn, SJ

Born October 18, 1925; died March 24, 2013
Professor and historian at Canisius College; pastoral ministry in the Buffalo Diocese; teacher at Regis High School

Fr. Robert Keck, SJ

Born February 6, 1930; died March 24, 2013
Teacher and administrator at Xavier High School in Micronesia, McQuaid Jesuit High School, Fordham Preparatory School, Marymount Manhattan College and the College of New Rochelle; retreat and pastoral minister for 20 years in the greater New York City area

Fr. James Carney, SJ

Born July 18, 1925; died May 27, 2013
Teacher, student counselor and director of alumni affairs at Regis High School for 30 years; served in community apostolates in Manhattan and the Bronx

Fr. Donald Zewe, SJ

Born September 10, 1923; died June 10, 2013
Professor at Le Moyne College for 34 years; teacher at Canisius High School and Fordham Preparatory School; pastoral ministry in the Syracuse Diocese

Fr. Charles Gallagher, SJ

Born August 18, 1927; died July 21, 2013
Marriage Encounter and Parish Renewal ministry at St. Peter's College; led *Spiritual Exercises* at St. Ignatius and Gonzaga Retreat Houses; dean at Xavier High School

Answering the Call of Pope Francis

By Thomas Simisky, SJ

S ummer Oasis Along the Silk Road



Thomas Simisky, SJ, with friends in Kyrgyzstan

It's nighttime, I'm lying in bed unable to sleep with the heat, and I can't believe that I'm alone in our parish of Jalal-Abad, Kyrgyzstan. Polish volunteers who have been with me for a month have just left, as have the two Jesuit priests who needed to do work on the opposite end of the country.

The various muezzin are calling everyone to prayer. Since so many mosques have been constructed in the past decade, the exotic Arabic melodies overlap in complex ways. I don't speak Arabic, but then neither do the Muslim people of Kyrgyzstan. Here, faith and devotion clearly transcend language. God must be pleased to hear this many people stopping to pray. I am also grateful to have a peaceful night after an intense five weeks at the camps. Life in this little city is much quieter than from

where I just came. There is much to pray about.

Having worked in the Russian region for the past two summers, I had heard a lot about our work here. Pope John Paul II designated Kyrgyzstan a special papal mission of the Society of Jesus in 1997. The number of Catholics is small and continues to diminish due to the political instability and ethnic violence; the Society of Jesus has devoted its efforts to serving the poorest residents of this country—orphans and children with disabilities.

In 2010 with the help of generous benefactors, a house that would serve as a summer camp was built on the shore of Lake Issyk-Kul, a saltwater lake nestled in

the northeast corner of Kyrgyzstan. This summer was my opportunity to experience the Church and the Society living out Catholic social teachings in a unique way.

The setting is stunning, surrounded as it is by the snowcapped mountains of Kazakhstan and China. At an altitude of 1,600 meters, the temperature in the summer is also quite comfortable. For four months each year, this "Children's Leisure and Rehabilitation Center" provides free summer camps to children and their families or caregivers living in poverty. Last year, over 700 people passed through the camps.

These kids and families have tough lives, especially since Kyrgyzstan is one of the poorest countries in Central Asia. The adults, parents and caregivers often expressed their gratitude. Most had been here previous summers and said there is no way the government could provide

Jesuits from the Maryland, New England and New York Provinces answer Pope Francis' call to serve "the poorest, the weakest, the least important" at home and around the world.

Over the past summer, Jesuits in formation served disabled youth in Kyrgyzstan, indigenous people in the Philippines, pilgrims at MAGIS and World Youth Day in Rio and studied Spanish in Bolivia. Two Jesuits in formation share their reflections.

such a service. These nine-day camps gave them a much needed break from their usual routines.

The house has a small staff, but relies heavily on volunteers. My role was that of activities director. The days were long, exhausting and very rewarding. Sports, games and English classes for the older children filled the hours. Fortunately, after a couple of weeks, a group of five university students from Poland arrived to volunteer for the month of July. Another group would replace them in August. Still others came from England and Belgium.

We volunteers were Catholic; those we served were generally Muslim. Religion was almost never discussed, yet our faith could be expressed through our presence. Every evening we had a volunteers' meeting to plan the next day's activities and to do faith sharing. We spoke about our gratitude for different moments in the course of the day, about how we had seen God's image in those we encountered, and about how Christ's call brought us together to strive for greater love and understanding of our neighbors.

The Issyk-Kul camp is a work of the Society, and therefore, is a work of the Church. For me, it was a tremendous grace to see both in such a different context. Here was a building that was not a church and was not filled with Christians. However, it was the Church, filled with the Holy Spirit, sharing in Jesus' mission of reconciliation.

At the end of July, the Polish volunteers and I traveled south to Jalal-Abad, where we taught English classes. A week later they would head home and I was left to continue teaching while awaiting the new arrivals. Every day, young people from the city would knock on the door asking about classes. Most had no idea that the building was a church (despite the sign and the cross on top). They just knew the Jesuits as the good guys who offer free language classes. Hopefully, they will know we are Christians by our love for them.

Thomas Simisky, SJ, is studying theology at Boston College School of Theology and Ministry.

Encountering God in the Eyes of an Eight-Year-Old

By Timothy Casey, SJ

This summer I had the opportunity to travel to South America to study Spanish for nearly two months at the Maryknoll Institute in Cochabamba, Bolivia. The Maryknoll Institute is a wonderful place where individualized instruction is tailored to fit the needs of the student. The Institute, founded in the 1960s as a missionary training center, not only functions as a language learning center, but places much emphasis on Andean culture and history, and the devastating impacts of colonization in Latin America."

The strength of the Institute lies in the fact that when a student leaves, he/she is trained to engage the complex and harsh realities of poverty, inequality and injustice which plague many Central and South American countries.

women, many of whom are nuns, who take them from the street and place them in orphanages. Visiting these orphanages was challenging and required much energy and stamina. But in the challenge is always latent grace, waiting to be revealed and unleashed. I found this to be true when one young orphaned girl told me, "Saludos a sus padres." "Greetings to your parents." The impact of that statement defined my summer.

Some people who have lost so much, in this case a child, remind us of how blessed we are; how much we have been given. As Pope Francis said in a recent interview, "God is to be encountered in the world of today." St. Ignatius of Loyola taught the Pope that lesson; that God can be found actively



Timothy Casey, SJ, in Bolivia

Although language acquisition was the primary reason why I was missioned to study Spanish in Bolivia, I find that this reason was ultimately secondary. What was primary, and what remains primary, is the encounter with people who have been the victims of great societal injustices. What first comes to mind is the great number of orphans in Bolivia, boys and girls on the streets, who have been abandoned and discarded by their caregivers. They roam the streets, and, if they are lucky, are saved from street life by saintly

at work in our world, laboring, if only we have the courage and discipline to open our eyes and see Him. And if we see Him, do we allow ourselves to be transformed? Sometimes God uses the little ones, in my case, an eight-year-old girl, to break into our lives. For this, I am grateful. Although I learned some Spanish this summer, I learned more from this orphan than I had either bargained for or expected. And what a gift.

Timothy Casey, SJ, is in First Studies at Loyola University Chicago.



John & Rose Mahoney and their family

The 2013 Jesuit GALA

The New England Province of Jesuits presented the *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam* Award to John and Rose Mahoney at the annual Jesuit GALA held on April 2 at the Marriott Copley Place Hotel in Boston. The Latin phrase, *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*, “For the Greater Glory of God,” is attributed to St. Ignatius, the founder of the Society of Jesus, and is a guiding principle of the Jesuits. The annual award honors those who have made a difference in the world by generously helping others.

John recently retired after many years at Staples, Inc., most recently as the vice chairman and chief financial officer. He was educated by the Jesuits at Xavier High School, in Concord, Mass., and is a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross. His wife, Rose, grew up in Pennsylvania and is a Regis College graduate.

John and Rose have devoted considerable time and energy to the spiritual works of the Jesuits. In particular, they have been the inspiration for experiences like Principle Centered Leadership, the monthly prayer breakfast for business leaders; the very popular Ignatian Conversations for Women; and the Jesuit Connection, a program of ongoing spirituality for young adults.

Fr. Myles Sheehan, SJ, provincial of the New England Province of the Society of Jesus, said, “John and Rose have embodied collaboration with the Society in any number of ways. They have been enthusiastic and loyal supporters of the College of the Holy Cross, committed and insightful in their support of me and my predecessor, Fr. Thomas Regan, SJ, and dedicated in their efforts to expand the work of the Province in helping souls through their involvement with our Ignatian spirituality programming.”



Fr. James Martin, SJ, author and editor at *America* magazine, served as master of ceremonies.



Seán Cardinal O'Malley, OFM Cap, archbishop of Boston, talks with V. Rev. Myles Sheehan, SJ.

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The 2014 Jesuit GALA will honor

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