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Dear Friends,

As we near the end of 2020, I find myself reflecting on the ways that the world has changed over these last 12 months. The onset of the pandemic, followed by economic collapse, and the social and political upheaval of an election year—any of these would be remarkable on their own. Yet in all of this, we have adapted to find new ways of worshipping, socializing, working, sharing, and learning together. Yes, these adjustments were and continue to be stressful, but these are also times of grace, as we see faith and courage overcome desolation and fear.

Perhaps that is why it's no surprise that our schools across the Midwest rose swiftly to meet the challenges of COVID-19 (page 14), stepping up in the same way Jesuits have done since our founding. In Cincinnati, at Bellarmine Parish and Xavier University (page 20), the pandemic united the parish and university to work together in unique and innovative ways, as perhaps nothing else could have. At the same time, the Seminars in Ignatian Formation and Leadership (SIF) program (page 19) continued to offer training in the Spiritual Exercises to those serving at our Jesuit works. This vital program transitioned successfully to an online model, so that the ripple effect of this training continues.

But the good news is not limited to just our works.

Our cover story (page 6 and pull-out section) focuses on the lengthy process of Jesuit formation, beginning with a vocation and continuing through his final vows. At this time, we are blessed to have 18 men at the Jesuit Novitiate of St. Alberto Hurtado in St. Paul, Minnesota. This past August, another seven men pronounced first vows and moved on to first studies in Chicago and St. Louis. An additional seven men were ordained as deacons this summer and fall, and they will move on to be ordained as priests next summer.

Perhaps of greatest interest to me in this magazine is a story close to my heart, featuring Campion High School in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. I spent two years there before the school closed, and as you'll read (page 16), it was "a wellspring of vocations and avocations for laypeople dedicated to the work of the Jesuits and lives lived in the Ignatian tradition." I am grateful to the Jesuits who served there, and for the gifts bestowed upon me in that experience.

There's much more to be had in this issue—Pope Francis's latest encyclical, Jesuit-involved young adults, and even a conversation with Jesuit-educated comedian Bob Newhart.

As I pray for you, I ask for your prayers for the Society of Jesus and for those we serve. We cannot do our work without the support and prayers of you, our friends and benefactors.

I wish you a blessed and peaceful Christmas season; may you and those you cherish be safe, well, and filled with the joy of Christ's arrival.

V. Rev. Brian G. Paulson, SJ
Provincial, USA Midwest Province

Postcard featuring Marquette Hall at Campion High School
Photo: Matt Micka, Campion-Knights.org

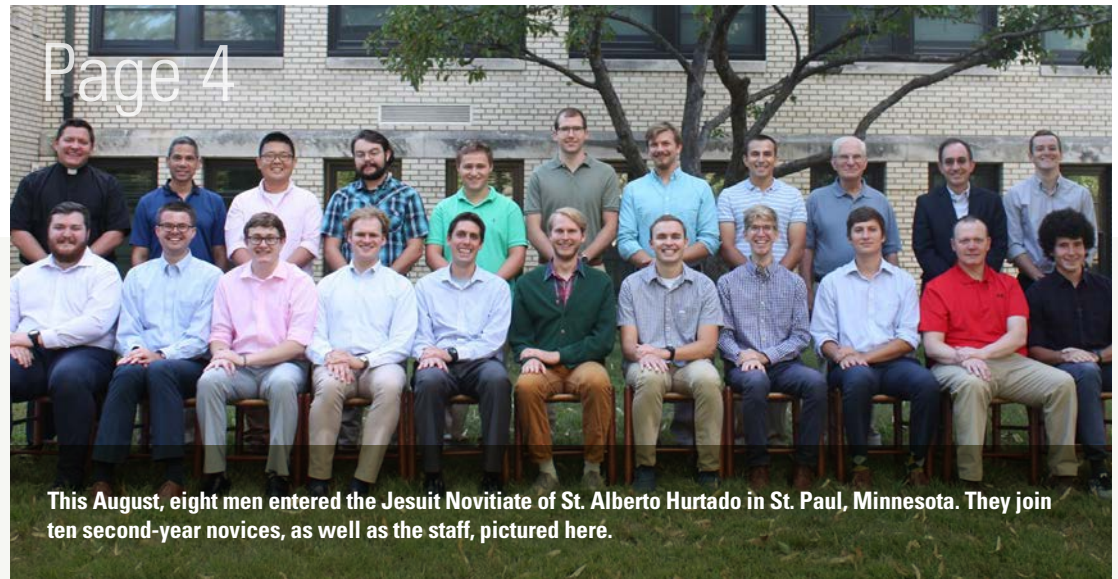




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A Jesuit receives a vow cross as he professes first vows (at the end of his two years at the novitiate) and keeps it for the rest of his life.

Meet the New Novices



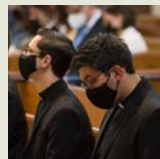
This August, eight men entered the Jesuit Novitiate of St. Alberto Hurtado in St. Paul, Minnesota. They join ten second-year novices, as well as the staff, pictured here.

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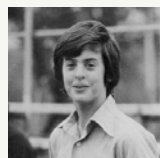
Formation in the Society of Jesus is a decade-long process designed to prepare scholastics and brothers to spread the word of God and minister at apostolates.



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A Community of Hope

The Ignatian Spirituality Project's first European affiliate has begun offering programs in Dublin.



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Fertile Ground

The legacy of Campion High School in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, is carried on by the alumni.



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Akol Arop: An Athlete and a Man of God

Creighton Prep graduate Akol Arop's strong faith life sets him apart from other Division I basketball players.

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Pope Francis signed "Fratelli Tutti" at the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi on October 3.

Pope Francis Releases New Social Encyclical "Fratelli Tutti"

On October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Pope Francis released his third encyclical, titled "Fratelli Tutti," and subtitled "on fraternity and social friendship." The encyclical was signed October 3, on Pope Francis's visit to the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi, Italy. Following "Laudato Si'" — Pope Francis's encyclical on care for our common home—"Fratelli Tutti" takes on other issues. Pope Francis writes, "I offer this social encyclical as a modest contribution to continued reflection, in the hope that in the face of present-day attempts to eliminate or ignore others, we may prove capable of responding with a new vision of fraternity and social friendship that will not remain at the level of words."

He calls on us to acknowledge the dignity of every person and the way the COVID-19 pandemic has revealed "false securities," as well as division across the world. The encyclical also includes a reflection on the Gospel parable of the Good Samaritan, which Pope Francis presents in the form of the Spiritual Exercises, a prayer developed by St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Cardinal Michael Czerny, SJ, told *America*, "I know that 'Fratelli Tutti,' like all other documents of the social teaching, will remain forever as part of the heritage of depository of the Church, but we receive it at this particular moment in history when people feel we're 'on the brink' and can't go back and, as Pope Francis tells us: 'Don't even think of trying to go back.'"



Fr. O'Malley, between fellow Jesuits, Frs. Greg Schenden, SJ, and Ron Anton, SJ

Father John O'Malley, SJ, Culminates a Six-Decade Teaching Career Via Virtual Classroom

This past May, after 67 years of teaching, 29 books, eight best book awards, 150 journal articles, 20 honorary doctorates, two historic General Congregations, and three lifetime achievement awards, Midwest Jesuit Fr. John O'Malley taught his final history class at Georgetown University. Although he did not have his students physically present, they all wished him well from their virtual classroom. Father O'Malley was a professor in the theology department at Georgetown and also served as president of the Renaissance Society of America and Catholic Historical Society.

Father O'Malley is considered a giant among Jesuit scholars and intellectuals, and he is also known for being a kind and humble Jesuit priest. Father O'Malley entered the former Chicago Province in 1946 when he was 18 years old. He taught his first history class over six decades ago at Saint Ignatius College Prep in Chicago. Many young Jesuits have cited Fr. O'Malley's writing as one of the ways they were introduced to the Society of Jesus. Currently, Fr. O'Malley is missioned to pray for the Church and the Society, and he continues to research and write for publications such as *America*.



Marquette University, 2017

Midwest Jesuit Universities Named to 2021 U.S. News & World Report Rankings

This September, U.S. News & World Report released its annual rankings of the best colleges and universities in the United States. Midwest Jesuit institutions were featured prominently on the list.

Of the approximately 1,900 four-year colleges and universities nationwide ranked by U.S. News, only 389 (or about 20 percent) are classified as National Universities. These universities are recognized by U.S. News for offering a full range of undergraduate majors, plus master's and doctoral programs, as well as for producing groundbreaking research.

Marquette was ranked #88 in national universities and #18 in best undergraduate teaching.

Creighton University and Loyola University tied for #112 among national universities. Additionally, Creighton's Heider College of Business was ranked nationally with the finance program at #14, and the accounting program ranked at #25.

For regional rankings, U.S. News & World Report considers factors including graduation and retention rates, undergraduate academic reputation, social mobility, and student selectivity. Among regional master's universities in the Midwest, John Carroll University was ranked #2 overall, as well as #1 in best colleges for veterans and #3 in best undergraduate teaching. Xavier University was ranked #5 overall, #3 in best colleges for veterans, and #5 in best undergraduate teaching.

Photo: Barbara Flies



Jesuits Hung Nguyen, Robert Karle, Thomas Bambrick, and Jeffrey Dorr at their ordination to the diaconate.

Midwest Jesuits Ordained as Transitional Deacons in Ceremonies Across the Country

In anticipation of their ordination to the priesthood, Jesuit scholastics are ordained to the diaconate during their theology studies. The diaconate role, in which they typically serve for six months to a year, is the final step in their preparation for priestly ordination. Deacons proclaim the Gospel and preach and teach in the name of the Church. As ministers of sacraments, they baptize, witness marriages, and conduct wake and funeral services.

This year, Jesuits were ordained in Masses across the country in Omaha; Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts; Orinda, California; and Toronto. Among those ordained as deacons were seven Midwest Jesuits. Trevor Rainwater, SJ, was ordained by the Most Reverend Terrence Prendergast, Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall, in the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes in Toronto on May 23. Aaron Malnick, SJ, was ordained by Cardinal Sean O'Malley, OFM Cap., on September 19 at the Church of St. Ignatius of Loyola in Chestnut Hill. Four Midwest Jesuits were ordained by the Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, SJ, Bishop of Oakland, in Orinda on October 24: Thomas Bambrick, SJ; Jeffrey Dorr, SJ; Robert Karle, SJ; and Hung Nguyen, SJ. Lastly, Jeffrey Sullivan, SJ, was ordained on November 5, by the Most Reverend George J. Lucas, Archbishop of Omaha, at St. John's Parish at Creighton University. Garrett Gundlach, SJ, will be ordained a deacon in Paris in April 2021.



Photo of Marley Christian by Akeelah Christian, freshman, CRJHS Twin Cities

Marley Christian

Hometown: Brooklyn Center, in the northwest corner of Minneapolis

School: Cristo Rey Jesuit High Twin Cities (current sophomore)

Passion: Music and the cello

How did you select Cristo Rey Twin Cities?

When representatives from Cristo Rey came to my Catholic grade school, I knew right away. They said they had a 100 percent graduation rate, and that really caught my attention. I double-checked with a guy in my neighborhood who was a senior there, and he told me it was true and gave me some good advice. After I visited, I knew it was the place for me. I felt a sense of belonging, and the community was great. I didn't know what a Jesuit was when I first went to Cristo Rey. I had never heard of St. Ignatius. It's hard to believe I know so much more now compared to when I came, especially about life. Father John Paul, SJ, has really influenced me. We had a great conversation that sticks with me. I remember him asking me what it means to be a follower, and whether that would be a good thing? Wow. It really got me thinking. Now my younger sister Akeelah attends Cristo Rey. I like seeing her have the same great experience.

Where have your work-study assignments been?

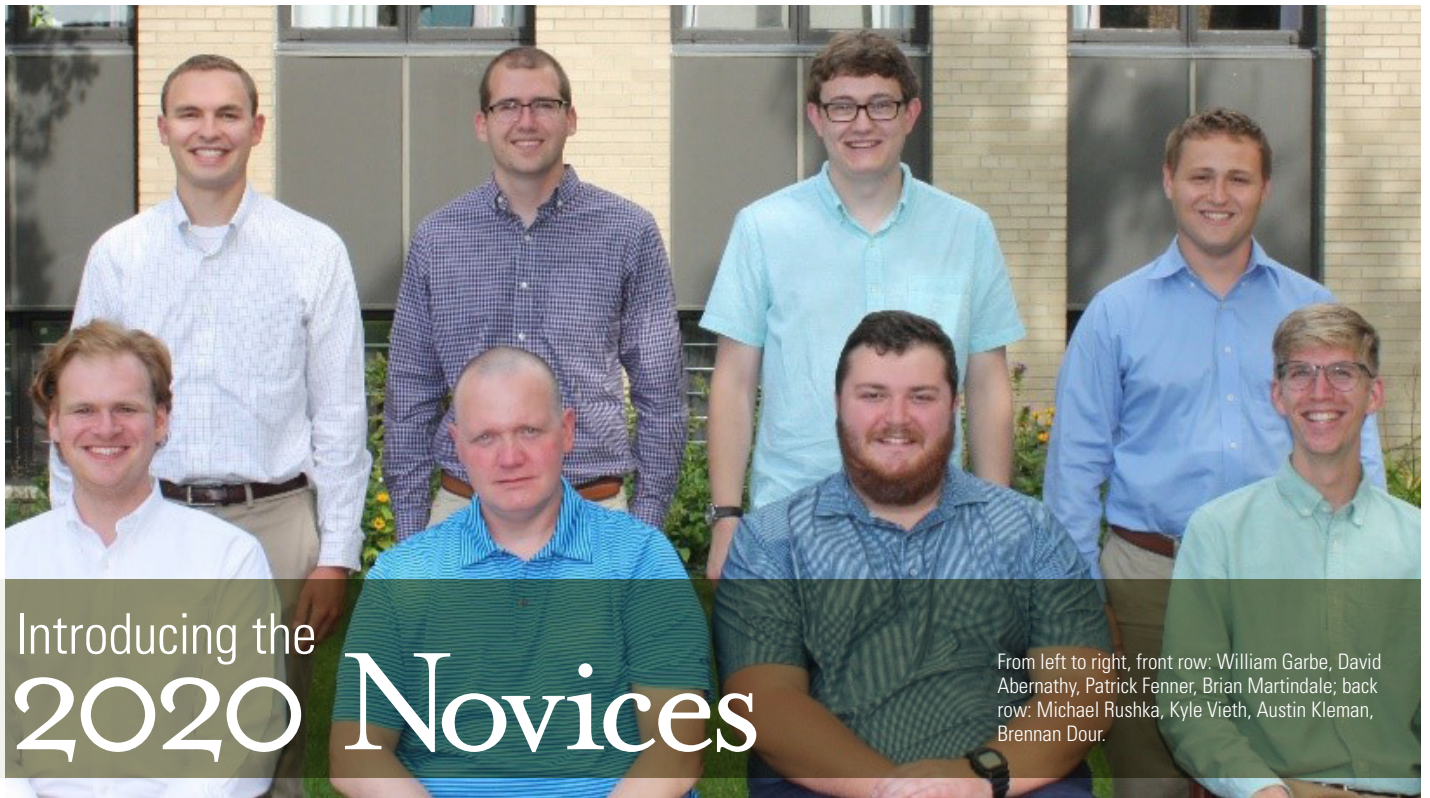
I started as a freshman at the Peter Claver Center as a teacher's assistant; now as a sophomore, I work for Accenture. Due to

COVID-19, I work from home, which is a lot more difficult, but the people there are great, and it's working out.

How did you get interested in the cello?

I saw a violinist in my neighborhood who inspired me. Then I started with the violin. In second grade, I picked up the cello, and it's become my main passion, maybe because I got pretty good at it. I started with a group in grade school, and now there's only three of us who still play, but we really like to practice and work together. They are more than just my music group—we basically grew up together! There was one year where we just blossomed! We are not able to gather due to COVID-19, but we practice together online. Last year I received the Roderick Cox Music Initiative scholarship for musical studies at the MacPhail Center for Music, and that's made me want to try even harder. MacPhail is a lot like Cristo Rey—a community, and more than just a school. Today I'm playing with the Minnesota Northside Youth Orchestra (MNYO), with the Cristo Rey orchestra, which is getting better, and with the Northside Choir. I also play the viola (as does my sister), violin, drums, and percussion.

Note: African Americans only make up 1.8 percent of orchestras nationwide (League of American Orchestras).



Introducing the 2020 Novices

From left to right, front row: William Garbe, David Abernathy, Patrick Fenner, Brian Martindale; back row: Michael Rushka, Kyle Vieth, Austin Kleman, Brennan Dour.

David Abernathy, 46, was raised in Belleville, Illinois, near St. Louis, Missouri, where he graduated from Althoff Catholic High School. He went on to receive a bachelor's degree in law enforcement

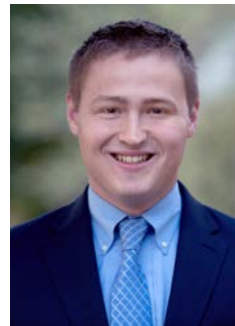


and justice administration from Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois. He served for 20 years as a police officer with the city of Belleville and retired in August of 2020. During a period of discernment, Abernathy got to know the Jesuits while attending a "come and see" weekend in Chicago, and he felt an instant connection.

Brennan Dour, 23, grew up in Bremerton, Washington, and graduated from the University of Notre Dame with majors in liberal studies and German. During his time at Notre Dame he also studied in Munich, Heidelberg, and

Jerusalem. Dour began discerning a vocation to the Society of Jesus in college after meeting a few Jesuit priests during his studies and reading several works by Jesuit authors.

Patrick Fenner, 22, graduated from Skutt Catholic High School in Omaha, Nebraska. Fenner continued his education at Creighton University graduating with a degree in secondary education and theology. While at Creighton, he became more acquainted with the Jesuits and began to discern a call to the Society of Jesus. Fenner led



retreats at Creighton and found joy in the deepening of his own spirituality and that of others.

William Garbe, 28, first discerned Jesuit life while living in Cincinnati, following a retreat at Ignatius Jesuit Centre in Guelph, Ontario. He spent several months praying with Jesuit Fr. James Martin's books and *The Examen* podcast.



A few months later, Garbe left his career as an investigative reporter at the Dayton Daily News and moved to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota to live and work as a *donné* with Red Cloud Indian School's Jesuit community. Garbe is a native Michigander, born in Ann Arbor, and he grew up in Toledo, Ohio, where he attended St. Francis de Sales School. He graduated from the University of Dayton in 2014.

Austin Kleman, 23, graduated in 2019

with a psychology and philosophy degree with honors from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota. During his studies, Kleman participated in a missionary program in



Uganda and an internship program with the Lasallian brothers in Brisbane, Australia. This past year, Kleman worked as the general manager of a Dunkin' restaurant in his hometown, Wausau, Wisconsin. Kleman first discovered the Jesuits in his final year at Saint Mary's and spent this past year learning about the order and discerning the call to join.

Brian Martindale, 23, was raised in Carmel, Indiana, a suburb of Indianapolis. He attended Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School in Indianapolis, where he first encountered the Jesuits and began discerning his vocation. He continued his education and discernment at Marquette

University, where he studied biochemistry, philosophy, and peace studies.

At Marquette, Martindale was also heavily involved in campus ministry and the Center for Peacemaking. Martindale just completed a year of service with Jesuit Volunteer Corps, working as the outreach coordinator at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Baltimore.



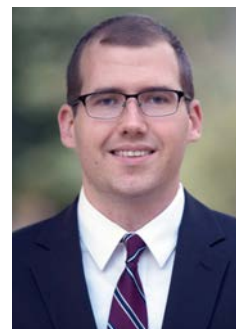
Michael Rushka, 23, was raised in Indianapolis.

When Rushka was a senior at Cathedral High School, in the fall of 2015, his theology teacher took him to see Pope Francis in Philadelphia, and that was where



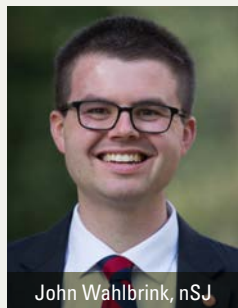
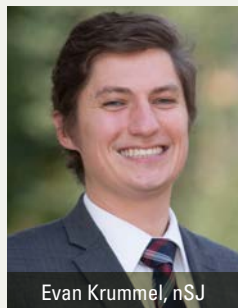
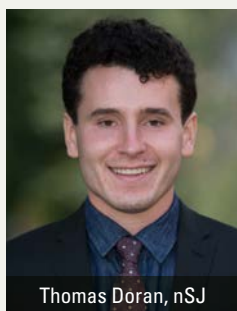
he first felt called to the Jesuits. After high school, he attended Georgetown University and graduated in 2020 with a degree in physics and mathematics. While at Georgetown, he was active in the Knights of Columbus and Georgetown Right to Life. He also participated in the university's Gregorian chant schola.

Kyle Vieth, 27, grew up in Cincinnati and graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a bachelor's degree in chemistry and a master's degree in physiology.



After earning his master's, he spent two years working in a research lab at the university studying iron metabolism. He then entered the seminary in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati where he remained for a year and a half. As Vieth desired to reach those on the periphery, he first began discerning a Jesuit vocation at the advice of a trusted mentor and priest. ✠

SECOND YEAR NOVICES AT THE JESUIT NOVITIATE OF ST. ALBERTO HURTADO:





A Decade of Devotion:

The challenging and rewarding process of becoming a Jesuit brother or priest

Seven Midwest Jesuits pronounced first vows on August 7 at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in St. Paul, Minnesota.

By Grace Rice

Avocation to the Society of Jesus is unique. Saint Ignatius of Loyola set out to create a religious order that was different than the monastic and mendicant orders of his time. Additionally, St. Ignatius formalized the training, as he described the process of Jesuit formation in the Constitutions. As the Jesuits began to educate others and set out to spread the word of God across the globe, it was imperative that they were equipped to do so, just as St. Ignatius himself had gone back to school in order to be of greater service. At the University of Paris, St. Ignatius became acquainted with the men who would become the first companions, and in 1534, at a small chapel in Montmartre, the men pronounced vows of poverty and chastity and promised to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Flash forward almost 500 years. The Society that group of men founded has become the world's largest religious order, with over 16,000 priests and brothers, known for its focus on

education, frontier mission work, and social justice. On August 7 at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in St. Paul, Minnesota, seven Midwest Jesuits—Emmanuel Arenas, Philip Cooley, Patrick Fisher, Alexander Hale, Kevin Karam, Justin Prom, and John Stein—pronounced

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their own first vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. The vows came after two years as novices, where the men further discerned their vocation and were introduced to Jesuit life. At first vows, Jesuits affirm their desire to continue the lengthy process of formation. At this year's Mass, Provincial Fr. Brian Paulson, SJ, said in his homily, "By pronouncing these vows you're going to make yourself publicly available for the people of God,

to help them on their journey home to God." At first vows, Jesuit brothers take on their title as a vowed brother in the Society, while those who will go on to be priests become "scholastics." All of the men proceed to first studies, typically a three-year period of graduate coursework in philosophy and theology at a Jesuit university, where many will obtain master's degrees.

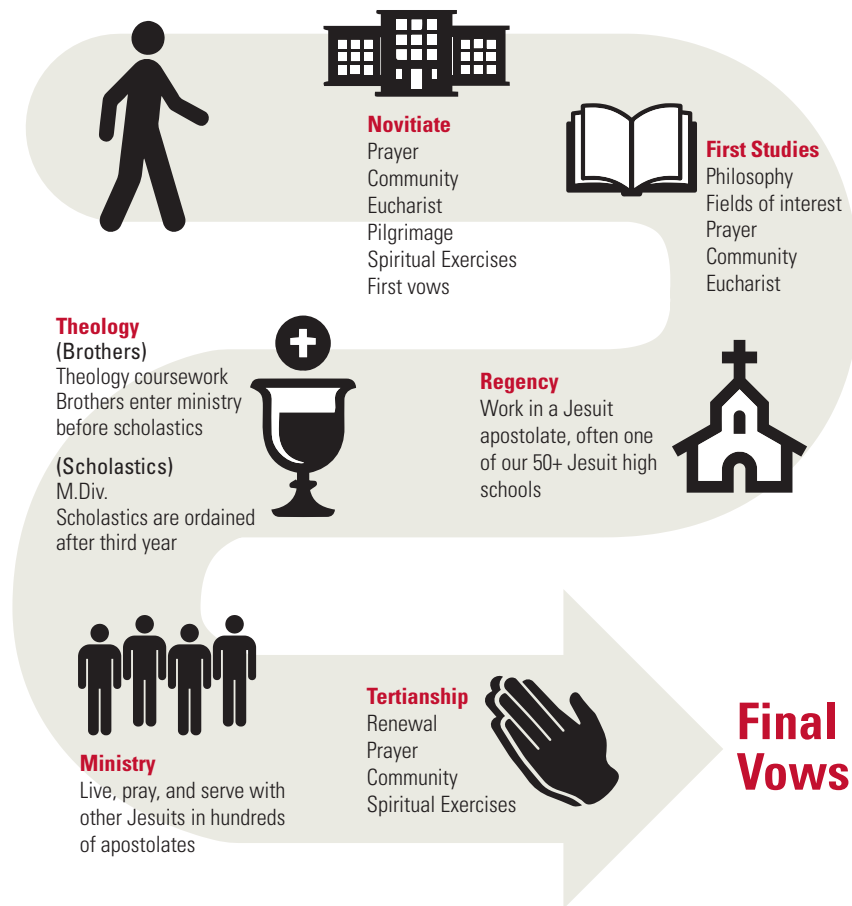
Father Mark Scalese, SJ, superior of the first studies program at Loyola University Chicago, describes the men coming out of the novitiate into first studies as "on fire." He says, "They had a very good experience of those two years in the novitiate, where they really come to know themselves and to love Jesus, the Church, and the Society of Jesus." In addition to their coursework, during first studies Jesuits begin to grow into the kind of life they will have for the rest of their time in the Society, learning to live in a community, without a prescribed day-to-day routine. "They begin to learn how to

take responsibility for their own prayer life when we don't have a schedule that says this is when you pray," Fr. Scalese says.

Although brothers and scholastics will ultimately take on different ministries, as brothers will not be ordained, the trajectory of their formation looks very similar these days. However, it wasn't always that way; at one point, many brothers had roles as groundskeepers while priests went on to pursue advanced degrees.

Brother Jerry Peltz, SJ, who now serves as minister at the Creighton University Jesuit community, entered the Society after volunteering at Red Cloud Indian School on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. He interacted with the Jesuits working on the reservation, and, seeing what they did, found his own vocation: "One thing led to another. It seemed to be a good fit. It led me faith-wise to commit to a lifelong experience serving the Church and the Lord." When Br. Peltz entered in 1978, he was the first brother to enter in a while. "There was no formal program," he says. He joined the novitiate with the scholastics and carved his own way, going on to teach high school math at Creighton Prep and Red Cloud before getting a graduate degree in secondary school administration. As for the different places and roles his career as a Jesuit has led him to, Br. Peltz says, "It's been exciting."

Brother Ken Homan, SJ, joined the Society 10 years ago, and he now serves as chair of the Jesuit Brothers Committee of Canada and the USA as he pursues his Ph.D in history at Georgetown University. Brother Homan decided to enter the novitiate after two years at Creighton. He found himself called to share Christ with others, and at the novitiate he discerned that God wanted him to be a brother. "Part of your discernment during the novitiate is being open to this, possibly being a brother. And so, I just had this real feeling of yeah, I was called to be a Jesuit, but I don't feel called to the priesthood. A brother makes much more sense for me," Br. Homan says. Since the novitiate, Br. Homan's formation has



largely mirrored that of the scholastic, although the areas of study are slightly different.

Ten years is typically what people think of for Jesuit formation. First studies is followed by regency, where Jesuits spend two to three years working full time at a Jesuit apostolic work. Regency is followed by theology studies, where Jesuits spend three more years taking graduate coursework. The scholastics are ordained after 10 years, and brothers generally move to full-time ministry as well at that point too. But the process is not totally over. Some years later, sometimes over a decade later, Jesuits take part in tertiarity, where they complete their formation of prayer, guidance, and studies, preparing for final vows. Some refer to tertiarity as "the school of the heart." By pronouncing final vows, the Jesuit reaffirms his first

vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Father James Martin, SJ, explains, "In the first vows you are promising to enter the Society; in the final vows the Society is now ratifying that offering." At this point, a Jesuit is "fully formed."

There are certain easier, faster ways to be a priest or part of religious life than a Jesuit formation. To be called to the Society of Jesus is, as its motto attests, to be called to set the world aflame, for the greater glory of God. ✠



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An Itinerant Life

By Dan Dixon, SJ

My single greatest hesitation in entering the Jesuit novitiate had nothing to do with vows of poverty, chastity, or obedience. It was all the moving around that got me. “Can you really form lasting and loving relationships while constantly on the road?” I wondered, as I debated whether to pick up the phone and call the vocation director.

Our Jesuit formation is characterized by transitions. Jesuit scholastics and brothers rarely, if ever, live in a particular place for longer than three years.

I’ve found over my eight years as a Jesuit that itinerant life has its perks. I have lived in many places: St. Paul, Cleveland, Mexico, Denver, Ann Arbor, Peru, New York, Detroit, and Cleveland again. As a young man in the latter half of my twenties and early thirties, this has appealed to my sense of adventure, filling me with memories unique to those places.

I love sharing my stories with friends and family, most of whom live a much more stable and sedentary existence than I do. Adventures are exciting, and my loved ones delight in picturing me boldly

venturing from one city to the next. But as I prepared for yet another transition this past summer, ending regency in Cleveland to begin theology studies in Berkeley, California, excitement seemed to be residing in a different zip code.

For the last three years, one of my roles at Saint Ignatius High School

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was to help start the Welsh Academy, a middle school serving families of modest economic means. This journey has been equal parts inspiring, humbling, thrilling, and terrifying. I didn’t want to leave the people who have made the Welsh Academy and Saint Ignatius High School so special and graced for me. The seeds that I and countless others have planted are just starting to bloom. Cleveland was starting to feel like home, and I wanted to stay.

And yet, as I acclimate to the very different routine and rhythm in theology studies, I am convinced more than ever

that God is calling me to be a priest. The sadness I felt in leaving Cleveland and the people who made it special was oddly consoling. “This is working,” I thought. My students, my coworkers, and my Jesuit community members were calling my priesthood out of me with every “We’ll miss you, Mr. Dixon” or “Let’s catch up once you get settled in Berkeley.”

Our Jesuit formation takes us not only to many places, it also puts us in close proximity with God’s people, who time and time again have affirmed the value of our vocation, with every story they share and blessing they impart. As I make yet another transition this year, I am full of gratitude to God and everyone who is responsible for making this beautiful, itinerant life possible for my Jesuit brothers and me. ✠



Dan Dixon, SJ, is a first-year theologian at Santa Clara University. He entered the Society of Jesus in 2012.



A Special Grace: Fr. Francis Daly and Spiritual Direction

By Nora Dabrowski

The Spiritual Exercises are a central tool in Ignatian spirituality and Jesuit formation.

As a Jesuit, Fr. Francis Daly has studied and taught this method of prayer and reflection to countless Jesuits and laypeople during his career, introducing them to Jesus and deepening their relationship with the Lord.

As a young man in Chicago at St. Sabina elementary school, Fr. Daly was introduced to his first directed retreat in eighth grade by Fr. Leo Belanger, SJ. Father Daly was moved by the reflection on his faith life that had been nurtured by his parents and his parish in Chicago.

In high school, Saint Ignatius College Prep offered Fr. Daly more experience in spiritual development, and he grew familiar with the Society of Jesus, meeting then-scholastics Howard Gray, SJ, and John O'Malley, SJ, at retreats. Through reflection, Fr. Daly found that he was being called to serve the Lord. In the Jesuits at Saint Ignatius, he saw a life of faith and service that he wanted for himself.

Father Daly entered the novitiate in 1959 in Milford, Ohio, and throughout his experience he envisioned himself

as a teacher. His formation studies led him to Loyola University Chicago for a bachelor's in philosophy, a master's in history and a master's of divinity in theology. During regency, Fr. Daly taught history and Latin at St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati. Father Daly kept in contact with Fr. Gray over the years, and Fr. Gray served as his spiritual director.

Once ordained, Fr. Daly was missioned by Jesuit Provincial Fr. Dan Flaherty to the novitiate as a minister, where he reconnected with his friend, Fr. Gray, who was the novitiate's superior. It was a unique experience for Fr. Daly, as Fr. Gray also led him in his tertianship.

Father Daly was appointed as novice co-director from 1977 to 1983 with Fr. Frank Hodak, SJ, and later Fr. Tom Schubeck, SJ. While considering the weight of his responsibility, Fr. Daly sought grace and found the Lord asking him to "introduce me to them" in his novice director role. He taught Jesuit history to the novices and led the 30-day retreat, building on his love of teaching and previous experience in tertianship

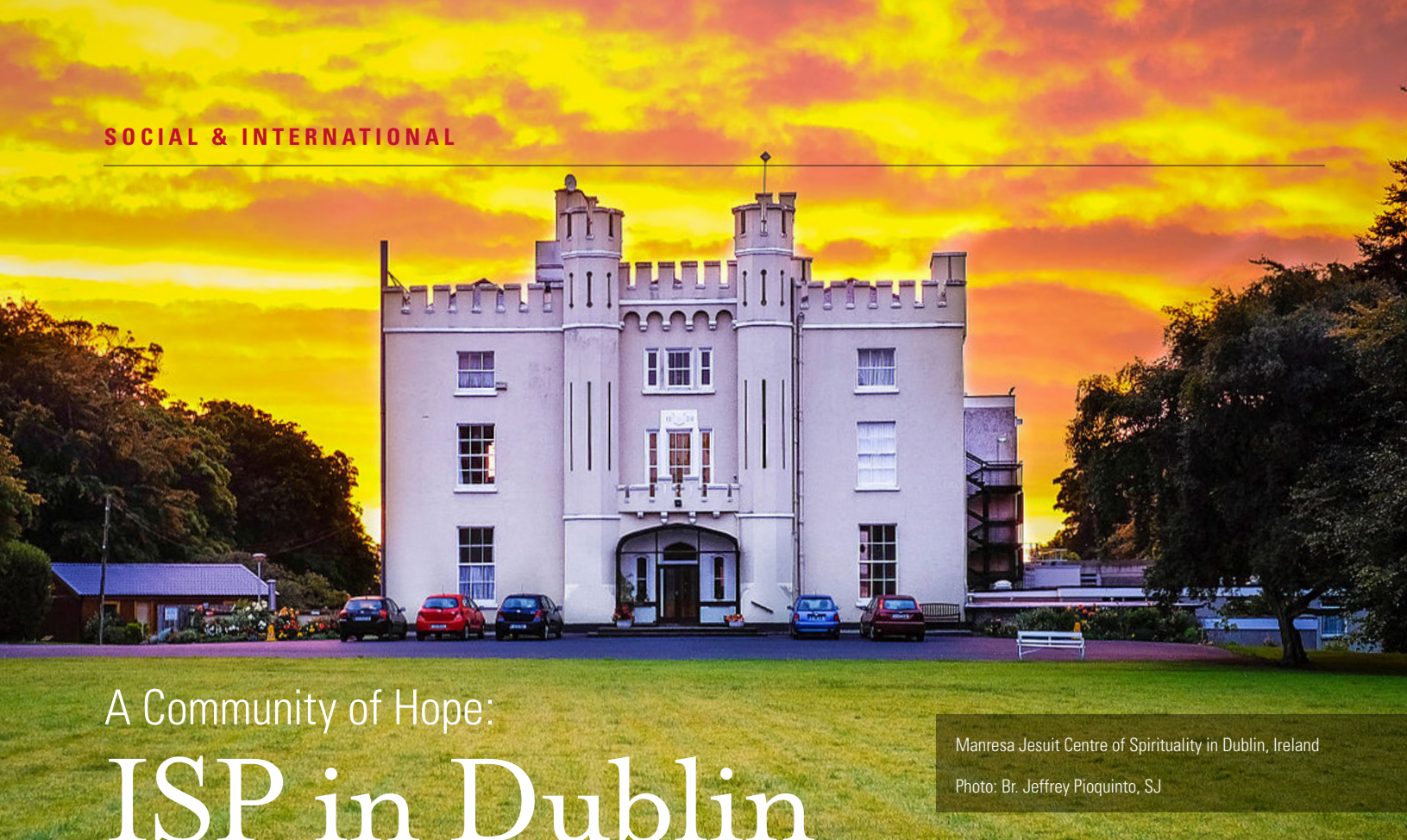
with the Spiritual Exercises.

His desire to teach and share the gift of Ignatian spirituality saw Fr. Daly missioned to his alma mater, Saint Ignatius College Prep, for six years and to St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati for 16 years. During that time, he focused on religious education and faith formation of faculty and staff.

Father Daly acknowledges a special grace in being able to share the Spiritual Exercises with retreatants and lead spiritual direction as he does now at Manresa Retreat House in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. For Fr. Daly, teaching people to grow in their relationship with God is a very rewarding part of his lifelong ministry. ✠



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A Community of Hope: ISP in Dublin

Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality in Dublin, Ireland

Photo: Br. Jeffrey Pioquinto, SJ

By Fr. Eddie Cosgrove, SJ

The Ignatian Spirituality Project (ISP) offers programs designed for men and women in substance use recovery who have a desire to deepen their spirituality and are open to sharing their story and listening to others. Though founded in the Jesuit tradition, the project does not proselytize, and people of all (or no) faith traditions are welcome.

“Last night I had a pleasant dream I woke up with a smile.”

The lyrics were on the screen, and there was no going back now. I launched into the song, my first time singing solo in public since I was a child at family gatherings. The band played a tune similar to the song...and I made it through the first verse, “Sure it was my lovely Leitrim where the Shannon waters flow.”

I was feeling some trepidation walking into a Dublin hostel for the homeless for the first time, where I had arranged to meet the house manager to talk about the Ignatian Spirituality Project (ISP). We chatted as he showed me around, I met some of the staff, and I talked with one of the men who was very interested in coming on a retreat. However, most of the men were attending a Men’s Shed

gathering in another part of the hostel, and I was invited to drop in.

Next thing I know I’m in the middle of a karaoke performance with a live band playing the music and the lyrics on a large screen. “You might sing a song, Fr. Eddie,” said the house manager in passing as we walked toward the gathering. This was one of those situations that I dreaded, being expected to do a party piece under pressure from others. As people sang songs, drank tea, and chatted, I realized that this was a chance for the guys to get to know me in a different way, an opportunity to be part of a community—something which was part and parcel of the way the Ignatian Spirituality Project works. So with God’s help, I stepped out of my comfort zone and away I went, singing a song about my home county.

I did ok; nobody walked out! I think I gave a number of other men the courage to sing. (I didn’t set the bar too high!) It turned out to be a great thing to do, to share with others a bit of *craic* (Gaelic for “fun”), and I enjoyed getting to know people in this way. A number of men signed up for our first retreat, and we have had good relations with the hostel since.

This story reflects some of the nature of an ISP retreat. We step out of our comfort zones and gather as equals, facilitators and retreatants alike. We look at ourselves honestly, and as we share our stories, with all their lights and shadows, burdens are eased, light shines through, and a community of hope grows.

The Ignatian Spirituality Project has been a key discovery in my life, and it reflects where my heart lies in terms of

my ministry as a Jesuit priest. At my first retreat on a visit to St. Louis in December 2015 (I was studying theology in Toronto at the time), I felt God’s presence and action powerfully during that retreat, helping me forward on my own journey of liberation, from the addictive thought patterns and behaviors that had a hold on me. Of course I was going to “help” those in recovery from homelessness and addiction, but it was through the community we all formed together that God’s liberating action was present for all to share in and to help each other grow in freedom.

Following the promptings of the Holy Spirit, I was led to help start ISP in Toronto during my theology studies, with the dream of bringing it to Ireland. With the support of donors for new ISP cities, the efforts of the ISP head office in Chicago, and our volunteer team in Ireland, that dream has come true—our first ISP men’s retreat took place in August 2019, and our first women’s retreat in February 2020, at Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality in Dublin. Since then we have had a follow-up retreat and regular ongoing in-person group spiritual accompaniment with the men’s group.

The arrival of COVID-19 has been a huge change. Unfortunately, we have had to cancel a number of retreats. However, we moved our ongoing accompaniment men’s group online, ran a follow-up retreat online for the women’s group, and began ongoing online accompaniment. We also ran four all-team training workshops on the 12 Steps and Ignatian spirituality and have kept up contact with our two main temporary accommodation providers (so far virus-free). Our retreat center has adapted so that it can open for smaller groups (which suits ISP) in these times, and we hope to run a retreat in the next month or two when it is safe to do so.

Recently, I visited a friend of mine, Pat, who I met on our first retreat. He offered to tell his story, “if it could help the homeless in any way.”

Here is some of Pat’s story:

Addiction took everything from me, my livelihood and the love and respect of my family and friends. This culminated

meetings, and continuing to investigate the nature of my faith, my life has been transformed completely.

I am now over two years free from



Fr. Eddie Cosgrove, SJ (left), with his friend, former ISP retreatant Pat

in me becoming homeless. I entered a treatment program and upon completion moved on to emergency accommodations in 2018. Here I gained acceptance of the causes and consequences of my addiction. Despite being clean and sober for a number of years and starting to make some moves forward in my personal life, being homeless made me feel unwanted, unheard, and invisible in today’s society. The Ignatian Spirituality Project gave me a safe and secure environment to discuss this with other men who were experiencing the same. Since engaging with ISP, I have grown closer to the members of this group and am able to share with them openly and honestly about how I feel, and in turn, I have become more considerate to all of those experiencing homelessness. The weekend retreat at Manresa gave me respite from hostel accommodations, and through group work, sharing, prayer, and meditation, I gained a renewed faith that God was still present in my life despite my present circumstances.

Since entering a treatment program, committing to going to regular 12-step

alcohol and drugs and have my own place to live. I began attending university in September with the backing of a scholarship, studying social work and social policy.

The people of ISP Dublin were the only ones who came in to see us, to offer us a place to go away for the weekend, and this meant so much to me. ✠

Dublin is the newest affiliate in the ISP Network. In 2018, an institutional affiliate relationship was formalized with the Jesuits in Ireland.

For more information, visit ISPRetreats.org/Dublin.



Fr. Eddie Cosgrove, SJ, from Dromahair in Leitrim, joined the Irish Jesuits in 2007 after working as a consulting civil engineer for several years in Dublin. He is currently based at the Jesuits’ city-center parish on Gardiner Street in Dublin, working in spirituality and social justice, including as director of ISP Dublin.

WORDS TO LEAD BY

Let it be presupposed that every good Christian is to be more ready to save his neighbor's proposition than to condemn it. If he cannot save it, let him inquire how his neighbor means it.

If his neighbor means it badly, let him correct it with charity.

If that is not enough, let him seek every suitable means to bring his neighbor to mean it well and thus to save himself.

— **St. Ignatius of Loyola in the Spiritual Exercises**

Ignatius asks you to see the world as your monastery.

— **Fr. David Fleming, SJ**

Ignatian spirituality, like all good Christian spirituality, is both a "calling" and a "sending," so in that respect, it is both following and leading. One is being called to follow Jesus, and at the very same time sent out to lead, that is, to role model a way of living (Jesus' way) and to influence others positively: That's the essence of leadership, showing a way and influencing others toward it.

— **Chris Lowney**

We should seek a "culture of encounter," where people "should be passionate about meeting others, seeking points of contact, building bridges, planning a project that includes everyone."

— **Pope Francis in "Fratelli Tutti"**

Certain tenets of the Jesuit tradition have sustained me. Precision of thought and economy of expression inform how I think and how I communicate. . . . Also importantly, the emphasis on service to others. Now is the time for us to care selflessly about one another.

— **Dr. Anthony S. Fauci**

Jesuit-Educated: Poised for Leadership in Service to Others

By Kristine Mackey

Saint Ignatius of Loyola had many things to say about leadership, so it's not hard to imagine why Jesuit-educated people of faith take those lessons and apply them to leadership roles within the broader Church; nor is it hard to imagine that Jesuit-educated people of faith would contribute their talent to institutions working *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*, for the greater glory of God.

John Liston, executive director of Serra International and a Loyola University Chicago law graduate, has dedicated his life to his work in the promotion of vocations. Liston says, "I rely on the theological underpinnings interwoven into my education in the law. The Jesuit idea of meeting



people where they are is so important to Serra now, because potential vocation discerners interact differently through social media and other channels. . . . We need to lift the works of so many unsung heroes—priests who live great lives, relatable priests—so that young people can imagine themselves in the role."

Effective leadership must speak to the moment and the context. Much has been written about situational leadership but our rapidly changing world calls those concepts to the forefront. **Brian Collier**, director of the American Indian Catholic Schools Network and a graduate of Loyola University Chicago, said in these times, "We are very involved in truth and reconciliation projects and want to work

closely with the Church and other institutions. . . . we are not just pushing religion, but we value these cultures, and look for the overlap between culture and spirituality.



Vatican II was successful because it recognized we needed to meet people where they are and become culturally responsive. This is so important—now more than ever."

Sister Donna Markham, OP, CEO of Catholic Charities USA, is a graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy.

She has also responded to the call to provide meaningful leadership for the moment:

"Catholic Charities is facing an unprecedented need for our services across



the country as more people are out of work, lacking sufficient food, in danger of losing their homes, and facing serious emotional consequences related to the pandemic. Ours is sacred work." As for her Jesuit education, Sr. Donna said, "All my professors were deeply committed to providing solid, values-based training that prepared us well to assume leadership roles in society, Church, and professional spheres."

Jesuit Fr. **Mitch Pacwa**, founder of Ignatius Productions and host of the EWTN (a global Catholic media network) flagship program EWTN Live, is a graduate of Loyola University and University of Detroit Mercy, and he also expressed deep gratitude and humility about the wonderful care he received from his Jesuit teachers. He saw tremendous



importantly for what was happening in our lives.”

All emphasized the high value they placed on their Jesuit Catholic education and how it had enabled them to be better, more analytical decision makers. Brian Collier cites Fr. Michael Himes, renowned theologian and professor at Notre Dame and Boston College, as having a profound impact on him. “In his final lecture, Fr. Himes paraphrased Chaucer at the end of his Canterbury Tales: ‘If I have done any of you any good, I ask you to give thanks to God. If I have done any of you any harm, I ask you

to credit my lack of ability, not my lack of will, for I’d have gladly done better if I could, but it was the best I had in me.’” For Collier, those words guide his work.

As for Fr. Pacwa, he plans to continue to heed the words of Ecclesiastes 11:1 and to “cast his bread on the water” as he brings the person of Christ to his work. Undoubtedly Kelly, Markham, Liston, and Collier will be doing the same. ✠



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EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP MUST SPEAK TO THE MOMENT AND THE CONTEXT.

academic growth because of their *cura personalis*, care for the whole person. Father Pacwa cites Fr. John O’Malley, SJ, who taught him about the works of St. Augustine, and Fr. Ted Ross, SJ, who encouraged him to always seek out and read the original text, as opposed to writings about the text. He says there were many others, and the background they gave him “was priceless.”

Patrick Kelly, Deputy Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus and a Marquette University undergraduate and law grad, said, “My Jesuit education helped develop the analytic and discernment tools necessary to make decisions that are in accord with the will of God and serve the common good.” As for the Jesuits at Marquette, Kelly says, “I came away from these experiences with a profound respect for these men. I was so impressed by their love of God and the care they showed for their students, and



A SAMPLE OF JESUIT-EDUCATED CHURCH LEADERS FROM OR IN THE MIDWEST

Bishop Steven Raica	Diocese of Birmingham, AL	University of Detroit Mercy
Bishop Michael G. McGovern	Diocese of Belleville, IL	Saint Ignatius College Prep & Loyola University Chicago
Auxiliary Bishop Robert Casey	Archdiocese of Chicago, IL	Loyola University Chicago (Niles College)
Auxiliary Bishop John Manz	Archdiocese of Chicago, IL	Loyola University Chicago (Niles College)
Coadjutor Bishop Louis Tylka	Diocese of Peoria, IL	Loyola University Chicago (Niles College)
Cardinal Blasé Cupich	Archdiocese of Chicago, IL	Gregorian University, Rome
Bishop Ronald Hicks	Diocese of Joliet, IL	Loyola University Chicago (Niles College)
Bishop R. Walter Nickless	Diocese of Sioux City, IA	Gregorian University, Rome
Archbishop Bernard Hebda	Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis, MN	Gregorian University, Rome
Bishop John Quinn	Diocese of Winona-Rochester, MN	University of Detroit Mercy
Bishop Michael J. Hoeppner	Diocese of Crookston, MN	Gregorian University, Rome
Bishop David Kagan	Diocese of Bismarck, ND	Gregorian University, Rome
Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt	Diocese of Grand Island, NE	Gregorian University, Rome
Archbishop George Lucas	Archdiocese of Omaha, NE	Saint Louis University
Bishop Daniel Thomas	Diocese of Toledo, OH	Gregorian University, Rome
Archbishop Dennis Schnurr	Diocese of Cincinnati, OH	Gregorian University, Rome
Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton	Diocese of Steubenville, OH	Gregorian University, Rome
Bishop John Doerfler	Diocese of Marquette, MI	Gregorian University, Rome
Bishop David Walkowiak	Diocese of Grand Rapids, MI	Saint Ignatius High School, Cleveland
Archbishop Allen Vigneron	Archdiocese of Detroit, MI	Gregorian University, Rome
Bishop Earl Boyea	Diocese of Lansing, MI	Gregorian University, Rome
Bishop Robert McClory	Diocese of Gary, IN	Gregorian University, Rome
Bishop Kevin Rhoades	Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, IN	Gregorian University, Rome
Bishop Timothy Doherty	Diocese of Lafayette, IN	Loyola University Chicago & Gregorian University, Rome
Bishop Donald Hying	Diocese of Madison, WI	Marquette University
Bishop William P. Callahan	Diocese of LaCrosse, WI	Loyola University Chicago
Archbishop Jerome Listecki	Archdiocese of Milwaukee, WI	Loyola University Chicago
Bishop David Ricken	Diocese of Green Bay, WI	Gregorian University, Rome
Bishop John Stowe, O.F.M. Conv.	Diocese of Lexington, KY	Saint Louis University & Jesuit School of Theology (Santa Clara)

Who Stepped Up?

Jesuit schools in Chicago, Detroit, and South Dakota—and others across the Midwest—rose swiftly to meet COVID-19 challenges

By Michael Austin

In South Dakota, a Jesuit on the Rosebud Indian Reservation prayed the rosary outside a dining room window. In Detroit, high school seniors distanced themselves in the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament. In Chicago, a line of cars routinely stretched for blocks, and school alumni—some of them still teenagers—returned to volunteer.

In the wake of COVID-19 shutdowns, Jesuit organizations across the Midwest acted fast to serve members of their schools and communities with food shortage solutions and technology assistance. They also offered much-needed spiritual and moral support.

CHICAGO

Chicago Jesuit Academy (CJA), a full-scholarship lower and middle school, ended in-person learning on a Friday in

March, and by the following Tuesday, online learning had begun. CJA also organized a food drive and made biweekly home deliveries to compensate for the breakfasts and lunches CJA students would have eaten at school.

As shutdown effects worsened—via lost work and income—CJA organized a more comprehensive food-distribution program. Working with Gourmet Gorilla, CJA utilized a United States Department of Agriculture program that purchases surplus produce and dairy which otherwise would have gone to waste. At these weekly CJA distributions, cars lined up for blocks. At its peak, the program distributed 600 25-pound food boxes a week—and not just to CJA families.

“All of that was a very humbling process,” says CJA President Matthew Lynch. “I think it gave us an overwhelming understanding of just how

hard the pandemic hit our neighborhood.”

CJA offered three types of food boxes: produce, dairy and produce, and protein, which contained assorted frozen meats. Each car was allowed four boxes, but families often insisted on taking only what they knew they’d need, Lynch says.

On distribution days, school nurse Pam Kiefer offered health consultations to people in line, and throughout the shutdown Principal Thomas Beckley conducted regular pastoral wellness calls.

“To feel like you’re doing something constructive and helping other people is really good for your heart and soul right now,” says Lynch. He wasn’t surprised at all when former CJA students returned to help. “That’s exactly who we know our alumni to be.”

DETROIT

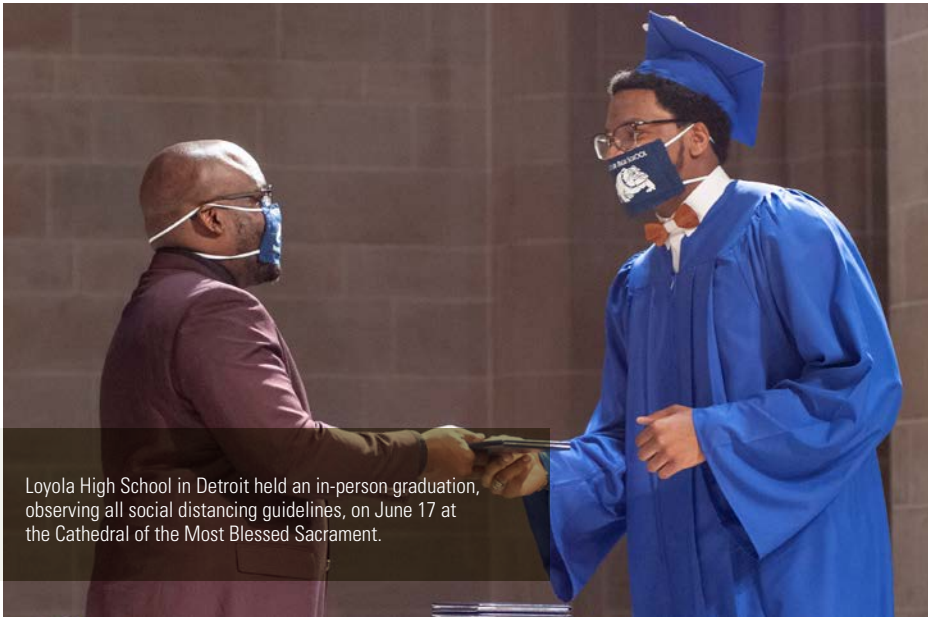
When COVID-19 arrived in Detroit, Loyola High School’s zip code and the surrounding area, where most Loyola High students live, was the hardest-hit area in the city.

“The coronavirus really ravaged our community,” says Fr. Adam DeLeon, SJ, a Loyola teacher and the school’s campus minister. “All of our students know someone who has died, whether it’s an extended family member or someone on their street.”

Despite the heartache, by June there was cause for celebration as Loyola became the only Detroit school to hold an in-person graduation. But it was a long road getting there. In March, when parents assured Loyola their kids were equipped with technology for online learning, the school didn’t realize parents



Chicago Jesuit Academy distributed boxes of food to families in need in the neighborhood, with the program reaching a peak of 600 25-pound boxes a week.



Loyola High School in Detroit held an in-person graduation, observing all social distancing guidelines, on June 17 at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

dozen people or more—live in one small house. Diabetes is common, and the nearest intensive care unit is 200 miles away. All of this made a bad situation worse.

“People have been very afraid,” Fr. Kubicki says.

When the reservation’s 12-step recovery center closed, its director, Jim Stands, stayed in touch with attendees via daily phone calls and emails. While the mission’s churches were shut down, Fr. Lafontaine and Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ, did everything from livestreaming Mass on YouTube to distributing Communion in church parking lots and homes, including a nursing home where Fr. Boddicker prayed the rosary outside the dining room.

were talking about cell phones. Loyola loaned out all of its Chromebooks and raised money to buy more. The school also helped boost home internet services as they bogged down under the strain of multiple users at once. But graduation remained a question mark.

“Graduation is really a hallmark moment for our guys,” Fr. DeLeon says. “Graduation rates in the African American community, specifically for Black men, are so low that it takes a communal effort to make it happen, and that’s what graduation here represents.”

By June, the Archdiocese of Detroit had resumed Masses for up to 175 people, so Loyola asked if its 30 seniors could graduate in the cathedral. They could, with two family guests each. “It was a huge collaboration,” Fr. DeLeon says. “The guys were super grateful, and they took it seriously. They all wore matching Loyola Bulldog masks, which was awesome.”

SOUTH DAKOTA

Sapa Un Catholic Academy is operated by the St. Francis Mission on South Dakota’s Rosebud Indian Reservation. When the school shut down in March, Rosebud’s Lakota people had reason to be especially concerned.



Sapa Un Catholic Academy teacher Theresa Leader Charge helps pack a truck before distributing food to students’ families on the Rosebud Indian Reservation.

Many of its 53 students would miss the meals they would have received at school, says Fr. Jim Kubicki, SJ, the mission’s director. So, in collaboration with the organization Feeding South Dakota, and with the help of donations, food was made available for families to pick up or have delivered by school staff.

After securing a grant from the South Dakota Community Foundation, the mission tasked Fr. Jim Lafontaine, SJ, with shopping for food and delivering it to families.

In some cases, several generations—a

In every case, stepping up was the most important thing.

“I think the biggest way we could ease the fears of the people we serve was to be present,” Fr. Kubicki says. ✝



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Fertile Ground

Campion High School played an important role in many lives

By Amy Korpi

What does a Jesuit provincial have in common with a former Wisconsin governor, a Pulitzer Prize-winning author, an Emmy-nominated comedian, a former president of Mexico, and a groundbreaking physician?

All attended Campion High School in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. Those mentioned above are Midwest Jesuits provincial, Fr. Brian Paulson, SJ; Governor Patrick Lucey; Garry Wills (author of *Lincoln at Gettysburg*); George Wendt (best known as “Norm” on the sitcom *Cheers*); Presidente Vicente Fox; and James West, MD (who served on the team that performed the world’s first human organ transplant and became a pioneer in addiction treatment).

A PRIVILEGE

Following in the footsteps of his father and older brother, Fr. Paulson enrolled at Campion. “Some people think of being sent to boarding school as a punishment, but we thought of it as a treat, a privilege really,” he recalls. “The Jesuits there were great role models. They seemed very happy and enjoyed each other’s company, and they could speak with familiarity about God. As a result of their influence and the overall experience, the Society of Jesus has formed my mind, heart, and spirit since I was a student at Campion.”

Today, Fr. Paulson’s Campion connections are still present. Two Jesuits he met there, Fr. Daniel McDonald and Fr. Albert DiUlio, are on his provincial staff.

He also has many good memories.

“A highlight of my sophomore year was participating with some senior guys who were friends of my older brother Marty in a band we called Open Road,”



Two students exit Hoffman Athletic Center hall at the former Campion High School. Photo: Campion Forever newsletter, originally from a 1971 promotional booklet.

he says. “One of the leaders was Tony Altimari, who is now an accomplished surgeon in Wheaton, Illinois. My role was on keyboards. We played songs like ‘You Ain’t Seen Nothing Yet’ (Bachman-Turner Overdrive), ‘Color My World’ (Chicago), ‘Brown Sugar’ (The Rolling Stones), ‘Stairway to Heaven’ (Led Zeppelin), and many more. Scholastic Roc O’Connor, SJ, was one of our ‘roadies’ (aka chaperones!) when we played at a bar in downtown Prairie du Chien. Who gets to do that when you are 15 years old? The 1970s were a different period and place. Good times.”

WELLSPRING OF VOCATIONS

As noted by Fr. Paulson, extracurricular activities were a prominent feature in Campion life. In addition to high academic standards, the school was “known and noted” for “religious dedication, dramatics, musical excellence, and athletic prowess,” wrote Br. Sylvester

Staber, SJ, in his essay, “A Short History of Campion High School.” Campion was also renowned for its exceptional science program.

It all started in 1880, when the Jesuits founded the College of the Sacred Heart as a post-secondary institution open to the public. From 1888 to 1898, it became a Jesuit house of formation, until the doors opened again to the public as a high school and college. By 1913, the school’s name had changed to Campion College of the Sacred Heart, taking Blessed (now Saint) Edmund Campion, SJ, as its patron. When, in 1925, its college division closed, Campion High School assumed the name it would have for the next 50 years.

According to Br. Staber, Campion fostered a total of 472 vocations to religious life, including diocesan clergy, members of various religious congregations, and, of course, Jesuit priests and brothers.

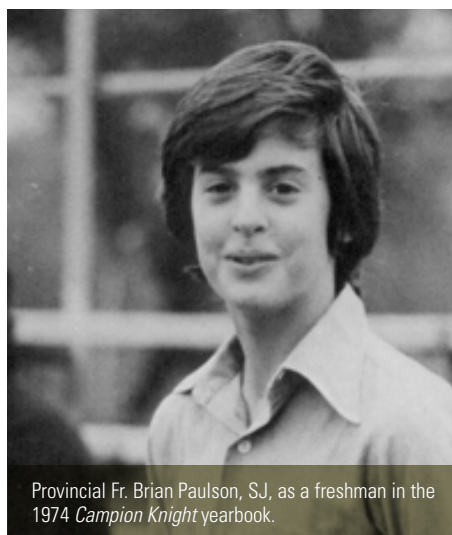
Along with his brother (Fr. John Eagan, SJ), Fr. Joseph Eagan, SJ, heard the call to join the Jesuits there, and wrote, “I shall always cherish those never-to-be forgotten Campion years. They were four of the greatest years of my life.” As for his vocation, he said, “Basically it was the scholastics teaching at Campion who influenced me. Their example of joy as Jesuits and the fun we had on sports teams playing against them made them people we really looked up to. During our three-day Holy Week retreats from our sophomore year on, I felt God wanted me to be Jesuit.”

Later, Fr. Joseph Eagan said he thoroughly enjoyed teaching at his alma mater: “Those years are full of so many faces and such happy memories, including taking students on a European tour—the highlight of which was attending the coronation of Pope Paul VI.”

Some students were sent to Campion because they weren’t doing well academically. It might surprise Marquette University grads who remember their freshman history class to learn that Fr. John Patrick Donnelly, SJ, was one of those students.

“I did a lot of reading as a boy, but I was not a good student,” Fr. Donnelly wrote. “[My] mother claimed that I did so badly on a high school entrance exam that I would not be admitted to Riverside High School. Something had to be done.”

By the time he was a senior at Campion, however, the young Donnelly competed



Provincial Fr. Brian Paulson, SJ, as a freshman in the 1974 *Campion Knight* yearbook.

with 100 others for a scholarship in Chicago. He ranked second, won a four-year full scholarship, and credited his achievement in part to several daily compulsory study hall periods: “I probably needed the discipline. [And the]

Jesuit teachers were generally good and caring, and my early success sharpened my desire to learn.”

“My years at Campion gave me growing confidence in my academic abilities and deepened my religious faith,” Fr. Donnelly reflected.

IGNATIANT INSPIRATION

Campion was also a wellspring of vocations and avocations for laypeople dedicated to the work of the Jesuits and lives lived in the Ignatian tradition. It inspired great loyalty as well. A dedicated group of graduates have kept in touch via reunions and a newsletter at



This window in Ignatius House, one of Loyola University Chicago’s Jesuit residences, was originally part of the many stained glass windows in the Campion High School chapel.

Photo: Fr. Mark Scalese, SJ

I think that I shall never see A poem lovely as a tree.

Joyce Kilmer—the poet who wrote these words—visited Campion often and gave its 1917 graduation address. As described in a 2018 *America* article, Fr. James Daly, SJ, a Campion English professor, wrote to Kilmer to discuss literature in 1912. This began a correspondence and friendship that intensified when one of Kilmer’s children was struck with polio and led to Kilmer and his wife becoming Catholics. The poet also dedicated the book, *Dreams and Images: An Anthology of Catholic Poets*, which included the work of four Jesuits, to Fr. Daly. In addition, Kilmer was friends with Campion English teacher Fr. Claude Pernin, SJ, who provided comments on Kilmer’s work and later became a pioneer in Chicago radio.

CampionForever.org, today under the care of alumnus Tom Olson.

In a recent edition, Jack (aka “Beaky”) Downes wrote, “I think my years at Campion prepared me for a full, rewarding, and useful life, and for that I shall always be grateful to my parents (for their sacrifices to send me there) and to the many Jesuits who helped form and enrich my life. A.M.D.G.”

Martin Sawa reflected, “The Jebbies taught me how to write and how to think and helped shape my future. I regard my class...as one of the last cohorts to benefit from a classical liberal education, something I appreciate more and more as I try to make sense of the world around me.”

LAST DAYS AND LEGACY

As the saying goes, good things do come to an end. When Campion closed in 1975, Fr. Gregory Lucey, SJ (brother of Governor Lucey), the high school’s president and rector of its Jesuit community, wrote the following:

...the institutions of man are finite... We must realize, as one

alumnus wrote, “that in the decision to conclude lies the responsibility to continue. From one accomplished task can come the knowledge to begin another, a different role and perhaps with greater purpose.”

It is not by default that we close; it is after having made a concerted effort at every level. It is ... with peace that we live with this decision,



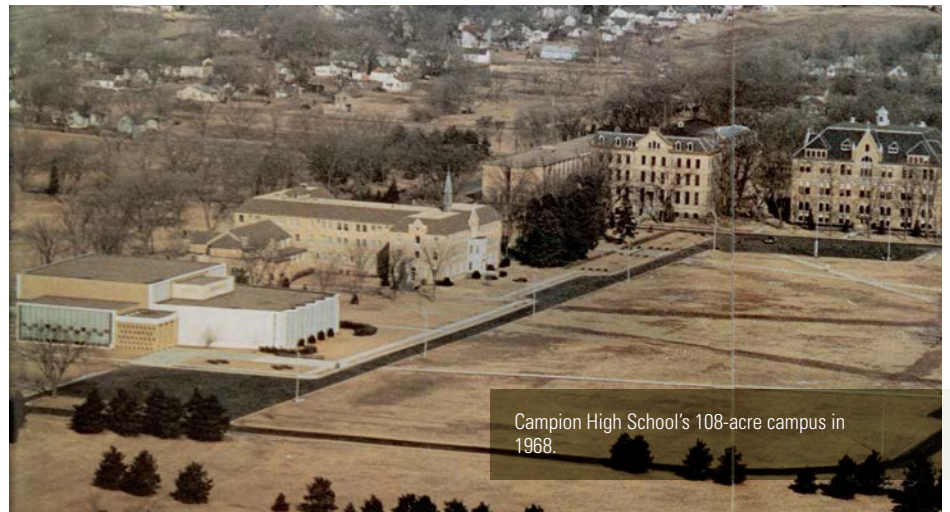
SNAPSHOT OF IMPACT

In addition to the Jesuits already mentioned in the main story, following are some of the Campion alumni and former staff/administrators who live at the St. Camillus Jesuit Community today.

- Fr. Charles Baumann, SJ
- Fr. Eugene Dutkiewicz, SJ
- Fr. William Gerut, SJ
- Fr. Theodore Kalamaja, SJ
- Fr. James King, SJ
- Fr. William Kurz, SJ
- Fr. James (J.J.) O’Leary, SJ
- Fr. Joseph Pershe, SJ
- Fr. Thomas Schloemer, SJ
- Fr. Karl Voelker, SJ
- Fr. James Warosh, SJ
- Fr. George Winzenburg, SJ

READ MORE ABOUT CAMPION

An archival site, Campion-Knights.org, provides additional information.



knowing it was right and necessary, made with dignity and integrity. Anything less would be out of step with the tradition we have ended and the tradition we continue to live as we scatter to begin anew.

The Campion tradition is in fact still alive and well, not only in its graduates, but also in a “new Campion” halfway around the world, with which several “old Campion” alumni have been intricately involved.

Father Tony Wach, SJ, first went to East Africa in 1991, when the province there was looking for volunteers. Eventually, while serving as superior in Kampala, Uganda, he became immersed (along with Fr. Jim Strzok, SJ—also a grad of the original Campion) in starting a school, which would come to be known as Ocer Campion Jesuit College.

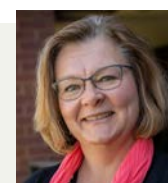
“I was willing to get involved because I had the experience of an excellent Jesuit school,” said Fr. Wach. “I was committed that we should have poor kids who are bright and wouldn’t otherwise have the opportunity. The challenge was to get the right culture at Ocer—the right standards and tradition, something that will last 100 years.” Ocer means “he is risen” in the Acholi language.

Father Wach found a unique source of fundraising prospects in original Campion alums.

For example, when Dr. David Zamierowski, MD, was a student, he got to know the future Fr. Wach very well. “During the time we were at Campion, the Jesuits were very structured,” Zamierowski explained. “They assigned seating in classes alphabetically. We—as ‘W’ and ‘Z’—were bench mates in every class for four years.”

So, when Fr. Wach shared his dreams for this new ministry, Zamierowski and his wife, Mary, wanted to help. “One motivational factor is nostalgia for the wonderful time Campion provided; another is the desire to leave a legacy,” he said.

With that, a group of alumni launched the “New Campion Campaign” to support the building of a Jesuit educational complex in the war-torn region of Gulu in northern Uganda. The school opened in 2010 and is run by the Eastern Africa Province of the Society of Jesus in concert with community members, other religious groups, and government officials. Today it serves 364 girls and 373 boys, now growing at approximately 90 students per year. ✝



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Seminars in Ignatian Formation

Ongoing Formation in Ignatian Spirituality and Leadership

By Dede Crowley and Patrick Kennedy

THE PROGRAM

Dr. Rita Dollard-O'Malley, codirector of the Seminars in Ignatian Formation (SIF), described the motivation behind the program's inception: "SIF responds to our call to act upon the Universal Apostolic Preferences.

We are inviting all women and men who serve in *any* of our Jesuit works to

come and gain skills for spreading the transformative experience of Ignatian spirituality that flows from the Spiritual Exercises. SIF provides the charism of Ignatian leadership and the training to accompany others in the Exercises."

Father Steve Krupa, SJ, SIF codirector, explains the three progressive seminars that run from September to early May:

- **Seminar 1** is a good *basic theology and Ignatian spirituality course* for anyone working in our institutions. Among those who work in our Jesuit institutions and those who want training to be spiritual directors of the Spiritual Exercises, there are some who have no theological or Ignatian spirituality background. Seminar 1 provides these foundations.
- **Seminar 2** continues the education in Ignatian spirituality and the Spiritual Exercises, and it begins the *training in spiritual listening* that is required in effective pastoral ministry and spiritual direction in the Ignatian tradition.



Dr. Rita Dollard-O'Malley

- **Seminar 3** is the *supervised internship practicum* in giving the Spiritual Exercises to others in the 30-week format. Those who successfully complete Seminars 2 and 3 not only are competent spiritual directors and people well-versed in Ignatian spirituality, but specialists who are able to give the complete Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.

THE PARTICIPANTS

"The call to do more" led Bill Lipscomb and Molly Boyle to join SIF.

A federal prosecutor for over 31 years and an adjunct professor in criminal and law studies at Marquette University, Lipscomb dreams of one day sharing the Spiritual Exercises with prisoners so they might find "their connection to God." He describes this as a way to continue his life's work, noting, "It is a different way of working on the same problems."

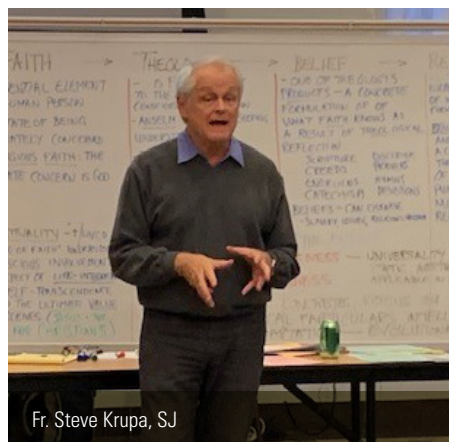
For Boyle, the opportunity to do a "deeper dive" into the Spiritual Exercises intrigued her when Fr. Jim Shea, SJ, retreat director with the Jesuit Retreat Center in Cleveland, introduced her to

the project. As a chemistry teacher and coach at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Chicago, she wondered if the time was right to get involved. Her commitment to become a better teacher and coach convinced her she should not wait, so she delved into Seminar 1.

Both found Seminar 1 to be well worth their efforts. Lipscomb felt privileged to be a part of the inaugural group. Father Krupa is "a great teacher with a rich experience in communicating faith to others," says Lipscomb. What impressed Boyle most was the level in which participants openly shared experiences, emotions, and perspectives.

Of course, just as the group began to gel, COVID-19 arrived, bringing a shift from in-person classes to remote learning. To their surprise, the challenges were short-lived, that the class barely skipped a beat.

Seminar 2 has begun with its emphasis on the spiritual direction practicum. For Lipscomb and Boyle, the content already feels different, and there is a new level of excitement with the Spiritual Exercises. "Learning to give the Exercises and sharing God with others will be a true honor," Lipscomb said. ✠



Fr. Steve Krupa, SJ



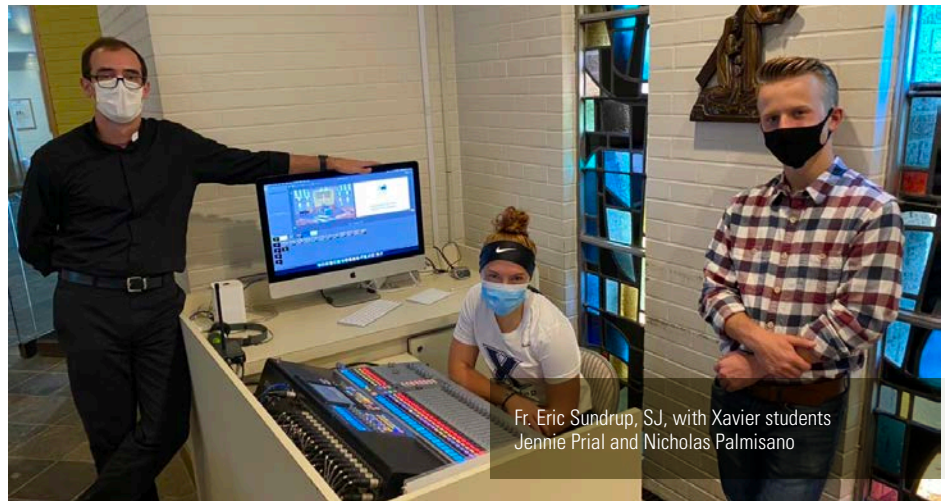
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Bellarmino Chapel: A Shared Home for Parishioners and Students

By Becky Sindelar



Fr. Eric Sundrup, SJ, with Xavier students
Jennie Prial and Nicholas Palmisano

Located on the campus of Xavier University in Cincinnati, Bellarmine Chapel serves the wider community; parishioners of all ages come from more than 60 zip codes. The parish illustrates the benefits of being on a college campus, blessed with the intellectual contributions of faculty and the enthusiasm of students.

Father Eric Sundrup, SJ, pastor since July 2019, has a unique perspective—he’s a Xavier alumnus who attended Mass at Bellarmine as a student. “I love Xavier,” he says. “I had an amazing time here. It was where my vocation to the Jesuits was born and nurtured.”

Bellarmino is the “shared home for the parish and the students,” says Fr. Sundrup. The parish is developing programs to better integrate with the university, including a new internship program, where Xavier students work at the parish.

The pandemic has shown the benefits of the parish and university working together as perhaps nothing else could. When in-person Masses came to a halt with COVID-19 lockdowns in the spring, Fr. Sundrup pivoted to livestream Masses and was aided by many young adults.

Luckily, Fr. Sundrup’s previous assignment was in media and communications in New York, so he didn’t have to learn everything from scratch. And it gave others, like Jesse Waits a chance to help. “People who had

skills in those areas and didn’t know how they fit with the Catholic Church came out of the woodwork,” Fr. Sundrup says. “Jesse joined the church last year through RCIA and now this year, he’s making livestreaming possible.”

Another one of those parishioners is Lance Borden, a junior in high school who attends Bellarmine with his family. When the lockdown began, Borden set up a help desk from home for parishioners, taking their calls and helping them get set up with Google meets and Zoom calls. He then volunteered to help with livestream Masses as well.

“I like that instead of just attending a service, I can use my talents and the things I have to offer to give to the community I’m in,” Borden says.

Bellarmino plans to continue livestreaming Masses after the pandemic to accommodate those who can’t attend in person. Father Sundrup jokes, “We will continue livestreaming until the second coming of Christ!”

Jennie Prial, a Xavier senior, who’s been involved with Bellarmine Chapel since her freshman year, also helped with livestreams. She says Fr. Sundrup has encouraged a connection between Xavier’s student body and the parish. “I love how active the parish is in social justice issues,” Prial says, “as well as the parish’s Jesuit identity and engagement with parishioners.”

“We want to create a space for all these young people to step up into powerful leadership roles in our church,” Fr. Sundrup says.

Nicholas Palmisano is another Xavier student who adopted a leadership role. For the last three months, he’s worked on the daily Mass livestreams. Palmisano is also helping to recruit more students to be part of Bellarmine. “They want to help and, in these trying times, literally feel a sense of purpose.”

The parish also shares the gifts of Xavier’s faculty, through events like a recent livestream where professors discussed trauma. “To be on a college campus and ask professors to do this is such a blessing. And they’re not just at your doorstep—they’re your parishioners,” says Fr. Sundrup.

Bellarmino is also developing a program where staff can train lay leaders to expand the pool of parish leadership so the parish can do even more. Father Sundrup says, “This is an amazing parish that has set itself up for growth and innovation.” ✠



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What about Bob?!

Okay, we heard you! Sorry about that. . .and by the way, here's Bob!

By Michael Austin

Maybe you saw the story in our summer issue about Jesuit-educated comedians. If so, perhaps you were one of the many readers who took it upon yourself to remind us that our shortlist of Jesuit-educated comedians failed to include the legendary Bob Newhart, alumnus of Chicago's Saint Ignatius College Prep and Loyola University Chicago.

We're sorry. We can explain.

We've already explained it to Bob, and he forgave us, so you might as well, too. Comedians with Jesuit ties are everywhere, folks, and we had to make some tough decisions about who to include. We cut Bob from the list thinking everybody around here knows about his alma maters. And by "we," we mean "I."

I admit it—it's all my fault! I thought you'd rather see mentions of comedians you maybe didn't know had Jesuit connections—like the young whippersnapper John Mulaney, a fellow Saint Ignatius alum. Did you know he was Jesuit-educated? Bob did, but even Bob was surprised to read about Amy Poehler and Colin Jost. So, you see?

"Saint Ignatius is known as the 'comedian's high school' because every 53 years a stand-up comic comes out of there," Bob said when I called him in late October. "I graduated in the class of '47 and John was 2000."

That's why Bob has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, friends. He turned 91 this year, and his delivery is as dry and crisp as it was on his early albums and television shows. He also graciously laughed at my weak attempts at humor, the sign of a true Ignatian gentleman.

I called Bob to get his take on two things. First, I wanted to know what



Comedian Bob Newhart poses with students at his alma mater, Saint Ignatius College Prep in Chicago in 2012.

Top: Newhart as a student at Saint Ignatius College Prep

he thought about our idea that a Jesuit education is good for a comedy career, and I also wanted to know what he thought about the scandal—the omission of his name.

"When I first started out in comedy, I gave the Jesuits a lot of credit for what I call the somewhat 'twisted' view of life that I have," he said. "The education I received, they called it like it is. They insisted that you deal with life the way it is. And that's really the basis of comedy—truth. If it's not true, people aren't going to laugh, you know?"

Take Richard Pryor and Mark Twain, he said. They offered the same brand of comedy—smart, observational humor that chronicled their times. That sounded like Bob's own style of comedy to me, so I asked him how he landed on his approach. He said he'd been a part of a sea change in comedy during the late 1950s and early '60s with Mike Nichols and Elaine May, Lenny Bruce and Jonathan Winters, among others.

"For lack of a better word, it was intelligent comedy, and there was a presumption that people would know what you're talking about," he said. So, respect your audience's intelligence and tell the truth? Sounds pretty Ignatian to me.

Now, the scandal. He said he was surprised by the volume of letters we received.

"My fans are very demonstrative," he offered in his signature deadpan. I asked if he had a message for the folks who came to his defense and voiced their extreme disappointment in me for such an egregious oversight.

"Thank you," he said, and then after a pause. "And they're right, what a jerk."

He was kidding, of course. He's Bob Newhart, the nicest guy in America. It was just a little joke, and remember, as Bob told us, the audience is smart, and the essence of comedy is truth.

Hey, wait a second, Bob! ❌



In Memoriam

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

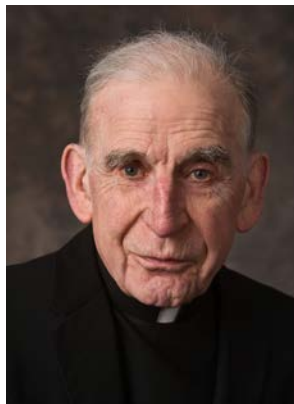


Fr. Frederick Deters, SJ

February 11, 1937 – July 5, 2020

“Fred transitioned into hospital chaplaincy where, for over 30 years, he used his gifts of listening, empathy, and caring for others.”

History teacher at St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati; theology professor at Loyola University Chicago; retreat director at Milford Retreat Center in Ohio and the Jesuit Retreat Center in Parma, Ohio; chaplain at Loyola University Medical Center and St. Francis Hospital in Beech Grove, Ind.; chaplain and minister at Colombiere Center in Clarkston, Mich.

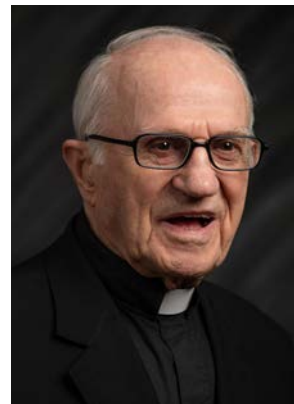


Fr. Kenneth J. Herian, SJ

February 20, 1924 – August 9, 2020

“Ken was a quiet man, but he was filled with a fierce passion to serve God’s little people.”

Regency at Creighton Prep in Omaha; minister to the Marquette University Jesuit Community in Milwaukee and the Fusz Memorial Jesuit Community in St. Louis; acting pastor at St. John’s Church in Omaha; associate pastor at Church of the Gesu in Milwaukee.



Fr. Edward S. Sthokal, SJ

January 20, 1922 – August 11, 2020

“Perhaps the greatest tribute is to say is that Ed Sthokal was a powerful instrument of God’s grace.”

English and theology teacher at Rockhurst High School in Kansas City; associate pastor at Church of the Gesu in Milwaukee; teacher at Campion High School in Prairie du Chien, Wis.; director at Jesuit Retreat House (Demontreville) in Lake Elmo, Minn.



Fr. Gerald J. Sabo, SJ

June 16, 1945 – October 25, 2020

“Through his classroom presence and his multitude of stories, Jerry captivated the minds of his students while he taught Slovak, Russian, and Eastern European literature in translation.”

Professor at Boston College in Chestnut Hill, Mass.; College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass.; and John Carroll University in University Heights, Ohio.



Fr. Paul J. Nienaber, SJ

January 25, 1955 – October 31, 2020

“Paul was a priest, a teacher, a particle physicist, a gifted homilist, and a poet. His was a formidable intellect, with a vocabulary to match.”

Visiting professor of physics at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio; physicist and member of the MiniBooNE Collaboration at Fermilab (Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory) in Batavia, Ill.; assistant professor at Marquette University in Milwaukee and College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass.; assistant professor, associate professor of physics, and chair of the physics department at St. Mary’s University of Minnesota in Winona, Minn.

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Fr. Thomas H. Tobin, SJ

November 8, 1945 – August 30, 2020

"Tom had a deep love for the intellectual life and for passing on the tradition to the next generation of scholars, students, and believers."

Theology professor at Xavier University in Cincinnati and Loyola University Chicago; scholar; researcher; writer.



Fr. Paul V. Mankowski, SJ

November 15, 1953 – September 3, 2020

"Paul was deeply loved and respected by the community of scholars involved in the Lumen Christi Institute, and his death will leave a huge void."

Professor at Xavier University in Cincinnati; professor of Old Testament languages at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome; professor at the Graham School of General Studies at the University of Chicago; scholar-in-residence at the Lumen Christi Institute, University of Chicago.

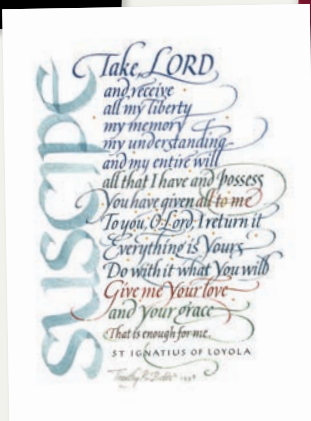


Fr. Matthew T. Gamber, SJ

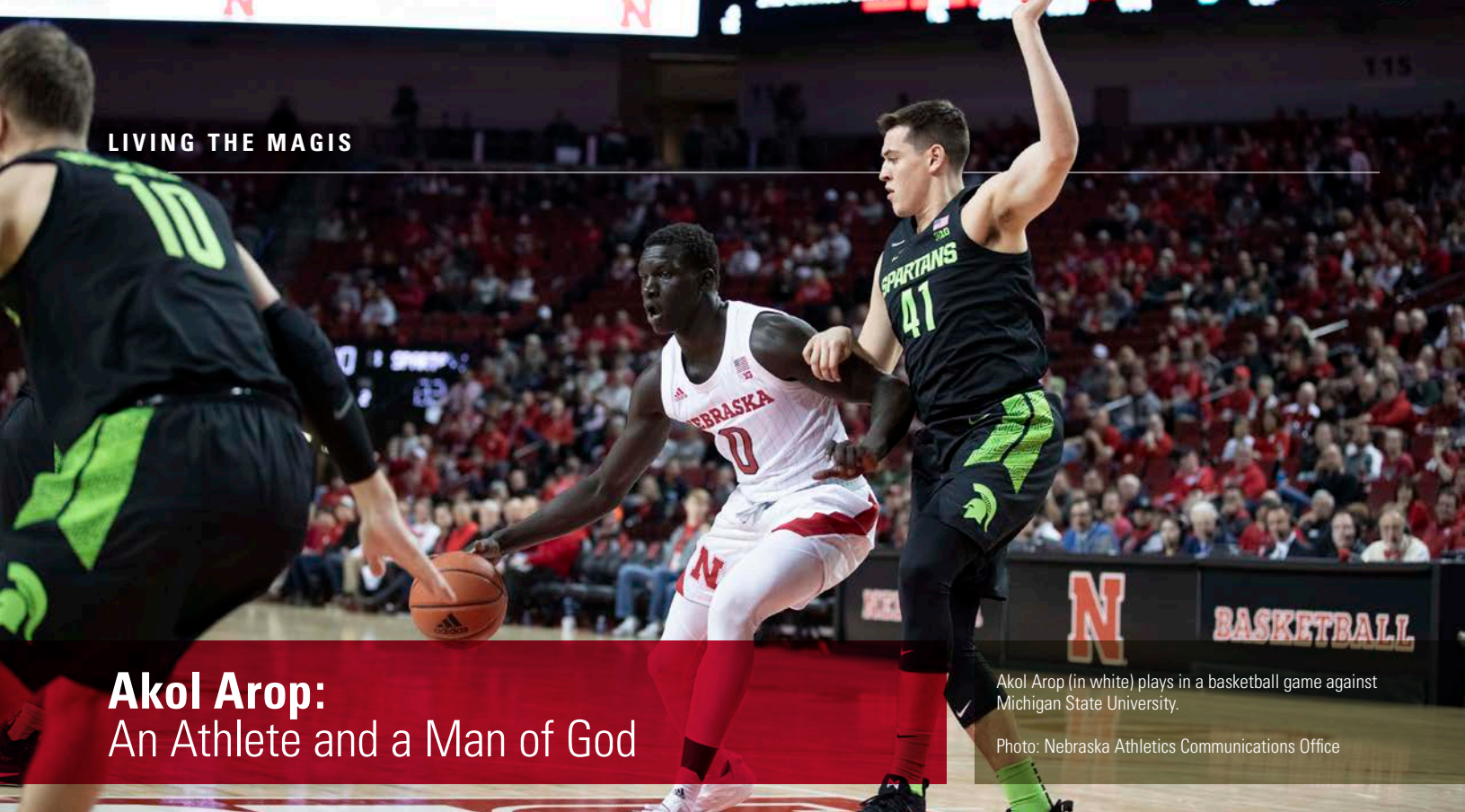
August 29, 1959 – October 16, 2020

"Matt was a kind man with a curious mind, a big heart, an infectious laugh, and a deep love for God and his Jesuit vocation as a companion of Jesus."

Social studies and French teacher and tennis coach at Saint Ignatius College Prep in Chicago; assistant director for media relations and journalism professor at Xavier University in Cincinnati; associate director of campus ministry at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash.; associate pastor at St. Paul of the Cross Parish in Park Ridge, Ill., and St. Walter Parish in Roseville, Ill.; development officer at Loyola Academy in Wilmette, Ill.; intern at the Vatican Radio and Catholic News Service; chaplain at Mount St. Joseph Home in Lake Zurich, Ill.; teacher at Jesuit High School in Tampa, Fla.; associate pastor and parochial vicar at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Cincinnati; chaplain at St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati.



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Akol Arop: An Athlete and a Man of God

Akol Arop (in white) plays in a basketball game against Michigan State University.

Photo: Nebraska Athletics Communications Office

By Clay Nickson

At the end of high school, Akol Arop was offered ten full-ride basketball scholarships to NCAA Division I schools. He was the top senior prospect in Nebraska in 2019, playing for Coaches Josh Luedtke and Andy King at Omaha’s Creighton Prep. What sets Arop apart from most basketball players is not only his tremendous talent, but also his deep-rooted faith.

Akol Arop is an American. But he is also South Sudanese by blood and Egyptian by birth. During a violent civil war between Northern and Southern Sudan, Arop’s parents fled Sudan and walked to Egypt, where Akol was born in an Egyptian refugee camp. The family then immigrated to the United States, first to Houston, then to Omaha, which is home to the largest South Sudanese refugee population in North America. Arop attended All Saints Catholic School and St. Patrick’s Church, where he became best friends with Anthony Kowal, who introduced him to sports and American life. They remain friends and brothers, as the Kowal family became a second family to Arop. Thaddeus Kowal said, “We all love Akol dearly.”

Although he started basketball later

than most kids, his athletic prowess carried him. Andy King, who also coached Arop for Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) basketball, said, “He is an athletic freak the moment you watch him. He can run and jump and do things that other kids just can’t.” Arop worked hard in high school to improve his game, which showed during an eye-catching

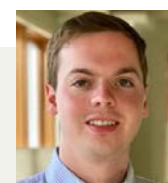
“I’M BLESSED TO KNOW AKOL; HE’S A TRUE MAN OF GOD.”

performance at an AAU tournament in New York where he was noticed by college recruiters. Arop chose the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers. “It wouldn’t have been possible without the support of my family and Coaches Luedtke and King. I chose Nebraska simply because I knew I could practice my faith.” Though recruited by Coach Tim Miles, a coaching transition landed him with the university’s new coach, Fred Hoiberg. Arop accepted the change with grace.

Arop has always made it a priority to attend an early Sunday morning Mass in whatever town he’s in. In between games on summer AAU trips the team traveled

on a 40-passenger bus, and Arop and the coaches would have the bus driver take them to Mass. If they flew to games, they would take a rental van to find a Mass, and sometimes even Uber. King said, “I would make sure he got to Mass in between games. That speaks volumes to what kind of character he has, that he always has his faith life as number one literally above everything else.”

Arop wants to continue his basketball career after college. “I hope that I am still playing basketball, whether in the United States or overseas,” he said. “Or maybe someday I can work at Creighton Prep. But most importantly, I’m going to let God guide me through life and show me what he wants for me. God has truly blessed me in life, and everything I do is for him.” The statement echoes the words of his friend, Fr. Kevin Schneider, SJ: “I’m blessed to know Akol; he’s a true man of God.” ✝



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JESUIT FRIENDS & ALUMNI NETWORK

In reading through the pages of this magazine, one may notice a common theme among the people associated with the stories: They are all Jesuit-connected. Some have a Jesuit vocation, some are alumni of Jesuit high schools, colleges, or universities, others have been impacted by an Ignatian retreat, and still others may be volunteering their time as a board member at a school or apostolate. Regardless of their connection, they, like so many, have been impacted by the Society of Jesus. The Jesuit Friends and Alumni Network (JFAN) was formed to harness this impact by allowing those connected to the Jesuits in some way to meet and share their camaraderie.

JFAN has its origin in Cleveland in 2006 when a group of graduates of several Jesuit institutions organized a luncheon with a local speaker, thus founding the Loyola Club of Cleveland. What began there fourteen years ago has expanded into similar groups throughout the country, including Midwest cities such as Milwaukee, Chicago, the Twin Cities, Detroit, Grand Traverse, and Omaha.

Each JFAN chapter has its own identity and programming, whether it be a luncheon, a Mass, or an after-work get-together. Organized by a volunteer group of primarily laypeople, these events cover a variety of topics that engage large, diverse audiences. Past themes have included Fr. David Hollenbach, SJ, speaking about refugees and Catholic social teaching; Fr. Michael Rossmann, SJ, on ways to live a more Ignatian-inspired life; and Fr. Ryan Duns, SJ, who weaves in Ignatian spirituality with his love of Irish music.

In the spring of 2020, as in-person gatherings were delayed and cancelled, the national JFAN committee, made up of volunteers representing each city with a JFAN chapter, pivoted and began offering

virtual events for Jesuit-connected individuals throughout the country. On May 27, more than 200 people from around the United States gathered to hear a panel focused on the



theme of St. Ignatius's vision of community. Father Timothy Kesicki, SJ; Mary Evelyn Tucker, Ph.D.; and Mike Barkley shared their perspectives. Dr. Isaiah McKinnon spoke at the second virtual gathering on October 8, 2020. In addition to filling a need for community while in-person events are on hold, these speakers enabled a larger audience to connect with JFAN, as they are available to those living in cities without an existing JFAN chapter.

More information on the Jesuit Friends and Alumni Network can be found at JFANUSA.org ✠



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Editor's Note

A few articles we ran in our summer issue generated some buzz. One piece was about Fr. Gerry Albright's coin collection, which was assessed by student Jack Smith and donated to the Midwest Jesuits. People enjoyed the story, and the province also received a lovely call from Mary Benson of New Albin, Iowa. Her late husband James D. Benson (Campion High School '52) had a coin collection which she had saved since his death in 2006. Upon seeing the article, she drove the coins to Illinois from Iowa to donate to the works of the Society. Mary's late brother-in-law was Fr. John Benson, SJ, a former dean at Xavier University.



Lent 2021

Dear Friends,

We have opted to suspend our in-person events for the 2021 Lenten season.

Instead, we are working on programming to sustain you through this holy time. We will share materials with you via email and US postal mail before Ash Wednesday.

If you have been to one of our Lenten events, you needn't do anything, we have your contact information on hand and will be in touch.

If you've never attended one of our Lenten events, please email your name(s), address, and phone number to us at UMlevents@jesuits.org to let us know to include you.