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Father General Arturo Sosa Listening and Learning in South Dakota

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Dear Friends,

I have the opportunity—some might say burden—to travel quite a bit for my work as provincial. Much of my travel is related to our ministries, where I meet with the employees, board members, and people served by our works. It's quite invigorating, and while there are issues to deal with at each location, it is consoling to see the work of the faithful firsthand.

My work also requires that I meet with almost all our Jesuits (there are more than 400 in the Midwest Province) each year. I am able to delegate a small number of these visits, but the bulk of them are my responsibility. As with the ministries, these visits are always rewarding; I am able to see my Jesuit brothers in person, learn about their joys and concerns firsthand, and assist them in reaching their potential. This type of attention can be described as *cura personalis*, a Latin phrase meaning “care for the entire person.” It's a phrase often found in Ignatian spirituality and even in the mission statements of some of our works. It is one of our guiding principles as Jesuits.

It was this same spirit of care and concern that brought Fr. Arturo Sosa, Superior General of the Society of Jesus, to the U.S. in August. After first visiting the USA East Province, Fr. Sosa traveled to Red Cloud Indian School on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota (cover story, page 16). There, he sought to learn about and from the Lakota people—especially regarding their relationship with the Jesuits—and visited several sites of cultural and historic significance. It was my privilege to be a part of his deeply moving visit.

Care and concern, hallmarks of Jesuit ministry, are recurring themes throughout the pages of this magazine: Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House will soon celebrate 75 years of caring for the faithful (page 2); Adam Bohan, SJ, offers a reflection on his dual vocation as a Jesuit and nurse (page 8); Fr. Walt Bado, SJ, describes the journey that introduced him to the Jesuits and led him to start a mission in Kentucky (page 9); Katie Chustak cares for students and the environment through sustainable agriculture at Red Cloud Indian School (page 15); “friendship in the Lord” facilitates intergenerational Jesuit companionship (page 20). We also revisit the work of the Contract Buyers League and the Jesuits who joined the fight against housing discrimination in Chicago (page 22).

These and the many other stories presented in these pages would not be possible without the care and concern of you and others who support our work. We are very grateful.

In Christ,

V. Rev. Karl J. Kiser, SJ
Provincial, USA Midwest Province

Jesuits join Father General Arturo Sosa, SJ, in a moment of prayer at the site of the Wounded Knee Massacre.

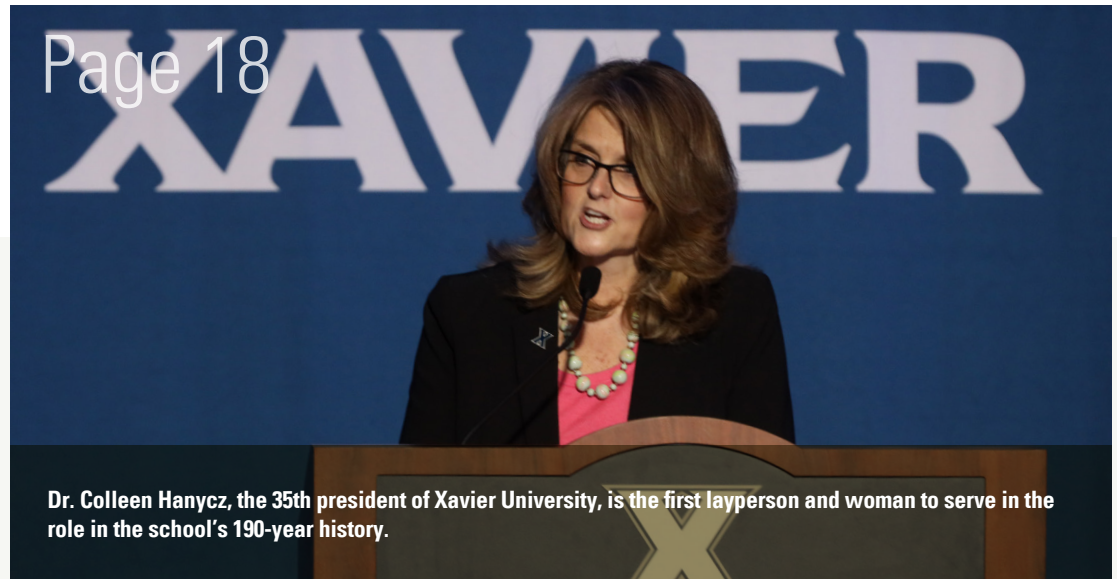




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Father Arturo Sosa, Superior General of the Society of Jesus, shares a joyous moment with Katie Montez, dean of students at Red Cloud Indian School, following a memorial Mass for Nicholas Black Elk at St. Agnes Church in Manderson, South Dakota.

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Dr. Colleen Hanycz, the 35th president of Xavier University, is the first layperson and woman to serve in the role in the school's 190-year history.

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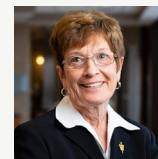
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Over 50 years ago, college students and Jesuit seminarians helped form the Contract Buyers League, a grassroots organization that fought discriminatory housing practices in Chicago.

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Bellarmino Jesuit Retreat House Celebrates 75th Anniversary

Nearly 75 years ago on January 2, 1948, 22 men gathered on a snowy day for the inaugural retreat at a new Jesuit retreat house named for St. Robert Bellarmine in Barrington, Illinois. However, things didn't go exactly as planned, as the director Fr. James S. McGinnis, SJ, recounted in his journal:

No retreat ever opened under less auspicious circumstances. The stove was not connected until 6 p.m. which meant that cold buffet supper had to be served . . . The altar was not returned . . . until after 6 p.m. although Fr. Thane brought the Blessed Sacrament for benediction. All the retreatants came in on the very last train. The weather was frightfully cold and the roads were covered with snow drifts.

Those 22 men would not be the last retreatants, though. The retreat house has since undergone several major renovations and additions, but visitors still come with the



Bellarmino Jesuit Retreat House in Barrington, Illinois

same goals in mind—to spend time in prayer and reflection in a beautiful, sacred space.

Today, Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House offers a wide variety of programming, including silent retreats adapted from the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Kairos retreats for teenagers, 12-step retreats for those in recovery, as well as private and

directed retreats. The retreat house kicked off the 75th anniversary festivities with a picnic on Saturday, September 17, 2022, the Feast Day of St. Robert Bellarmine, where attendees celebrated Bellarmine's long legacy of fostering spiritual development.

Midwest Jesuits Ordained to the Diaconate

In preparation for their priestly ordination, four Midwest Jesuits in their final year of theology studies have been ordained as transitional deacons, and two more will be ordained later this year. Daniel Kennedy, SJ, currently studying at Regis College in Canada, was ordained as a deacon on May 14, 2022, at the Jesuit parish Our Lady of Lourdes in Toronto.

The Midwest Jesuits currently in theology studies at Boston College School of Theology and Ministry—Nicholas Albin, Andrea Bianchini, and Damian Torres-Botello—were ordained to the diaconate at the Church of St. Ignatius of Loyola on September 24, 2022. Midwest Jesuits Aaron Pierre and Daniel Dixon—who are completing their theology studies at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University—will be ordained as deacons at the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland, California, on October 22, 2023.



Midwest Jesuit Daniel Kennedy (left) with fellow diaconate ordinands and Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, SJ (center), at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Toronto.

For these Jesuits, being ordained as transitional deacons represents one of the final steps of their decade-long formation process. Jesuits typically serve in this role for

six months to a year prior to being ordained as priests, proclaiming the Gospel and serving as ministers of sacraments.

Jaedyn McKinstry, a student athlete at Bowling Green State University, should have been enjoying his summer at home in Fremont, Ohio, relaxing and spending time with friends. But he had headed back to school to practice and work at a few football camps. One thing is for sure—Jaedyn McKinstry is no stranger to hard work.

McKinstry started at the local public high school, where he was happy to be with all his friends. But his mother, Cassandra McKinstry, had other plans. She knew her son had big goals and would flourish in the rigorous, supportive environment at St. John's Jesuit. So, in January of his freshman year, she drove her son 45 minutes from Fremont to Toledo for an interview at the school. He began classes the next day.



Hard Work and Gratitude:

Jaedyn McKinstry's Journey (So Far)

By Kristine Mackey

"Great woman, my mom," McKinstry says. "She does everything in her power for me."

In 2018, a basketball injury landed McKinstry in the emergency room. But doctors discovered something more alarming, and McKinstry was diagnosed with stage four rhabdomyosarcoma—a rare cancer with a 50% chance of survival. McKinstry would then endure 55 weeks of chemotherapy, radiation, and surgery, but he remained optimistic. He lost a year of high school, putting him on the five-year plan. But McKinstry was determined and was eventually able to graduate with his fellow Titans and enroll at Bowling Green State University, where he plays Division I football.

McKinstry, the second oldest of four boys, credits his family for getting him through the hard times. He says of his older brother, "Jarvis really supported my mom. He's my father figure." McKinstry's younger brother His brother Jabari is two years younger and a fellow graduate of St. John's Jesuit. The

youngest, Jaeyce, is in fourth grade. Jaeyce never left his brother's side during the hardships and seemed to understand, despite his age. "He's like a 40-year-old man trapped in a nine-year-old's body," McKinstry jokes. "Hopefully he'll become a Titan too."

And then there is his friend who is like a brother, high school classmate Nick Klein, who McKinstry met as a freshman. Klein's mother, Trisha, was also a huge source of support. McKinstry says, "I lived so far from St. John's that I spent many nights at Nick's house, and his mom took great care of me." Klein's family is representative of the larger St. John's Jesuit community to whom McKinstry attributes his recovery and success.

Other supportive figures include Todd Black, a counselor at St. John's Jesuit. McKinstry recalls, "He cried with me, laughed with me, really got me through it." McKinstry also names Mary Ann Barabino, who leads the 20/20 Jesuit Scholars Program. He says Barabino "is the reason [he] was able to

attend St. John's in the first place."

The school's daily routine of students leading the Examen over the intercom strengthened McKinstry's habit of gratitude, which he continues to practice. He says, "I didn't let feeling sorry for myself last very long at all—I just learned to be thankful. And there were so many people to be thankful for."

McKinstry is now focused on earning his degree in marketing and then going to the NFL. Since starting college, he's switched to playing tight end. "It's wherever Coach Lettler needs me. I'm just grateful to be here, and every day is a gift." ✠



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The Sisters of Immaculate Heart of Mary first developed Loyola Press's *Voyages in English* in 1943 and remain involved in updating new editions.

A Century of Books

Loyola Press leans into what it does best while also growing, innovating, and moving its headquarters for the first time in nearly 100 years.

By Michael Austin

This story begins, like many others, with a setting and a character. It's 1912 in Chicago, and Fr. William P. Lyons, SJ, has recently founded a nonprofit Catholic publishing ministry for what was then the Missouri Province of the Society of Jesus. The first publication, a campus newspaper for Loyola University Chicago, is a thin one—just four pages long. You have to start somewhere.

Soon, Loyola Press began to produce college textbooks, as well as a digest for Catholic schoolteachers. High school and grade school textbooks followed, and through

the decades, the operation sticks to what it knows best. Eventually a trade division is established to complement the curriculum division, and more than 100 years later, the ministry is one of the Midwest Jesuits' leading works.

"When I hear that, I am elated," says Joellyn Cicciarelli, president and publisher of Loyola Press (LP) since 2018. "But I also feel a lot of responsibility. Our reach is broad, and our reach is far. But we're clearly focused on Ignatian spirituality and our mission to educate and catechize."

A former schoolteacher, Cicciarelli has more than 25 years of experience in educational publishing, including a period as editor of 12 books by Fred Rogers of the television series *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*. Since 2002, she's been involved in product development and innovation at Loyola Press, which, in its history, has served more than 40 million students, with nine million of them in the last decade alone. To date, LP books have been published in 55 countries and 19 languages.

While the trade division has landed two books on The New York Times Best Seller list

(*Dear Pope Francis* by Pope Francis and *The Gift of Peace* by Joseph Cardinal Bernardin), LP's textbooks in the curriculum division have enjoyed the longest runs of success.

"I think that's one of the reasons we've sustained ourselves and thrived over the past 100 years," Cicciarelli says. "If there's one thing for certain, kids have to go to school."

Two faith formation books for K–8 students have been among LP's most successful: 1973's *Christ Our Life*, written by the Sisters of Notre Dame of Chardon, Ohio, and 2005's *Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts*, which follows Ignatian pedagogy.

Another classic title is *Voyages in English*, a comprehensive grammar and writing textbook series developed in 1943 by the Sisters of Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) in Philadelphia. Used by all Catholic schools in Philadelphia at first, and then in Chicago, *Voyages* ended up being the English book of the 1950s for 85% of U.S. dioceses. Today, it's also used in public and charter school classrooms. In his memoir, the late journalist Tim Russert, a John Carroll University alum, cites *Voyages* as a textbook that made him a better reader and writer.

THE FAITH DOESN'T CHANGE, BUT THE WAY PEOPLE WANT TO RECEIVE IT HAS CHANGED, AND WE'VE BEEN AGILE.

"From the beginning, Loyola Press has had a strong relationship with the IHMs, and when we embark on a new edition, we either fly out to Immaculata University, where their motherhouse is, or they come here," Cicciarelli says. Because the sisters are teachers, they pilot the new lessons and offer feedback.

IHM sisters also proofread, create promotional videos, and speak at the National Catholic Education Association convention about the book. In exchange, Loyola Press pays them royalties. "We're proud that we've been able to contribute to the order in that way," Cicciarelli says.



Loyola Press president Joellyn Cicciarelli poses with Fred Rogers.

Most good stories have twists and turns, and most good businesses have to evolve to survive. Which is why Loyola Press has a trade division offering non-curriculum children's books and books for adults on secular and pastoral leadership, Ignatian spirituality, prayer, and Bible study.

Many titles are now available in both English and Spanish, as well as print, e-book, and audiobook formats. There's also a podcast, *Carpool Catechesis*, and QR codes leading kids to videos, interactive games, audio recordings, and more.

"Saint Ignatius said, 'Go in their door and take them out yours,'" Cicciarelli says. "For us, that means find out how people want to consume the content and then provide the content in that way. The faith doesn't change, but the way people want to receive it has changed, and we've been agile."

Recent and forthcoming titles include *The Freedom of Missing Out* by Midwest Jesuit Fr. Michael Rossmann, an antidote for anyone struggling with the fear of missing out; *Forgive Everyone Everything* by Fr. Gregory Boyle, SJ (founder of Homeboy Industries), which includes reflections accompanied by street art; and *Silent Night*, an illustrated children's book

about the creation and history of the beloved Christmas carol, including sheet music and an option to download the song and sing along.

Loyola Press took yet another step forward this year when it relocated—for the first time in 97 years—from its Chicago headquarters on Ashland Avenue to a more technologically modern spot near O'Hare International Airport.

One wonders what Fr. Lyons might think of the ministry he founded 110 years ago.

"First of all, I think he would chuckle at the fact that *Voyages in English* is still in print," Cicciarelli says. "I think he would also be consoled that we really haven't strayed from the original vision of the Press, which was to bring religious education and catechesis to children and young people." ✠



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2022 Novices

Front row, from left: Charles Bulger, Jack Rosenwinkel, Thomas Hellenbrand; back row: Tyler Boente, Todd Honas, Jonathan Jue-Wong

TYLER BOENTE

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Tyler Boente, 27, graduated from Reed College in Portland, Oregon, in 2020 with a bachelor's degree in political science. He recently finished a year of service with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Oakland, California, where he worked as a crew supervisor for a conservation corps. While in college, Boente encountered the Jesuits through the writings of Jesuit Frs. Anthony DeMello and Daniel Berrigan. In his free time, Boente enjoys reading, watching documentaries, listening to podcasts, and hiking.

CHARLES BULGER

Avon, Ohio

Charles Bulger, 23, graduated from Avon High School and then entered college seminary for the Diocese of Cleveland at Borromeo Seminary in Wickliffe, Ohio. As a seminarian, he attended John Carroll University, where he first encountered the Society of Jesus up close. During his first year of major seminary at St. Mary Seminary in Wickliffe, Bulger began discerning a call to Jesuit priesthood. He enjoys reading, listening to and playing music, and watching various series and documentaries on Netflix.

THOMAS HELLENBRAND

Wauunakee, Wisconsin

Thomas Hellenbrand, 26, received his bachelor's degree in history from the University of Chicago and spent a year working in Washington, D.C. He then earned his law degree from the University of Notre Dame Law School in South Bend, Indiana. Hellenbrand first encountered the Jesuits at the University of Chicago through the late Fr. Paul Mankowski, SJ, and became more familiar with the Society of Jesus through several Jesuits at Notre Dame. He enjoys playing tennis, running, and reading.

TODD HONAS

Aurora, Nebraska

Todd Honas, 25, grew up profoundly deaf and earned his bachelor's degree in communications studies and business administration from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where he played football. He was introduced to the Jesuits after sustaining a career-ending injury his junior year and reading the story of St. Ignatius of Loyola while in recovery. He worked as a student assistant for football at Nebraska, in campus ministry, and with adults with intellectual disabilities. Honas enjoys Deaf culture, college athletics, swing dancing, and visiting Lake Okoboji in Iowa.

JONATHAN JUE-WONG

Ann Arbor, Michigan

Jonathan Jue-Wong, 28, holds a bachelor's degree in history from Oberlin College in Ohio and a certificate in Spanish from the University of Maine. He worked in higher education administration in the provost's office at the University of Maine and volunteered with the Red Cross and the Maine Volunteer Lawyers Project. Jue-Wong enjoys reading *America* magazine, photography, theatre, travel, and playing violin gigs with regional orchestras and chamber groups. He also likes yoga, running, hiking, skiing, and sailing.

JACK ROSENWINKEL

Palatine, Illinois

Jack Rosenwinkel, 23, first read about the Jesuits in grade school and started discerning more seriously in high school. His discernment led him to enroll at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts, where he majored in English and Catholic studies. After graduation, he spent a year on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, where he lived with Jesuits, taught religion and English, drove a school bus, and coached track. In his free time, Rosenwinkel loves going on adventures, hanging out with friends, and being outside.



FORMATION

First Vows



On Saturday, August 13, 2022, at St. Thomas More Catholic Community in St. Paul, Minnesota, five Midwest Jesuits pronounced first vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience in their first public statement of commitment to the Society of Jesus.

Each Jesuit received a vow cross (see below left), which he will keep for the rest of his life.

Pronouncing first vows is the culmination of these Jesuits' two years spent at the novitiate, where they have further discerned their vocations and learned more about how to pray, living in community, and the Society of Jesus.

All of the Jesuits who took vows this year are in formation to become a Jesuit priest, and thus will now be known as "scholastics" (as opposed to Jesuit brothers). After pronouncing first vows, Jesuits enter first studies, a two- to three-year period of graduate coursework in philosophy and theology, where most obtain master's degrees.



From left: Jesuits Brennan Dour, Patrick Fenner, Austin Kleman, Brian Martindale, and Kyle Vieth

Photo: Dave Hrbacek

Photos (left, above left, and top): Don Doll, SJ



Adam Bohan, SJ, who completed an accelerated nursing program as part of his Jesuit formation, is spending his regency working at Loyola University Medical Center.

Nurses: Experts in Humanity

By Adam Bohan, SJ

In addition to being a Jesuit, people are sometimes surprised to learn that I am also a nurse. I hear things like, “I didn’t know Jesuits could do that.” Or they ask, “How does that work?” While it is certainly not a common combination, I find that the two vocations complement one another. I believe that they add integrity to each other when practiced simultaneously.

In the year before COVID-19, I discerned with my Jesuit superiors that becoming a nurse was part of my calling from God. When describing my desire, I drew upon memories, like asking for anatomy books for Christmas as a child. I tried to relay my recurring fascination with what it means to be human, a composite of body and soul. A frequent question in the discernment process was, “Why don’t you want to become a doctor?” I answered that there is more to my longing than academics. There is an irreplaceable, relational component to nursing in health care.

I was in the middle of my accelerated nursing program when the pandemic shut

down New York City. It was a wild time to be an aspiring health care professional. Suddenly, nurses were on billboards and murals throughout the city. People were banging pots from the windows of their quarantine to cheer on this field I was so humbled to be joining.

One evening, in the thick of the pandemic, I felt heartily affirmed in my dual vocation to be a Jesuit nurse. A friend sent me an article quoting Pope Francis, in which he called nurses “experts in humanity.” When trying to explain my vocation to Jesuit superiors years prior, how I wish I’d had that affectionate expression of the Holy Father’s in my back pocket. That lofty title, “expert in humanity,” was the reason I studied at ungodly hours for exams and labs the following morning.

Unlike other health care professions, nursing is entrusted with a unique combination of care for humanity, both physically and relationally. A nurse’s insight into a patient goes beyond the physical matter of the body, in all of its fascinating physiological happenings, to include the metaphysical reality that animates our

human anatomy—the soul. Truly, only time at the bedside with the patient can afford such a privileged proficiency, and Jesuits should be there.

Now, in my current stage of Jesuit formation, called regency, I am delighted to work full-time as a registered nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit at Loyola University Medical Center. In my work caring for babies, I watch life come into the world, and sometimes I also accompany life at its other threshold. In any case, a consistent confirmation of my calling to be a Jesuit has been my simultaneous vocation to nursing. I hope to live up to the professions’ expertise, as prescribed by the pontiff himself. ✠



Adam Bohan, SJ, is a third-year regent serving at Loyola University Chicago Medical Center. He entered the Society of Jesus in 2015.

A One-Person Committee

Fr. Bado's Ministry in Lexington, Kentucky

By Thomas Creagan

The son of Slovak immigrants, Fr. Walter Bado, SJ, is a first-generation American. His parents left their small village in central Slovakia and came to the United States in the 1920s. Due to immigration quotas at the time, Fr. Bado's father spent four years in Toronto, Canada, before being able to enter the United States.

Father Bado, who grew up during the Great Depression, remembers the sadness of words he heard during his childhood, such as "layoffs." His father, a union man, worked for a meat packing warehouse during a time of turmoil.

While his family endured these challenges, Fr. Bado managed to earn a scholarship to attend Chicago's Saint Ignatius College Prep through the Slovak parish his family belonged to. He acknowledges the parish's Franciscan sisters influenced his vocation, joking, "They must have seen the nerd in me to send me off to Saint Ignatius."

In his four years at Ignatius, Fr. Bado recalls being surrounded by wonderful people, and he began to admire the young Jesuits. In his third year, his interest in the Society of Jesus became more evident. His father initially felt

concerned for the family name, but his mother was more optimistic, saying, "If it is God's will, you will become a Jesuit."

Father Bado's mother had seen signs of this vocation from an early age. One day, she frantically ran into their small home's kitchen and found her son laughing joyfully in his highchair while pieces of the ceiling fell on him. At that moment, his mother said, "That boy is going to be a priest."

After entering the novitiate in 1946, he went on to teach English, Latin, and Greek at Saint Ignatius High School in Cleveland. To this day, Fr. Bado speaks Slovak, French, German, and Latin and reads Spanish and Italian. After regency, Fr. Bado went to Europe to complete his theology studies at the University of Bonn in Germany. Europe "at times felt like a different world" for Fr. Bado, who spent time in France as well. Returning to the United States in 1971, Fr. Bado taught philosophy at Xavier University in Cincinnati for eight years.

His own studies in philosophy were briefly delayed because of time spent dedicated to poetry. An accomplished poet for over 60 years, Fr. Bado has written more than 800

poems in his lifetime, with a number of them being published.

In January of 1980, Fr. Bado was asked to start a mission in Kentucky, where he has resided ever since. Father Bado, who has now been in Kentucky for 42 years, spent 28 years serving in campus ministry at the University of Kentucky before retiring. Now, Fr. Bado serves at St. Peter's Parish in Lexington, where he is "a one-person committee of the preservation of spiritual companionship in the diocese." In Fr. Bado's words, spiritual companionship is "when two people let go and open their hearts to one another." In addition to serving as chaplain of five different groups, Fr. Bado continues to work on his poetry, and he is in contact with a literary agent to get the volumes published. Father Bado also enjoys cooking in his spare time and considers himself blessed as a successful fisherman. ✠



Fr. Bado at Boyd Lake in Kentucky



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Quin Kirchner, a 2000 graduate of Chicago's Saint Ignatius College Prep
Photo: Paul Crisanti

Music in Harmony with Values: Jesuit-Educated Musicians

By Margaret Doheny

Jesuit institutions strive to offer a holistic education, empowering students to pursue their passions and all fields of study. A Jesuit education reflects the fact that each student is a unique creation of God, which manifests in talents and skills of all kinds. Music is one such passion students are empowered to pursue.

While Loyola University New Orleans is the only Jesuit institution in the U.S. with a dedicated school of music and media, several Jesuit universities offer degrees in music studies or partnerships with other schools' music programs. However, even in the absence of a music program, Jesuit institutions still give students the tools and resources to explore their interest in music.

Successful musicians have come out of nearly every Jesuit school across in the United States, spanning all genres. This includes individuals such as the front man of the indie rock group Bright Eyes, Conor Oberst

(Creighton Prep); Jazz pianist Phil DeGreg (St. Xavier High School); singer and composer Harry Connick Jr. (Loyola University New



Mia Borders

Orleans); and singer-songwriter Lana Del Rey (Fordham University).

Jazz musician Quin Kirchner, a 2000 graduate of Chicago's Saint Ignatius College Prep, recalls being able to explore his love of music as a student at Ignatius.

IT WAS VERY MUCH EDUCATION-FOCUSED, BUT IT WAS AN ENCOURAGING ENVIRONMENT TO BE CREATIVE AND PURSUE THE ARTS.

Kirchner first discovered his passion for music through the records in his home, and he began playing drums at age 10. He holds fond memories of his time at Ignatius and remembers the educators who helped him explore his music career, crediting the school's longtime music director Don Rescigno as someone who was instrumental in helping him hone his talent on the drums.

Kirchner recalls how his Jesuit education allowed him to explore his different interests. “[Ignatius] wasn’t known as an art school,” he says. “It was very much education-focused, but it was an encouraging environment to be creative and pursue the arts.”



Beth Patterson

You need to make music for yourself, and then it needs to be transferred to others for a greater scope and for more meaning,” he says. “It needs to get out of your head and your room to an audience where it may help people.”

Louris, who now lives and works in Minnesota, echoes the motto of St. John’s Jesuit (“men for others”) while describing his work. “That is the one area I feel I am doing something for others . . . I make music, which seems to help people get through things.”

Irish folk and Celtic musician Beth Patterson graduated from Loyola University New Orleans

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Borders—a touring musician who has released several albums, EPs, and singles on her own record label—has now made her way back to Loyola University New Orleans, where she directs two ensembles and teaches a course in the school’s popular and commercial music program.

As a professor, Borders sees a connection with her own time as a student interested in pursuing music. “It’s been good to pass on the knowledge I’ve learned in my career to the next generation of musicians.”

As far as the impact of Jesuit values on her career, Borders says “What I took away



Gary Louris

As a jazz musician, Kirchner’s career has taken him all over the world, as he’s toured in the United States and throughout Europe. And even 20 years after graduating, he credits his Jesuit education for guiding him, saying, “It opened my mind up to what I might experience later, set me up for leaving town.”

He also appreciated the opportunity he had at Ignatius to interact with students from all over Chicago and learn in an environment that prioritized being open to growth. “The inclusiveness that I experienced there was pretty foundational, and it set me up for exploring the world,” Kirchner says.

Gary Louris, a 1976 graduate of St. John’s Jesuit High School in Toledo, Ohio, has also stayed true to his values as a musician. Louris, a singer, songwriter, and founding member of the band The Jayhawks, began classical training in piano at a young age before switching to guitar.

“Music needs to start from the individual.

with a bachelor’s degree in music therapy. She spent her time at Loyola knowing that she wanted to pursue music and thus took advantage of the resources offered for those interested in having a career in music.

Patterson credits Loyola New Orleans professor John Lenkin for helping her succeed. “He was crucial to my musical survival,” she says. “Not just about playing—he taught me how to survive in the ‘big bad world’ of music. And that stuck with me.”

Patterson also recalls being inspired by the late Fr. C.J. McNasby, SJ, during her time at Loyola, particularly with his travel and knowledge of different places and cultures—things that “challenged [her] to better [herself] and expand [her] way of thinking.”

Fellow Loyola University New Orleans graduate Mia Borders studied English literature as an undergrad, but remembers saving her electives to take as many music courses as possible.

from the Jesuit experience is mostly service. If there’s something I can do for someone and it’s not going to hurt me, why wouldn’t I do it?” In her approach to teaching, she says, “It’s one of those things where you can learn together and grow together. It goes hand in hand with learning and serving.” ✝



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Can Faith and Science Coexist?

By Emily Rust

Do everyday phenomena occur because of science or is it an act of God? Jesuit scientists and those who teach at Jesuit institutions would argue it's a mixture of both.

Take the big bang theory, says Guy Savastano, a science teacher at Saint Ignatius High School in Cleveland. "Physics tells us all of the things that happened after that event," Savastano says. "I say, what is the prime mover?"

To have faith doesn't mean you are contradicting science, Savastano says. "I fully think they go hand in hand. I don't think that

science means you can't believe in God."

Across the Midwest Province, there are countless science educators who incorporate Jesuit teachings and faith into their lessons. Bringing Jesuit charisms into a science classroom may not be as intuitive as it would be in the humanities, but these Jesuit institutions' science educators say to work in science is to see God's creation.

"For this to all have just happened from a big bang, I don't think so," says Joan Lappe, Ph.D., RN, FAAN, who is the Criss Beirne Endowed Chair in Nursing at Creighton

University. "There was some supreme intelligence involved in creating everything we have and everything we are."

Lappe, a researcher in osteoporosis and nursing professor, sees God's wisdom in the nature of human physiology and his care in nursing. In her teaching, the charism of *cura personalis* is paramount.

"As nurses, we tend to take care of everybody. We care about them personally," Lappe says, noting that *cura personalis* is one of the ways a Jesuit university like Creighton differentiates itself from lay institutions.

Xavier University chemistry professor Supaporn Kradtap Hartwell, Ph.D., sees *cura personalis* in another area of her profession—working and researching with students.

"It's about building relationships with students and knowing them individually," Kradtap Hartwell says. "Knowing which student in your class has a certain problem and giving them appropriate guidance." She further builds upon this relationship by aligning student capstone projects with their individual career interests which improves student engagement.

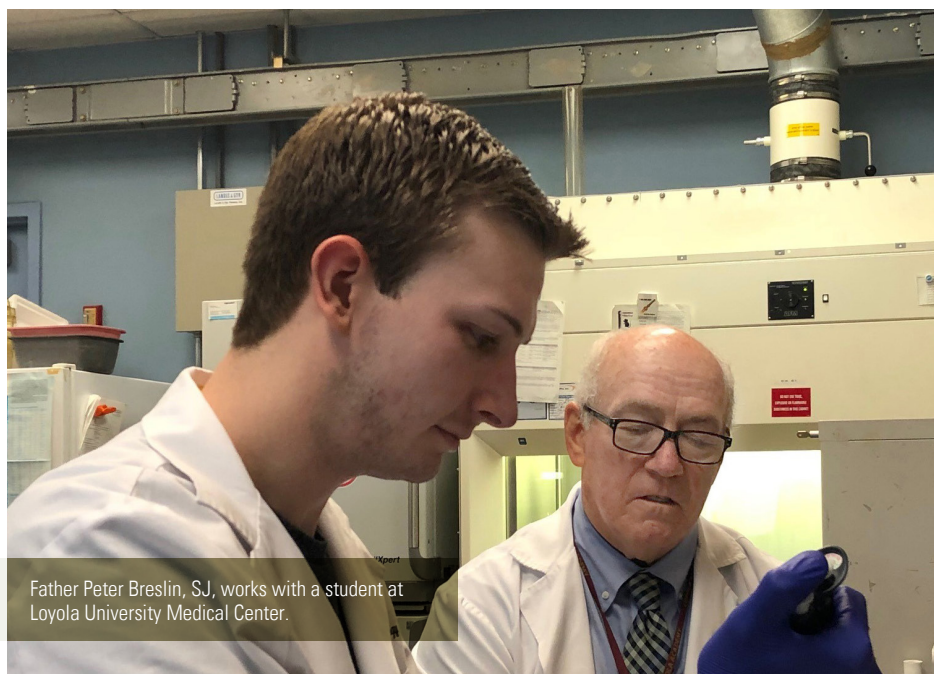
In Kradtap Hartwell's lab, green analytical chemistry is emphasized to promote environmental safety. "We try to make use of safe and low cost natural-based substances instead of toxic reagents to do chemical analysis," she says. "This is our way to protect our common home."

Savastano has found that a similar juxtaposition between science and caring for our common home lies within Catholic social teaching and science classes.

Take coal mining, something that's "awful for the environment," Savastano says, "But what about the dignity and rights of the worker? It's nuanced."

A large part of Savastano's teaching method is engaging students in discussions regarding ethical and societal issues and how that fits in with Catholic social teaching.

As a professor at Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine, Fr. Peter Breslin, SJ, often focuses discussion on the ethical



Father Peter Breslin, SJ, works with a student at Loyola University Medical Center.

issues of underserved populations. He notes that it's part of the Universal Apostolic Preferences to serve those on the margins and encourages his students to incorporate a "missionary zeal" in their care.

"A lot of times, it's a matter of putting students onto the critical connection and important responsibility that we as health care providers have to pay special attention to patients that don't have access to health care," Fr. Breslin says.

As a scientist, Fr. Breslin has an understanding of the way God created all life on Earth. "When we're doing science, we're in a very privileged position to be led by the hand of God to understand at a deeper level the mystery and beauty of the universe and everything in it," Fr. Breslin says.

He says that science is looking at the way God chose to create the universe.

"It's clear to me that God chose to have life evolve. God is still creating," Fr. Breslin says. "Every time something changes, I believe that is a choice of God. I think it's exciting to think there's parts of this universe that God hasn't created yet."

Lappe echoes Fr. Breslin's excitement of



Xavier University chemistry professor Supaporn Kradtap Hartwell, Ph.D.

God's creation. "When you see the amazing things that nature has in human physiology . . . health and disease, activity . . . it's just so fascinating," she says. "You have to believe there is a supreme being."

Father Breslin believes there isn't a dichotomy between science and faith as the entire universe is God's creation. And scientists have a special understanding of how it all works. "It's a privileged insight to be able to understand at very structural levels how God has chosen to create," he says. "When you understand the function of a DNA molecule . . . that it was God's idea."

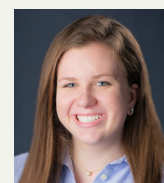
Though Fr. Breslin notes that it's not just scientists who have a special privilege. As humans, God has chosen us as cocreators.

"We're participants in creation," Fr. Breslin says. "God gives us a free hand to interact with our environment."

The universe may have started with a big bang, but God's creation continues to evolve each day. ✠



Guy Savastano, science teacher at Saint Ignatius High School in Cleveland



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Casa Romero: Developing Spiritual Strength in Milwaukee



Casa Romero Renewal Center's executive director Michael Coffey and founder Fr. David Shields, SJ
Photo: Art Montes

By Grace Rice

The newest sponsored work of the USA Midwest Province Jesuits isn't exactly new. In fact, it's over 20 years old. One Midwest Jesuit has been with Milwaukee's Casa Romero Renewal Center since the very beginning—founder Fr. David Shields, SJ. From the outside, you might not realize the vibrant community that exists within the walls of the center, housed in what was once a convent of the School Sisters of Notre Dame. The building was vacant and decrepit when Fr. Shields—then serving at nearby St. Patrick's Parish—first stumbled upon it, but he saw what could be.

Father Shields says that, in his earliest writings, he envisioned "a place for the south side Latino community to pray, to have group events, to have conferences, have programs." This vision has since become more defined. Today, Casa Romero Renewal Center is an urban, multicultural and bilingual spirituality center serving Milwaukee and southeastern Wisconsin. Motivated by the integration of faith and justice, the programs and retreats offer formation and renewal to youth and adults, strengthen families, and build community in the Ignatian tradition.

Casa Romero's executive director Michael

Coffey first got involved through Fr. Shields. Before assuming his current role, Coffey was leading continuing education programs for Catholic school teachers in Milwaukee at Cardinal Stritch University, including courses on spirituality. And while his work at Casa Romero looks different than his previous jobs,

IT'S ABOUT DEVELOPING THE SPIRITUAL STRENGTH OF INDIVIDUALS AND, TO SOME EXTENT, COMMUNITIES.

spirituality continues to be at the center of his work. Describing Casa Romero's programming, Coffey says, "It's about developing the spiritual strength of individuals and, to some extent, communities. They can weather the storms of life and they can live luminous lives of self-sacrifice to others." There's programming for people in all walks of life at Casa Romero, from grade school students and teenagers preparing for college to couples and mothers.

As far as determining the success of these efforts, Casa Romero seeks feedback immediately after each program. Coffey says,

"We have evaluations at the end of all our programs, but they are primarily subjective questions, such as do you feel more at peace? Do you feel a stronger connection to your kids? Do you feel a greater understanding of the dynamics of our culture?"

Casa Romero's wide-ranging programming is life-changing for many. Guisela Dominguez, who leads the spiritual accompaniment training program, has been with Casa Romero for over a decade. In this time, Dominguez's responsibilities have evolved. Early on, Dominguez was involved with the children's music camp. After reading about Ignatian spirituality, though, she realized it was something she could share with the other mothers, and they began to meet to discuss motherhood and their faith. Describing the community itself, Dominguez says, "We are a family; we are friends . . . nobody is more important than others." ✠



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Sovereignty, Sustainability, and Nutrition

Katie Chustak's Innovative Programming at Red Cloud

By Delia Nickson



Katie Chustak, who first came to Red Cloud Indian School as a volunteer, now serves as director of food sovereignty.

From a young age, Katie Chustak loved being outside and cultivating crops, and her hobbies led to a passion for sustainable food and farming systems. After studying sustainable food and farming systems and agricultural education at Purdue University, Chustak went to participate in the volunteer program at Red Cloud Indian School on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, where she was able to apply this passion. Today, Red Cloud has a new greenhouse that was built to promote STEM education, as well as a school garden.

When Chustak began her work at Red Cloud, the Lakota Food Sovereignty Coalition was just starting to come together, in response to a growing need to determine ways to develop food systems and promote community health while sustaining cultural knowledge of traditional Lakota foods and medicines. Serving as director of food sovereignty at Red Cloud, Chustak is integrating her knowledge into their school garden program.

In her work, Chustak has been drawn specifically to food sovereignty playing a supportive role for Indigenous food. She says, "As we see the effects of climate change growing and heightening, I think environmental health is becoming more and more urgent, but

also environmental food justice."

While Chustak has made plenty of progress with the school greenhouse and garden, she continues to plan and set goals for the future. After a lot of fine-tuning, the greenhouse is growing all four seasons, but obstacles still arise with an extreme climate. This past winter was especially intense and brought on an emerging insect problem in their garden. "We're having a terrible time with grasshoppers," Chustak says. "It sounds kind of funny, but they're taking our tomatoes and peppers!" In order to combat this new issue, Chustak has started planning for integrated pest management, in addition to maintaining the soil's health, so that they can continue to be good stewards of the land.

She is also focusing on conserving water with their irrigation by using drip lines and adding a layer of straw and mulch to prevent evaporation while continuing to conserve water. As for big plans, Chustak is putting an emphasis on partnering with the school cafeteria this year to try and incorporate Lakota culture in menu items, as well as locally grown and produced foods.

On top of the thriving school garden, Chustak has introduced a community farmers market, which has been exciting for everyone

involved. The market provides an affordable way to purchase locally grown produce and gives the community an opportunity to gather around food. Chustak is a strong believer in the social aspect of food and how cultures and communities are built in those relations.

The farmers market also benefits the community by offering a way for local producers to come sell their products. One of these vendors is the small-scale ranch Homegrown Pork and Poultry, which is located within the boundaries of the Oglala Lakota Nation. Chustak says, "It's been great to be able to provide them [homegrown pork and poultry] from a local market in Pine Ridge, because they'd usually be going up to Rapid City or places off the reservation."

Chustak has plenty of exciting plans for the new school year as she continues her mission of educating students on food sovereignty and promoting community health. ✖



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Superior General Visits South Dakota

Listening, learning, and affirming Jesuit commitment to the Lakota

By Amy Korpi

From August 14 to August 17, Fr. Arturo Sosa, SJ, Superior General of the Society of Jesus, visited the Lakota people of the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Indian Reservations where Jesuits have worked in partnership with the Oglala and Sicangu tribes for 135 years. As part of an active schedule, he met with hundreds of people, including tribal leaders, staff, students, and members of Jesuit parishes.

Father Sosa routinely visits Jesuits and ministries around the world. While in western South Dakota, he sought to affirm the Jesuits' commitment to the Lakota, learn from and about them, and visit sites of cultural and historical significance. Accompanying him were Jesuit Frs. Douglas Marcouiller, general assistant for the United States and Canada; Claudio Paul, general assistant for Latin

America; Karl Kiser, provincial of the Midwest Province; and Brian Paulson, president of the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States. Father Joseph Daoust, SJ, superior of the De Smet Jesuit Community in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, served as organizer and host for much of the event.

viewing an art show at the Red Cloud Heritage Center, and other engagements, Fr. Sosa said he was "inspired by the changes in the educational and pastoral ministries at Red Cloud and St. Francis over the past several decades, changes that flow from a renewed appreciation of the richness of the Lakota

MITÁKU(YE) OYÁSIN ("WE ARE ALL RELATED" IN LAKOTA)

— Fr. Arturo Sosa, SJ, Superior General of the Society of Jesus

Father Sosa's time in South Dakota included many listening sessions and activities. He spoke with tribal leaders and "was moved as they spoke of past hurts and future hopes." After spending time visiting classrooms and conversing with students and teachers,

culture."

One evening, Fr. Sosa spoke to an audience at Red Cloud Indian School, one of two former boarding schools in South Dakota that were administered by the Jesuits. (A recent report shows the state had 30 boarding schools at which federal government policy forced European-American cultural assimilation for Native children who were taken from their families and placed in the schools.)

"I am a simple Jesuit who wants to walk with Jesus, poor and humble, and with others like you who seek the reign of Wakhá Thánka [God], whether in Christian or in traditional Lakota ways," Fr. Sosa said. "As Jesuits walk with others the pathway to God, as we walk with those whom others have pushed aside, as we accompany the young, as we collaborate in care for our common home, we ... want a truly intercultural encounter in which each one knows his own culture with its strengths and weaknesses and, from that identity, encounters and is enriched by the other."

"It has been many years since Chief Red



Father General Arturo Sosa, SJ, and Fr. Peter Klink, SJ, meet with Makhá Akán Nažín Black Elk

Cloud and Chief Spotted Tail first called the Black Robes to the Pine Ridge and the Rosebud Reservations,” Fr. Sosa added. “Since then, we Jesuits have been privileged to walk many miles with the Lakota, and I hope that we will walk many more miles with you. We Jesuits have learned and continue to learn much from you about courage and compassion, about respect and resilience, about strength and generosity, about demanding that civil governments defend the poor and the vulnerable instead of oppressing them.”

“But when we look back over the road that we have traveled, we see that Jesuits also took some very wrong turns, especially by accepting the American government’s oppressive educational regulations that took children from their families, from their language, and from their culture,” Fr. Sosa continued. “On behalf of the Society of Jesus, I apologize for the ways in which St. Francis and Holy Rosary Missions and boarding schools were for decades complicit in the U.S. government’s reprehensible assimilation policies, trying to eradicate your culture. I ask for your forgiveness for that and for any other abuses that any of you or your ancestors suffered. I also want to express the support of



(From left) Jesuit Frs. Brian Paulson, Claudio Paul, Karl Kiser, and Arturo Sosa listen as Rilda Means, director of community relations (right), gives a tour of Red Cloud’s campus.

the Jesuits for the Truth and Healing process that is now underway.”

As one sign of that commitment, Fr. Sosa shared a meal and spoke with several of the people involved in the initiative, including executive director Makhá Akáŋ Nažíŋ Black Elk, assistant director Billy Critchley-Menor, SJ, and Tashina Rama, member and Red Cloud executive vice president.

Makhá Black Elk said, “Having the Father General here in Lakota country was moving. I know that there were elders in the room who wanted and needed to hear his apology. It kindled my heart to know that they received that. Personally, I felt affirmed and hopeful about the future. Tears came as Fr. Sosa read aloud a blessing directly from Pope Francis addressed to our community. I felt truly known as a Lakota when he emphasized the gift of relationship [and] said, ‘Your culture so beautifully teaches the world.’”

In another session, Fr. Sosa met with three former boarders and members of the Community Advisory Council for Truth and Healing – one of whom is Cecelia Fire Thunder (born Cecelia Apple), nurse, community health planner, and the first woman elected president of the Oglala Lakota Tribe.

“It was important to me that Fr. Sosa acknowledged what happened,” she said. “In his words, I felt recognition that the

Church, in the part they played in the long history of colonization, hurt people. And by traveling from the Vatican to speak with us personally, he showed he wanted to listen and be accountable. That’s significant because when you tell someone your story, it helps you release what you’re carrying. It’s also significant that he did not determine, but asked what will help us heal. I expressed the need for resources for the schools to enhance existing programs for language revitalization and cultural teaching—because our language and culture connect us with who we are and where we come from, and that’s what the boarding school system tried to remove.”

Father Sosa promised to share what he learned during his visit with Pope Francis and to take to him demands from leadership of both the Oglala and Sicangu tribes for the Catholic Church to rescind the Doctrine of Discovery (a document guiding Catholic and Christian occupation of the Americas handed down in the 1400s). ✠



Father Sosa receives a book from Cecelia Fire Thunder, a member of the community advisory council.



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Father Dan McDonald, SJ, meets with Dr. Stephanie Russell, vice president for mission integration at the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities.

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Fostering the Identity

Lay Leadership in Jesuit Higher Education

By Garan Santicola

Last fall, Xavier University celebrated the Ignatian Year with a week of events that culminated in the inauguration of their new president, Dr. Colleen M. Hanycz. Alumni chapters gathered for service projects; students explored the intersection between their majors and the common good; lay faculty shared how their work coincides with current Universal Apostolic Preferences of the Society of Jesus; and a Mass took center stage to bring the school's Catholic identity into focus.

Dr. Debra Mooney, vice president for mission and identity and chief mission officer at Xavier, notes that the inauguration of the first lay president in the school's history gave added reason to connect the event to the Ignatian Year, saying, "Had it been a Jesuit we were inaugurating, we might not have felt the need to connect it to the Ignatian Year. But because a transition to lay leadership might

raise questions about our identity as a Jesuit institution, there becomes an intentionality about articulating who we are."

CAN YOU BE A REAL UNIVERSITY AND NOT WANT TO DISCUSS RELIGIOUS QUESTIONS AND IDEAS AND TO BRACKET OUT THIS WHOLE DIMENSION OF THE HUMAN PERSON AND SOCIETY?

While the shift to a predominantly lay faculty at Jesuit universities has been in the making for the past 40 years, the shift to lay presidents has been more recent. Ten years ago, there were only four lay presidents at the 28 Jesuit colleges and universities in the United States, and now there are only four Jesuit presidents at those same institutions, a transition that accelerated in just the past

five years.

Creighton University's president Fr. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, is the last Jesuit president of the universities in the Midwest Province. And Marquette University's Fr. James Voiss, SJ, is the only Jesuit chief mission officer in higher education of these universities.

John Carroll University's chief mission officer, Ed Peck, has taken an active role in the efforts to form lay leaders like himself, serving as the founding executive director for the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities' (AJCU) Ignatian Colleagues Program, an 18-month formation program for faculty and administrators.

Father Daniel McDonald, SJ, provincial assistant for higher education for the Midwest Province, says, "Here's the thing that is interesting to me—when the lay presidents started assuming those roles, the theory was

that if you have a lay president then you need a Jesuit to be the chief mission officer. That theory has been debunked in the practical realm, and those lay presidents and lay chief mission officers are doing a terrific job.”

As all Jesuit universities engage lay leaders to promote mission and identity, Xavier might be seen as a microcosm for long-term outcomes, as the school has been at the forefront of sharing Ignatian spirituality

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among lay leaders on campus. In addition to each year’s student orientation, Xavier holds an orientation for faculty and staff called Manresa, which serves as an introduction to Ignatian spirituality.

The proliferation of Jesuit identity among faculty and staff creates a trickledown effect, reinforcing the Road Through Xavier, the core of students’ four-year path, with scholarship accented by reflection on vocation and experiential learning through service, culminating in senior capstone and research projects integrating formation with personal goals.

Dr. Mooney says, “We have shared the Road Through Xavier within the International Association of Jesuit Universities as a best practice, and we even made the case that it is a contemporary Ratio Studiorum,” referring the 400-year-old document that first established what makes a Jesuit school Jesuit.

Father McDonald notes that as Jesuit

schools work to define what it means to be Jesuit, “We’re also beginning to return to the question of what does it mean to be Catholic.”

Regarding Xavier’s Catholic identity, Dr. Mooney stresses the importance of empowering faith leaders on campus, saying, “We have our Jesuits now on campus that are taking leading roles. We want to make sure we have Jesuits very active on our campus, and we do.”

Father Michael Garanzini, SJ, former president of Loyola University Chicago and current president of the AJCU, points to the growing significance of maintaining a religious identity at universities. “People used to ask: Can you be a faith-based institution and truly be a university open to the exchange of ideas and freedom of thought? I would say the question today is the opposite: Can you be a real university and not want to discuss religious questions and ideas and to bracket out this whole dimension of the human person and society? Can you be a real university and ignore those significant human questions that religion raises?”

This fall, Loyola University Chicago will inaugurate Dr. Mark Reed as the second lay president to follow Fr. Garanzini’s tenure at the university, continuing the trend towards lay leadership at the highest levels of Jesuit universities.

But outcomes indicate this shift does not entail a loss of identity. Dr. Mooney notes that Xavier is ranked highly in surveys of student engagement—with an upward trend—in the category of making connections between their intellectual and spiritual life. She says, “We actually had a trustee say, when they were listening to this, ‘Isn’t that ultimately what we want out of our universities?’ We want our students to serve, and we want them to find God in all things, as the Jesuit motto says.”

A few years ago, Xavier reported nearly doubling the number of priests on campus from eight to fourteen. Father Brian Paulson, S.J., current president of the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States, and Midwest Provincial at the time, says, “I



Dr. Debra Mooney

agreed that our Jesuit presence at Xavier was at a crossroads, and that a renewed team of Jesuits, with a primary emphasis on student formation, could make a high impact.”

Dr. Mooney admits this flourishing of Jesuit identity under lay leadership might seem counterintuitive, but notes that the focus on articulating identity with intentionality has been a success. “Intentionality means more people are invited to share and show the mission,” she says. “And our mission is alive and stronger than ever.” ✠



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Friends in the Lord

Jesuits reflect on Ignatian ideal of intergenerational collaboration, continuity, and companionship

By Amy Korpi



Father Shano, helps Fr. Krall with his priestly stole at Fr. Krall's 2015 ordination.

When Fr. Chris Krall, SJ, entered the Jesuit novitiate in the early 2000s, his novice master Fr. Philip Shano, SJ, had recently undergone a serious illness that caused him to doubt his physical abilities.

"However, by the time I came to the novitiate," says Fr. Krall, "he was walking again and had ambitions to do much more. So, when I asked him if I could run marathons, he responded, 'If you will let me train with you.'"

Since then, the two have run the Twin Cities Marathon and climbed 14,000-foot peaks in Colorado together.

Their relationship goes far beyond challenging each other in exercise, though. Father Krall (now an assistant professor of theology at Creighton University) explains, "Philip guided me through the Spiritual Exercises and continues to inspire me in the metaphorical marathons and mountains of Jesuit formation and of life."

"One of the gifts of true friendship is that it is mutual," says Fr. Shano, now writing and serving in Spiritual Exercises ministry. "I know

with all humility that I have offered a great deal to Chris. I am also aware of the ways I have gained from his energetic and fully engaged example. This makes perfect sense—as the very foundations of the Society are rooted in intergenerational friendships."

Father Shano is referring to the 38-year-old Ignatius of Loyola and friends Francis Xavier and Peter Faber, both 23, who gathered in prayer while studying at the University of Paris—and would ultimately establish the Society of Jesus. "They shared the desire to allow their friendship to bear fruit in the world," he says. "Then, when Ignatius missioned Francis to Asia, never laying eyes on him again, Francis wrote to his friend, 'If the Lord our God has separated us by these vast differences, we are still united by our awareness of these strong bonds that unite us in a single spirit and a common love.'"

"I find that same strong bond in my spiritual friendship with Chris," Fr. Shano adds. "I was immersed in his formation—teaching, living in community, missioning to apostolic

ventures. From the start, our friendship was the underlying power of our journey together. And it continues to serve as a motivating force in our separate lives, gaining strength when we meet in person or communicate virtually."

Scholarly Colleagues

Around the same time that Frs. Krall and Shano met, Fr. Peter Bernardi, SJ, was teaching at Loyola University New Orleans and arranged for a guest lecture featuring Fr. Jared Wicks, SJ, who spoke about the newly elected Pope Benedict XVI. And thus began in earnest a relationship of academic and theological collaboration.

The two scholars have regularly conversed when they happened to be staying in the same Jesuit community. And now, Fr. Bernardi, scholar-in-residence at the Lumen Christi Institute and associate professor emeritus of theology at Loyola University Chicago, regularly visits Fr. Wicks at Colombiere Center in Michigan, where Fr. Wicks continues to research and write.

Jesuit Frs. Eugene Donahue and Jim Shea at Jesuit Retreat House on Lake Winnebago in Oshkosh, Wisconsin



"It is good to know that a Jesuit twenty years younger than myself is paying attention to my articles, which are not widely read in the U.S.," says Fr. Wicks. "In addition, I was greatly encouraged by his endorsement of my book *Investigating Vatican II: Its Theologians, Ecumenical Turn, and Biblical Commitment* (2018), which the publisher, Catholic University of America Press, placed on the back cover."

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In turn, Fr. Wicks "gladly hears and admires" Fr. Bernardi's findings from his research in French and Roman Jesuit archives. Father Wicks says, "He is for me a source of knowledge of theological publications in his area of expertise."

Intergenerational (as well as intercultural) relationships are part and parcel of the Jesuit

way of proceeding, says Fr. Bernardi. "It inspires me to be in dialogue with people like Fr. Wicks," he explains. "We all benefit from the continuity and wisdom shared through friendships in the Lord that are indicative of the character of the Society."

Supportive Community

Often, collaboration arises within the same ministry, such as in the case of Fr. Gene Donahue, SJ, assistant director, and Fr. Jim Shea, SJ, assistant director and hosting minister, at the Jesuit Retreat House in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

"Although necessity sometimes dictates that a parish priest act as 'a lone ranger,' St. Ignace envisioned an important aspect of Jesuit life to be that we live and work in community—as friends in the Lord," says Fr. Donahue. "For example, whenever we approach a problem at the retreat house, the question we ask is, 'How are we going to respond to this?' If I need help with something, it's natural to call on someone for

help, and if they need help with something, they can call on me."

An example of this support occurred a few months ago during a busy weekend retreat. "Some 48-hour flu bug was going around," says Fr. Shea. "When a retreatant became ill and had no way to get home, I volunteered to drive her back to Milwaukee. When I returned to the retreat house, I learned another resident had just fallen ill and might need to go home, to a place even further away. Overwhelmed, I walked to my office trying to figure out what to do. To my surprise, when I opened the door, I found Gene sitting there, waiting for me!"

"'Hold on a minute!' he told me. 'This is too much for one person. If you need something, I'm here to help you.' I realized that he was right; we talked it over and found a solution that didn't involve me trying to do more than was possible. Looking back, I was touched by Gene's wisdom in searching me out and stopping me when I needed stopping. I hope that someday I'll be wise enough to do the same thing for someone else." ❖



Jack Macnamara, one of the Jesuit seminarians who helped form the Contract Buyers League, speaks to a reporter.

A League of Their Own

Half a century ago a Jesuit novitiate and residents of Chicago's West Side fought housing discrimination with the formation of the now legendary Contract Buyers League

By Michael Austin

With the help of some Jesuits and college students, Black homeowners on Chicago's West Side raised their voices a little more than 50 years ago to fight the housing discrimination issue plaguing their neighborhood. As a result, hundreds of families saved their North Lawndale homes, laws were rewritten, and a Jesuit seminarian

named John R. "Jack" Macnamara found his life's work.

In the Great Migration, hundreds of thousands of Black people from the South relocated to Chicago seeking a better life. But due to blockbusting and redlining, owning a home meant buying it on contract—a precarious arrangement at best.

"Blockbusting" involved white real estate speculators scaring white homeowners into selling their homes quickly and cheaply rather than staying put and seeing their neighborhood overrun by new waves of Black residents. The speculators then sold the very same homes to Black families, sometimes a week later, at double the price or more.

Redlining is the practice of excluding resources to control neighborhood populations. In this case, the Federal Housing Administration wouldn't insure home loans to Black people, leaving prospective homeowners no option but to buy on contract. According to those contracts, buyers were responsible for all expenses and repairs to the home, and if they missed even one payment before the final payment was made, they'd lose the house. The speculator would then re-sell the house and start the process all over again.

Enter Jack Macnamara. In 1967, Msgr.

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John "Jack" Egan invited Jesuit seminarian Macnamara, to oversee a community organizing project in North Lawndale. Hearing the homebuyers' stories, Macnamara knew something was awry, and in January of 1968, the buyers, Macnamara, and others gathered for the first meeting of what would become the Contract Buyers League (CBL).

After years of meetings, pickets, protests, a payment strike, and many lawsuits—funded in part by donations from Jesuit provinces and private individuals Macnamara leaned on for support—about 450 homebuyers had renegotiated their contracts. Several dozen others had lost their homes, though, and according to a study co-authored by Macnamara and published in 2019 (about a year before his death), Black homeowners lost over \$3 billion as a result of contract sales in Chicago from 1950 to 1970.

Macnamara eventually left the Society of Jesus, got married, ran a sausage company, and raised seven children. He also served as CFO at Christ the King Jesuit College Prep on Chicago's West Side and was a fellow at Loyola University Chicago's Center for Urban Research and Learning. Through it all, he never lost his love for the cause he joined and

led as a young seminarian. He also retained his connections to the people of North Lawndale. The day before he died in 2020 at age 83, he visited the neighborhood's St. Agatha Catholic Church.

"My parents always stressed that we were blessed, and that we should use our blessings to work to build others up," says Macnamara's daughter Meghan Halleron. "I think my dad believed that the Jesuits were particularly dedicated to this mission."

Father John P. Foley, SJ, the founder of Chicago's Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, had been a year ahead of Macnamara in the novitiate. They remained lifelong friends, and Macnamara invited Fr. Foley to celebrate his funeral Mass. Macnamara also picked the readings, including one from the Gospel of Matthew, which says at 25:40: "The King will say to them in reply, Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brethren of mine, you did for me."

Surely with the residents of North Lawndale in mind, Fr. Foley closed with "We thank God for having known such an extremist for love."

Dave McNulty, a Jesuit novice in 1968, visited North Lawndale over Christmas break in 1968 and worked there as part of his Jesuit formation through August of 1969. His task was to research the availability and quality of homeowners' insurance for Lawndale residents, many of whom, through the CBL, would renegotiate their contracts by 1971.

"I was excited about the work because of its direct application of social justice and faith that does justice," says McNulty, who ultimately left the Society and now serves as provincial assistant for operations for the Midwest Jesuits. "Having grown up on the North Shore of Chicago, the firsthand experience of poverty and violence was very new and eye-opening to me. On the other hand, meeting so many families working to provide well for their children was very familiar and reassuring to me."

Also in attendance at CBL meetings were attorneys from the prestigious Chicago law firm Jenner & Block, including Tom Sullivan,

John Tucker, Dick Franch, John Stifler, Carol Thigpen, Jeff Colman, and others, as well as several paralegals. For more than 15 years, the attorneys offered their legal services



Dave McNulty

to contract buyers on a volunteer basis, renegotiating contracts for over 450 families and filing two federal lawsuits. Today, Jenner & Block is well-known for their pro bono work, and many of the attorneys remained lifelong friends with client members from the CBL.

Many others contributed to this movement, such as Sister Andrew, a nun who had 10 years of real estate experience before entering religious life, as well as numerous Black contract buyers, including Henrietta Banks, Charles Baker, Ruth Wells, and cochairman Clyde Ross.

The Contract Buyers League's legacy is still felt today. The publicity generated by the cases helped bring about major housing reforms, both at the state and federal level. To say the group's members came from different backgrounds would be an understatement. But above all else, they shared a commitment to fighting injustice, and in turn, made history. ✠

We give thanks for the following Jesuits who have gone home to God.

Fr. Patrick L. Murphy, SJ

July 10, 1932 – May 24, 2022

“All his life, Pat wanted to work directly with the poor and marginalized, both abroad and in the United States.”

Latin, history, and theology teacher, counselor, and coach at Marquette University High School in Milwaukee; Latin and history teacher at Campion Jesuit High School in Prairie du Chien, Wisc.; theology instructor at Creighton University in Omaha; prison chaplain; pastoral ministry in San Diego, Jamaica and the West Indies, Belize, and various cities in Florida; member of the Speakers Bureau at Food for the Poor, Inc.

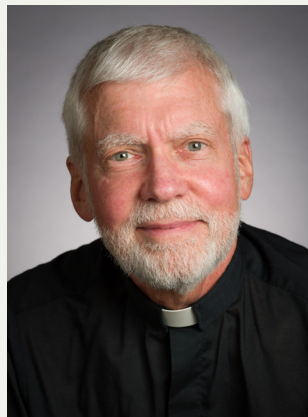


Fr. Harry J. Gensler, SJ

May 5, 1945 – June 8, 2022

“Harry was a teacher at heart. He loved knowledge (especially philosophy, morality, and logic) and desired to share it with others.”

Philosophy professor at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash., University of Scranton in Pennsylvania, and John Carroll University in University Heights, Ohio; philosophy professor and director of studies for the collegian program at Loyola University Chicago; scholar.



Br. Jim Boynton, SJ, has been named president of University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy.



Fr. R.J. Fichtinger, SJ, has been named pastor of St. Thomas More Catholic Community in St. Paul, Minnesota.



Fr. Paul Mueller, SJ, has been named superior of the Jesuit Community of the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome.



Fr. James Sand, SJ, has been named director of mission for St. John’s Jesuit High School in Toledo, Ohio.



Fr. Jack Treloar, SJ, has been named superior of the Jesuit Retreat House Community in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.



Fr. Matt Walsh, SJ, has been named pastor of St. John’s Parish in Omaha.

A Key Partner in Jesuit Education: USAID/ASHA

By Brigid Ard



Fr. Tony Wach, SJ, at the grand opening of Ocer Campion Jesuit College's new science building.

Earning an international in education has been no simple feat for the Jesuits; there is much to do to create accessible schools offering quality academics. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is instrumental in these efforts. Founded in 1961, USAID aims to establish public diplomacy and developmental assistance abroad.

The relationship between the Jesuits and USAID American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA) began in 1995 with the establishment of Loyola High School in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The first grants were used to build an administrative building and classrooms. In 2022, the school received \$772,000 to add a dormitory, thus officially becoming a boarding school.

Following that success, the efforts expanded. Ocer Campion Jesuit College in Gulu, Uganda—founded by Fr. Tony Wach, SJ, in 2010—has received grants totaling \$1.6 million, including funding for a kitchen and dining hall, dormitory, and science hall.

USAID/ASHA's grants have also benefitted

St. Peter Claver High School in Dodoma, Tanzania (previously led by Fr. Martin Connell, SJ), which has received \$500,000 for the construction of school buildings. The impact of these grants is incalculable, and the possibilities presented by education are limitless.

"With over \$8.8 million in ASHA grants received to date, these schools would not be what they are today if not for the Jesuits' commitment to education and USAID/ASHA's partnership and commitment to public diplomacy abroad and instilling American ideals and values," said Ann Power Greene, senior director of grants for the Midwest Jesuits. ✠



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The Circle of Companions is a recurring gift program supporting Jesuit vocations, formation, and education; care for senior Jesuits; and Jesuit works both locally and internationally.

Nick Nalbach, a 2016 graduate of Creighton University, serves on the Jesuit Partnership Council of Omaha and is a member of the Circle of Companions. Nalbach says:

I started donating monthly around a year ago, and it's something I've honestly forgotten about. But don't take that in a bad

way. That monthly donation is simply a part of my everyday life now, just like a Netflix or Amazon subscription. Except with this I get a letter from the province at the end of the year showing how much I've donated. I feel proud of what I'm supporting and realize that these incremental payments add up to a number that truly has an impact.

Members of the COC program play an essential role in furthering the Jesuit mission. The collective support—be it monthly, quarterly, or annually—from both longtime donors and new members such as Nalbach will continue to uphold the mission and works of the Jesuits for years to come. ✠



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with speaker Fr. Tim McCabe, SJ

NOVEMBER 2

Cleveland

"Transformational Leadership"
with speaker Michael Anderson

NOVEMBER 3

Milwaukee

A Jesuit Walks Into a Bar: Sit-Down
Comedy" with Fr. Jake Martin, SJ

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