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Dear Friends,

When Saint Ignatius and his brother Jesuits named their fledgling religious order the *Compañía de Jesús*, they did not simply announce that their efforts would be directed toward serving Christ. They also signaled the relationship they would have to the world. For Jesuits, the word *Compañía* — or *Society* — points to our mission to be companions alongside the people we serve, particularly those in the greatest need.

Accompanying others involves sharing in their experiences. As the Chicago-Detroit and Wisconsin Provinces work toward the creation of a new province, we have had many opportunities to walk together, exploring the rich history and traditions within our region and beyond. This spring, we visited Jesuits in Kohima, with whom the Wisconsin Province has had a long and fruitful partnership.

We also traveled to El Salvador for a joint meeting between the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States and the Conferencia de Provinciales Jesuitas de América Latina (CPAL). There, we discussed common goals of Jesuits throughout the Americas, while also visiting historic locations, such as the site of Jesuit Fr. Rutilio Grande's murder. This was a poignant reminder of the tremendous sacrifices many make in witnessing to a faith that does justice for the least among us.

In October, we will join Jesuits from all over the world for the Society of Jesus' 36th General Congregation in Rome, where we will elect a new Superior General to continue Fr. Adolfo Nicolás's work guiding our global Jesuit community.

A sense of companionship also strikes closer to home. This summer, Fr. Vincent Strand, SJ, was ordained to the priesthood at Church of the Gesu in Milwaukee (see pages 10–11). Like his Jesuit brothers, Fr. Strand's family — which includes two brothers who are diocesan priests — shaped his vocation and will continue to support his service to his community. Reflections from Jesuit jubilarians celebrating 50 years in the Society offer a beautiful glimpse of a lifetime of such service (see pages 14–15).

We invite you to enjoy the many news items and articles in this issue, and we thank you for your prayers and work on behalf of our shared community.

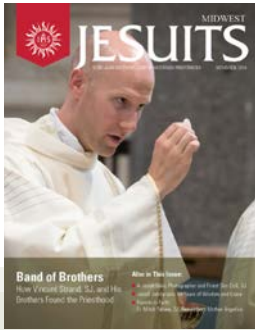
Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Fr. Brian Paulson, SJ, and Fr. Thomas Lawler, SJ, at a memorial marker for Fr. Rutilio Grande, SJ, who was assassinated by a Salvadoran death squad in 1977



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First Lay President Elected at Loyola University Chicago

Jo Ann Rooney, JD, LLM, EdD, has been elected Loyola University Chicago's 24th president and its first lay leader. A lifelong Catholic who has taught religious education, Dr. Rooney previously served as the president of both Spalding University in Louisville, Ky., and Mount Ida College in Newton, Mass. She also spent more than 12 years in the classroom, teaching at the graduate and undergraduate levels.

After only months at Mount Ida, Dr. Rooney was called by the Obama Administration to serve her country as principal deputy under secretary of defense for personnel and readiness in the U.S. Department of Defense. In 2012, former Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta awarded Dr. Rooney the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service.

"I have been blessed throughout my career with amazing experiences that have shaped and influenced me in numerous ways, but my passion is, and has always been, education," said Dr. Rooney. "Education is life changing. Today, higher education is at a crossroads, and I am fully committed to making decisions that will allow us to thrive as an institution and community leader. I was struck by the dedication and commitment exhibited by representatives of the faculty, students, staff, academic leadership, Jesuits, and board members. That commitment, and Loyola's strong mission, drew me here."

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Emmylou Harris to Play JRS Concerts for Refugees

Plans are underway for a series of concerts to raise awareness and funds for Jesuit Refugee Service's (JRS) Global Education Initiative. *Lampedusa: Concerts for Refugees* will feature Grammy-Award winners Emmylou Harris, Steve Earle, Patty Griffin, and Buddy Miller, as well as The Milk Carton Kids and special guests in an intimate singer-songwriter tour this fall.

"The better angels of our nature call upon us to act with compassion and not with fear in the face of so much suffering," said Harris, who recently returned from a trip with JRS to meet refugees in Ethiopia.

The tour will stop in 11 cities, including an October 12 concert at the Pabst Theater in Milwaukee.

An Italian island, Lampedusa is a common destination for refugees traveling to Europe from Africa. On his first official papal trip outside Rome in 2013, Pope Francis visited Lampedusa after seven migrants traveling toward the island in a Tunisian fishing boat drowned.

The Global Education Initiative is part of Pope Francis' call to JRS to double the number of refugees served in educational programs by 2020.

"An education is the only thing a refugee can receive that cannot be taken away," said Jesuit Fr. Thomas H. Smolich, international director of JRS.

To learn more about *Lampedusa: Concerts for Refugees* or to support JRS, visit www.jrsusa.org.



John Carroll University Hosts Series on Presidential Politics

John Carroll University and other Cleveland area educational institutions partnered to present *Politically Speaking*, a series of forums that discussed the upcoming general election and Ohio's storied role in choosing the next U.S. president. Nationally-recognized political journalists and educators served as keynote speakers for four events, which were all held on local college campuses.

In March, John Carroll hosted "The Presidential Primary Process." Other sessions explored the importance of polling and the economic impacts of national political conventions. In addition to John Carroll, *Politically Speaking* was sponsored by Baldwin Wallace University, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland State University, Cuyahoga Community College, Kent State University, and The University of Akron.

Featured speakers and panelists included Amy Walter, national editor of *The Cook Political Report* and a panelist on NBC's *Meet the Press*; and Jo Ann Davidson, former speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives.

"Ever since the Republican National Committee chose Cleveland as the convention city, a spotlight has been shining on the city and its institutions," said Dora Puce, assistant vice president for university advancement and director of government and community relations at John Carroll. "*Politically Speaking* was a meaningful way for area colleges and universities to get involved, engage the community, and participate in the excitement of the convention coming to Cleveland."

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St. Francis Dental Clinic and Creighton Receive Award

The St. Francis Mission Dental Clinic and Creighton University School of Dentistry were selected as recipients of an American Dental Association Foundation E. “Bud” Tarrson Dental School Student Community Leadership Award for the 2015–2016 school year. The award recognized the excellent care offered to the Lakota people on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

“The partnership between the St. Francis Mission Dental Clinic and Creighton has been a study in caring and compassion,” said Jesuit Fr. John Hatcher, president of St. Francis Mission. “The dental students who lead this effort bring renewed hope and possibility here.”

The four-chair clinic offers care with help from volunteer dentists and hygienists. Aside from the local hospital, the clinic stands alone in serving the oral hygiene needs of the 26,000 Lakota (Sioux) people on the Rosebud Indian Reservation.

Creighton dental students, alumni, and faculty have made four annual trips to the clinic, providing an average of \$15,000–18,000 in dental care over several days.

Despite its successes, the clinic and its patients face challenges.

“Because we don’t have a permanent dentist on staff, we rely solely on volunteers,” said Fr. Hatcher. “We also have been using equipment that was outdated when we got it.”

To learn more about St. Francis Mission and support its dental clinic, visit www.sfmission.org.



St. John’s Jesuit High School & Academy Appoints New President

Father Jeffrey (Jeff) Putthoff, SJ, a Jesuit from the Central and Southern Province, will become St. John’s Jesuit High School & Academy’s (SJJ) 11th president.

Father Putthoff brings to SJJ a breadth of leadership expertise. He spent 16 years building Hopeworks ‘N Camden in Camden, N.J., an organization that uses trauma-informed care to train youth, ages 14–23, in website design, geographic information systems (GIS), and Salesforce technology. Hopeworks has worked with more than 3,000 youth in one of the poorest and most underserved communities in the United States. Father Putthoff also has served as an Ignatian retreat director in Philadelphia, an associate pastor at Holy Name Parish in Camden, and a teacher at St. Louis University High School. He has a bachelor’s degree in philosophy from Saint Louis University and four master’s degrees.

“I am looking forward to returning to my Midwestern roots to begin leading St. John’s Jesuit as the school enters its next 50 years. I have experienced a God of surprise and joy during my years as a Jesuit, and that experience is firmly rooted in my own Jesuit education, the same education that is particular to St. John’s. Whether it is in its strong academic curriculum or in its strong co-curricular focus, St. John’s is clearly a community seeking to respond with abundant abandon to God, just as Saint Ignatius did,” said Fr. Putthoff.



Christ the King Celebrates College Graduates

The first graduates of Christ the King Jesuit College Preparatory School (CTK) in Chicago, the Class of 2012, graduated college this spring.

The Cristo Rey-model high school on the city’s West Side recently completed its eighth year serving predominantly low-income African-American students. The average CTK student comes from a family of five whose annual income is \$24,700, the lowest per capita income of all 30 Cristo Rey Network schools. Nonetheless, every CTK graduate has been accepted to college, with 93 percent enrolling after graduation.

The school’s inaugural class attended a number of universities throughout the country and have plans for a variety of career paths. Anthony Barnes, who attended Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, has a job in information technology, a field he initially explored as a high school junior with CTK’s Corporate Work Study Program. Kyara Lee graduated from the University of Illinois with a political science degree. She plans to become a crime scene investigator.

“Christ the King prepared me to be successful in college,” said Lee. “I am grateful and blessed to have made it past many obstacles and roadblocks to my success.”

“We are extremely proud of our graduates and define success not just by their college achievements, but also by how they continue to be women and men for and with others,” said Clement Martin, president of CTK.

Lives on the Border

Fr. Sean Carroll, S.J. guides migrants in a reflection and pre-meal blessing at KBI's soup kitchen in Mexico. (Photo courtesy of KBI)

“They’re like us. They’re human beings. They have hopes. They have dreams.”

These words are at the heart of Jesuit Fr. Sean Carroll’s work with migrants on the U.S.-Mexican border in Nogales, Ariz., and Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. Father Carroll is executive director of the Kino Border Initiative (KBI). Along with six faith-based organizations that founded KBI in 2009, he accompanies migrants, educates communities on both sides of the border, and collaborates in networks that engage in research and advocacy to transform local, regional, and national immigration policies.

In May, this work led Fr. Carroll to the Midwest, where he highlighted KBI’s mission on visits to several Jesuit institutions. He gave a presentation to parishioners at Church of the Gesu in Milwaukee, as well as a talk at Saint Ignatius College Prep in Chicago with Jesuit Connections, a speaker series the Midwest Jesuits and Charis sponsor for young adults. Father Carroll also went to several Jesuit universities and high schools to speak with students, some of whom have personal experience with the issues KBI addresses.

KBI’s efforts come at a vital time. In its most recent annual report, more than one-third of deported migrants interviewed were found to have suffered some type

of abuse or mistreatment at the hands of U.S. immigration authorities. In 2015, KBI served 42,998 meals, sheltered 482 women and children, and offered medical aid to 3,532 migrants.

Father Carroll has testified before Congress on U.S. immigration policy, but his time in the Midwest emphasized the lives behind immigration debates.

“When people get to know the migrant man, woman, and child in our midst and to hear their story, they recognize their humanity,” said Fr. Carroll. “They cherish it, they value it, and I think that sharing and that encounter opens their hearts in a powerful way. They look at this issue of migration with all its complexity in a new way, because they think of it in terms of these persons.”

This sense of encounter with real people was the main takeaway for Lauren O’Gara and Andrew Hong, two Chicago teachers who volunteer with Charis and attended Fr. Carroll’s Jesuit Connections talk.

“Most of my students are either undocumented, or their parents are,” said O’Gara. “So I’ve heard their testimonies. It was nice to hear what an organization with power and connections is doing to advocate for them.”

“When Fr. Sean was going into what [migrants] were fleeing from, you begin

IN THE MIDWEST, FR. SEAN CARROLL, S.J. VISITED:

- 400 high school students
- 100 young adults & parishioners
- 75 university students
- 45 university faculty/staff
- 25 Jesuits in formation

to get a deeper understanding of the motives,” added Hong. “For people who are not being impacted by gangs who are threatening our lives and burning our houses down, it allows us to really connect with them as human beings, as opposed to policy points.” ✠

To learn more about KBI, visit www.kinoborderinitiative.org.

To learn about Jesuit Connections, visit www.charis.org/jesuitconnections.

Angie Moloney: Jesuit Volunteer Corps Dare to Change

Dare to change: This call to action encapsulates the Jesuit Volunteer Corps' (JVC) revolutionary model of faith-based service. As director of JVC's domestic program, Angie Moloney joins young volunteers on their journeys of change, using Ignatian spirituality to deepen how they and those they serve engage with JVC's four pillars: spirituality, simple living, community, and social justice.

Our service is synonymous with the needs in our world.

— Angie Moloney

HOW DID YOU COME TO JVC?

I always wanted to be a Jesuit Volunteer, but I took a unique path. I earned an M.A. in theology from Washington Theological Union and served as the director of campus ministry at a Catholic high school in the D.C. area. My husband and I moved to West Virginia to volunteer with a community called Nazareth Farm, leading service retreats for youth and young adults. When I was looking to transition out of the community, a good friend suggested JVC. I started in 2007 and was the executive director of JVC Midwest in Detroit. Now I'm director of the domestic program.

WHAT TYPES OF SERVICE DO JESUIT VOLUNTEERS ENGAGE IN?

Our service is synonymous with the needs in our world, whether that's addiction and recovery work; community development and organization; working with people who are hungry; immigration advocacy and refugee services; legal services and health care; or children and youth services.

WHAT QUALITIES SHOULD A JESUIT VOLUNTEER HAVE?

We're looking for people who are courageous in a way that is different than the world may think of courage. People who are willing to ask challenging questions and hear challenging responses, who have experience getting their hands dirty and in serving and being with others. We're looking for people who are flexible and fun.

HOW DO JESUIT VOLUNTEERS IMPLEMENT JVC'S VALUES INTO THEIR LIVES?

Similar to the Paschal Mystery, we're working in a world where Christ is born into brokenness. Rather than running from that brokenness, we invite our volunteers to embrace it. Being with others will help them be more hopeful and change our world to be a more hopeful and just place. That's really counter-cultural. It's different than what they're hearing on TV, what they're reading on Facebook, what their friends are talking about. When we invite them to put relationships first, that's a challenge, because many young people have been raised in a world that doesn't put people first. We really take the world and, in a way, turn it upside down.

COULD YOU TELL US ABOUT A WORK SITE THAT EMBODIES JVC'S MISSION?

Pope Francis speaks a lot about encountering Christ in one another, and at the Pope Francis Center in Detroit, our volunteer has the opportunity to simply be with others in their brokenness. She works with people experiencing homelessness and loves those who others have a hard time loving.



37 U.S. cities with JVC sites
230 Jesuit Volunteers serving in the United States

WHAT DO YOU HOPE FORMER JESUIT VOLUNTEERS TAKE FROM THE PROGRAM?

I hope JVC is a platform by which former volunteers can live the rest of their lives. Our program's four values aren't for a year; they're four values for how you should live in the world, being in community with your neighbors, your parish, and with people who are different, serving people around you, always being attentive and mindful of social justice in your world, and looking out for people who others have a tendency to overlook. JVC is a program that teaches and trains young adults to be Jesuit leaders in our world. ✠

To learn more about JVC, visit www.jesuitvolunteers.org.

Behind *the* Scenes

and Below *the* Surface

By Garrett Gundlach, SJ



Garrett Gundlach, SJ, teaches at Red Cloud High School. (Photo courtesy of Willi White/Red Cloud Indian School)

I remember the high school immersion trip that jump started my relationship with God — a God who suddenly felt so close. I remember the hope and the thrill of asking new questions when I got home: “What if I went ‘all in,’ surrendering my next steps to God’s desires?”

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— Garrett Gundlach, SJ

Thus began my “discernment,” a scavenger hunt that sent me running through college, Spanish and theology studies, a semester in El Salvador, poetry, service, late-night Masses, and spiritual conversations with friends and mentors. Some days, I daydreamed of life as a Jesuit priest, giving my whole day’s work and whole heart’s love to God. Other days, Jesuit life seemed crazy compared to marriage and family. As a post-grad Jesuit Volunteer in Portland, I felt another tide turn within me, and with a sense of

surrender and possibility, I applied to the Jesuits.

Fast forward to 2016. It is Monday morning. I open Red Cloud High School’s campus ministry office. Five minutes later, two students are napping on the office’s couch, while another strums a ukulele. Soon, another student arrives to discuss the new *Star Wars* movie.

Even with the “SJ” after my name, things can feel pretty ordinary. Monday mornings are still Monday mornings. But as a Jesuit, I know to look below the surface; after seniors hustle to lunch following our faith and justice class, I kneel to pray and unpack the morning. At Red Cloud High School, we call this “Give God Five.” Jesuits call it the Examen, a prayer that helps us recognize God’s extraordinary behind-the-scenes work in life. A few minutes later, I am reenergized and ready for the second half of the day.

The Examen is a small but poignant example of why Jesuit formation is so long — there is simply so much to learn about balancing work and prayer. Six years in,

I am a Jesuit regent working as a teacher and campus minister at a Lakota-Catholic high school in South Dakota. I will be here for three years before (God willing) studying theology in preparation for ordination to the priesthood.

One step at a time, though; I can only do what I do now because of my two years as a Jesuit novice and three years as a philosophy and social work student: *there is so much to learn.*

Who knows how this step will prepare me for the next stages of my Jesuit formation. For now, I just count my blessings as they come into my office Monday morning. ✠



Garrett Gundlach, SJ, is a Jesuit regent of the Wisconsin Province. He served as a Jesuit Volunteer after graduating from Marquette University and now works as a high school campus minister and faith and

justice educator at Red Cloud High School on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Garrett regularly writes for *The Jesuit Post* at www.thejesuitpost.org.



Fr. Thomas Caldwell, SJ, preparing to celebrate Mass at Marquette University (Photo courtesy of Marquette University)

To be of help to...
a tremendously good boss

Jesuit Fr. Thomas Caldwell's mission is to be helpful.

"It is to help those I work for and with to realize God loves them," he says. "To see that they should live in the joy of that realization."

He knew he wanted to be a priest by the time he was in seventh grade. In his junior year of high school, he realized his calling was to the Society of Jesus.

"Our teachers at Marquette University High School in Milwaukee were something else," he recalls. "I thought they had something special, and I wanted it. It turns out I was right."

His vocation led to a master's degree in Latin and Greek. He went on to study Scripture, with five years of Jewish studies in Vienna, before finishing in Rome at the Pontifical Biblical Institute. These years have stayed with him; a Greek translation of Philippians 3:12 now hangs on his wall. In English, the verse reads, "I pursue, if perchance I may lay hold of (the prize), since I have been laid hold of by Christ Jesus."

"I like to translate 'been laid hold of' differently," he says. "I interpret it as 'God gave me a hug.' The initiative has always been his."

Eventually, Fr. Caldwell returned to Milwaukee as a theology professor at Marquette University.

"Sending young people into the world better equipped to live fully is highly rewarding. I think I helped."

Father Caldwell also served twice as minister of Marquette University's Jesuit community.

"That's a job where the chief responsibility is to be helpful. Mostly, it worked out pretty well. There weren't too many protests against me!"

This desire to serve continues to influence Fr. Caldwell at St. Camillus Jesuit Community in Wauwatosa, Wis.

"I continue to look for ways to be helpful — whether it's providing information, moving furniture, doing secretarial work, proofreading, or any old thing," he says. "After meeting me, I hope people might think I could help them in some way."

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— Fr. Thomas Caldwell, SJ

"There is no competition here," he explains. "We are all truly equal. My favorite answer when people ask me about life here is 'The natives are friendly, and the food is good.' Yet, thinking back, these phrases also describe the other communities I have lived in; my Jesuit brothers share a sincere desire to serve God by carrying out Jesus' work. I know I can really trust them, because they love God and will prove it every time."

Father Caldwell also places trust in the Society's lay supporters.

"Their help is something very real to us. It is mentioned every day in our prayers, and we could not function without it. I have been grateful for our lay collaborators throughout my life as a Jesuit; they are among our numerous gifts from God, who is a tremendously good boss." ✠

I entered the Jesuits with experience working in a psychiatric hospital as a licensed professional clinical counselor. I had the privilege to be present to people in severe psychological distress. Many of the patients I treated had come to a point where life no longer seemed worth living.

Ignatius understood periods of consolation and desolation from his experience of the changing seasons of his spiritual life. He, too, was at one point on the brink of despair in the cave at Manresa. There, God gave him spiritual consolations, graces strengthening him to a different

hope that God will always give us exactly what we need, when we need it.

The instillation of hope is the most significant contributor to a psychiatric patient's recovery. My life experiences and personal times of distress have led me to a profound empathy and desire to

An Uncommon Life

By Emanuel Werner, SJ

They were in the throes of despair. Hope had vanished from their hearts in the wake of circumstances that appeared too difficult to overcome.

It was in the midst of this experience that I began to think again about where God was leading me.

I was 26 and had heard about Saint Ignatius of Loyola in name only. Through a providential course of events, I eventually found myself responding once again to a call to the priesthood that I first received in my final year of undergraduate studies. I entered the seminary out of college in Cincinnati, and my stay was brief. My one desire was and is to do God's will, but at the time, I knew nothing of the "discernment of spirits" outlined by Ignatius.

During my time in the seminary and for some time after leaving, I felt lost. I was beginning to experience being stripped of hope until only God remains. I was overcome with sadness, as well as a loss of assurance and trust in God's love calling me forward to a life of joy. Saint Ignatius wrote at length about periods of "desolation," when a person struggles to live in faith, hope, and love, but does not feel that is possible. He also wrote about periods of great confidence and trust in God's goodness, mercy, and love; he called this "consolation."

kind of life, a life uncommon. Ignatius "the sinner" was continually invited by God to become Ignatius "the saint" through a life committed to the humble reception of God's love and grace.

God's call to Ignatius to lead a life uncommon in the eyes of a world where people seek wealth, honor, and prestige is God's call to all Christians. I was greatly attracted to the many material goods of the world and the status that comes with a particular lifestyle. At times, I am still seduced by these things. Ultimately, however, God's gentle call within my soul continues to win my heart for the proclamation of the gospel.

In time, I learned that it can be God's way to allow a person to experience desolation as an effective means of drawing the soul closer to himself and away from selfishness. Besides genetic, biological, and neurological factors that contribute to the anxiety and fear that can leave a person with little strength to face the day, our mental preoccupation with our own worries often makes matters worse. In times of fear and anxiety, Ignatius would have us be aware of the evil spirit at work, for God is never the source of our anxiety. By becoming aware of and paying less attention to those festering thoughts of anxiety, we can look instead toward the consolation God offers, in full

alleviate others' suffering as best I can, by sharing God's love with them. I could have done this as a counselor and member of the laity. Yet my life as a Jesuit allows me to share God with others in a direct and concrete way, as a public witness to his life-giving words of joy and salvation.

I came to pronounce first vows in the Society of Jesus and move on to studying philosophy at Fordham University by listening to the guidance of the good spirit in my life, with the help of wise spiritual directors who introduced me to Ignatius and his company. This has been a wonderful way to grow in my vocation to the priesthood. I am able to serve God in more ways than I can imagine.

A simple life of devotion to Jesus and God's people as a son of Ignatius is an uncommon life. Let us pray that all of us continue to have the courage to lead lives of grace and goodness. ✠



Emanuel Werner, SJ, pronounced first vows in the Society of Jesus on August 8, 2015. He is currently in first studies at Fordham University in New York.

God's gentle call within my soul
continues to win my heart.

EMANUEL WERNER, SJ

Photo by Fr. Don Doll, SJ

Band of Brothers

By Brian Harper



The Strand family (from left): Jerry, Bernadette, Fr. Luke, Fr. Vincent, Fr. Jacob, Theresa Krausert (holding her daughter, Colette), and Chris Krausert, Theresa's husband

Father Vincent Strand's first Mass as a priest was similar to those celebrated by 19 of his fellow Jesuits ordained throughout the United States, Canada, and Haiti this year . . . except that he concelebrated with family.

Vincent is the third of Bernadette and Jerry Strand's children to be called "Father Strand." His older brother, Luke, and younger brother, Jacob, are priests in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Their younger sister, Theresa Krausert, is married and has a baby daughter.

In an age of fewer priests, many assume the Strands had an unusually pious

childhood. This, they insist, was not the case.

"We weren't praying the rosary every night before bed," says Fr. Luke.

"It just seemed like a very normal, American upbringing," adds Theresa.

However ordinary the Strands might have been, Fr. Vincent believes many generations of his family ultimately led him to the Jesuits.

"I'm a romantic," he says, "and so I actually believe things like penances and prayers one of my ancestors offered — not to mention all those rosaries my grandmothers said — have borne fruit in God's time and have contributed to my vocation."

Father Vincent first became aware of this vocation as a student at Marquette University.

"I became acquainted with what the Christian tradition held God to be: the ever ancient, ever new beauty for which our hearts were created," he says.

He had expected to become a doctor and marry but instead found himself "coming to grips with the fact that God had come to grips with me.

"There was drama and breakups with my girlfriend. Twice I told the Jesuit vocation director, 'Take me off the list.'"

There were also doubts at home. With Fr. Luke already having entered the seminary, the idea of first Fr. Vincent and later Fr. Jacob ending relationships to pursue religious life was difficult.

"It took me a long time to have peace with it," says Bernadette. "I was thinking about all the things I wasn't going to have, like daughters-in-law and lots of grandchildren."



(From left) Fr. Thomas Lawler, SJ, provincial of the Wisconsin Province; Fr. Vincent Strand, SJ; the Most Rev. Jerome Listecki, archbishop of Milwaukee; and Fr. Brian Paulson, SJ, provincial of the Chicago-Detroit Province

For Fr. Vincent, a feeling of certainty came “only on the far side of the decision.” Trust followed for the rest of the family, as well.

“When we went to visit him in the novitiate, you could just tell that’s where he’s supposed to be,” recalls Fr. Luke.

“He had discerned this so intensely all through college,” says Fr. Jacob. “When he made his decision, it was like, ‘Of course it’s right.’”

Though many also presume the Strand brothers followed each other into the priesthood one after the other, their journeys have been distinct. Father Vincent’s vocation has taken him all over the world, studying in the Bronx, Rome, Austria, and Germany.

It was during his regency at Creighton Preparatory School in Omaha that he revealed himself to not only be a gifted student but also a skilled teacher.

“Most of my students were nearing the end of 12 years of Catholic education and were tired of religion talk,” says Fr. Vincent. “Yet, at that exhilarating age of 18, they were willing — and wanted — to consider questions of what life was all about.”

His influence on others’ faith lives extended throughout his family, as well.

“My faith has grown a lot by having sons who are priests,” says Bernadette.

“I can’t talk on an intellectual level like my boys can,” laughs Jerry. “But it’s fun to listen to them talk anyway.”

The family’s deepening faith accompanied Fr. Vincent’s growing love and solidarity in a new brotherhood with his fellow Jesuits.

“Formation is long, often it’s difficult, and there is something about being in the trenches with other guys, year after year, that forges the deepest of bonds,” he says.

“We’d lay down our lives for each other without batting an eye.”



Though the family is often separated by distance, Fr. Vincent’s first Mass offered a rare moment together.

“It’s crazy,” marvels Fr. Jacob. “Through no merit of our own, God has called us all to be priests.”

“I know Vincent’s just going to be an amazing priest like the other two,” says Bernadette. “This is truly what the Lord called them to do. They had the strength and committed to saying, ‘Yes.’”

Father Vincent and his brothers cannot say exactly where that “Yes” will lead them in the future.

“I can say how much I love my brothers,” says Fr. Vincent, “and how much they have taught me.” ✠

Passing the Torch



For the past 20 years, Fr. Doll, SJ, hauled a professional studio to Red Cloud Indian School to capture the beauty of the students in their Native regalia. (Photo courtesy of Leopold Stuebner, SJ)

Fr. Don Doll, SJ, Places the Red Cloud Indian School Calendar into the Hands of Emerging Lakota Artists

Early each spring, a group of students arrive on Red Cloud Indian School's campus dressed in traditional Lakota regalia to have their portraits taken for the school's annual calendar. For the last 20 years, award-winning photojournalist Fr. Don Doll, SJ, stood behind the camera, capturing images that reflect the beauty of Native culture.

This year, the calendar shoot took on a new meaning. At Fr. Doll's urging, two young Lakota photographers joined him behind the camera. Angel White Eyes and Willi White, both graduates and employees of Red Cloud, will carry on Fr. Doll's work in the years to come. Though self-taught, Angel was recognized for her talent by *National Geographic* photographer Aaron Huey, who offered her a scholarship to photography workshops in Santa Fe, N.M. Willi, an emerging filmmaker, studied photojournalism under Fr. Doll for three years as a student at Creighton University. Both young photographers are deeply honored to carry on Fr. Doll's work.

"In all my work, I try to approach people with a profound respect for who they are," said Fr. Doll. "Often I believe kids have a hard time understanding their own self-worth. I want them to appreciate who they are as Native Americans, and to treasure their own culture. As Native photographers themselves, Willi and Angel will bring a whole new perspective to this work — a perspective that the world needs to see."

Father Doll first came to Indian country in 1962 as a young Jesuit. He was sent to the Rosebud Indian Reservation to serve at St. Francis Mission. Upon arrival in his first week, he was asked to help with photography. Father Doll began taking photos for St. Francis publications, but after two years, he was not satisfied with the quality of his work and contemplated quitting. Disillusioned and discouraged, he took a walk across the prairie and heard a voice inside telling him to "stay with photography; it's the first thing you loved doing."

"I believe that was the Holy Spirit speaking in the depths of my heart, like it does in everyone's heart," he explained. "That was truly a pivotal moment for me. In all my projects since, I've trusted in that voice to guide me in what to do next."

Father Doll went on to become an internationally-recognized photographer. In addition to teaching photojournalism at Creighton University, he has traveled the world taking photos for publications like *National Geographic*. His work has helped to expose non-Native people to the realities facing indigenous communities across the Great Plains and in Alaska, capturing moments of both joy and tragedy. In the 1990s, he journeyed to every Sioux reservation in five different states and Canada to make portraits of tribal elders, educators, artists, and advocates working on behalf of their people. He included their stories and images in his book



As 2008 Red Cloud graduates Angel White Eyes (standing, left) and Willi White (standing, right) take over the annual calendar project, they worked closely with Fr. Don Doll, SJ, and his photo editor, Carol McCabe, this past spring to create the 2017 calendar. (Photo courtesy of Jeremy Zipple, SJ)



From the 2,200 photos that Fr. Doll, Angel, and Willi made for the 2017 calendar, only one of Fr. Doll's made the cut (featured at right). "At first I was a little hurt," Fr. Doll said, laughing. "But then I realized that this is exactly why we came! Willi and Angel's work was absolutely beautiful. So it was certainly a mission accomplished!" To order a calendar, visit www.magisproductions.org.

and promote the efforts of the Jesuit Refugee Service. Recently, he recorded three short videos featuring the nominees for the million-dollar Opus Prize, an annual faith-based humanitarian award honoring individuals and organizations working to solve the world's

and exhibit *Vision Quest: Men, Women and Sacred Sites of the Sioux Nation*. (www.magisproductions.org)

Father Doll's long-standing commitment to and friendships with Native people have kept him coming back to Red Cloud. This year, he worked side by side with Willi and Angel, offering guidance on how to set up the best studio lighting, engage with students in front of the camera, and edit and select the best compositions. All three made photos of every student, alternating each session. Together they exposed more than 2,200 photos. By the end of the week, Willi, Angel, and Fr. Doll's photo editor, Carol McCabe, had selected the final calendar photographs. Only one photo by Fr. Doll was included.

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Father Doll is moving on from his formal work with Red Cloud, but he has no intention of slowing down. He has been traveling extensively to document

most pressing challenges. Wherever his work takes him, Fr. Doll says the people at Red Cloud will always be part of him.

"I've been blessed to create Red Cloud's calendar all these years. Of course I would be happy to come back to assist. But from what I've seen, I don't expect Angel and Willi need help. The calendar is in very capable hands." ❖

A version of this article originally appeared at www.redcloudschool.org.





ACCOMPANIMENT

Fr. Andrew Alexander, SJ



One of the joys of being a member of *Los Compañeros de Jesús* has been companionship. For all our individualism, I have always felt that I've been accompanied by

brothers and by mentors whose vision and commitment, whose gifts and generosity, inspired me, shaped me, and nurtured me along the way.

It is a natural outcome of this life of being accompanied to be drawn to be with Jesus in accompanying others. We are best at letting God's grace work in the lives of people by letting God take the lead. We accompany others in discernment and by offering our presence for their journey. They, in turn, share with us, with their care and the witness of their faith. A blessed life, indeed.

FINDING AND BEING FOUND

Fr. Walter Deye, SJ



We have to celebrate when what was lost is now found. Feeling found, especially after feeling lost, is such a gift given to me by my family and the Society

that I have to give it away to others. Life in the Society of Jesus has been a life of finding God in all things; in all peoples, including my brother Jesuits; the people I've been privileged to serve; my family. It has been a life of never truly being lost . . . but daily finding, being found, uncovering, discovering, and pointing out . . . God is here, God is with us. God saying, "I see you" even when I don't see or sense him.

The question "Where are you?" goes both ways. God to me/us and me/us to God. "Where are you?" I think the response for me and God is the same: "Here

I am! Stop looking, you found me." I've found him in the Society of Jesus.

VARIETY

Fr. Mark Henninger, SJ



I never imagined the variety of people I would meet, much less live with in the same community! It's a miracle that we were able to live in as much peace

together as we did.

The variety of places I've been asked to go also has been amazing — the Gregorian University, UCLA, Loyola University Chicago, Zimbabwe, the University of Detroit Mercy, and Georgetown University.

Mission, mission, mission: I hope, despite my sinfulness, that this is what my life has been about. And the current mission is hospital chaplaincy at Loyola University Hospital in Chicago, perhaps

(From left) Fr. Brian Paulson, SJ, provincial of the Chicago-Detroit Province; Fr. Daniel McDonald, SJ; Fr. Lawrence Ober, SJ; Fr. Mark Henninger, SJ; Fr. Andrew Alexander, SJ; Fr. Walter Deye, SJ; Fr. Robert Tillman, SJ; Fr. Terrence Charlton, SJ (Eastern Africa Province); and Fr. Thomas Lawler, SJ, provincial of the Wisconsin Province (Not Pictured: Fr. Timothy Shepard, SJ)



the mission most unlike anything I've had before. And I'm very, very happy with it. It's been an amazing and humbling ride.

RESTLESSNESS

Fr. Daniel McDonald, SJ



Restless apprehensions framed so many parts of my life: the desire to serve, but not knowing how; to understand, while feeling inadequate to the challenge; to

comprehend God and others, but afraid of the consequences; to continue in the Society, but with doubts. Pedro Arrupe and General Congregation 32 changed that: "What is it to be a companion of Jesus today? It is to engage, under the standard of the cross, in the crucial struggle of our time: the struggle for faith and that struggle for justice which it includes." (GC32, Decree 4)

What was important was to be engaged

in the struggle. That did not mean succeeding, but lively involvement was required. From that time forward, whatever the Society asked of me became something to engage in, and I found God's repeating graces in every facet of life.

THANKSGIVING

Fr. Lawrence Ober, SJ

A time of Jubilee is a time of thanksgiving for:



- A wonderful, creative, and delightful family circle and a life in the Society of Jesus with many friends and many amazing role models, peppered, of course, by the inevitable parade of characters
- Jesuit history filled with examples of how to do things well, and mystifying examples along the way of what not to do
- New Jesuits and old Jesuits alive with the spirit of Ignatius

In reflective remembrance, we praise God in happy moments, in difficult moments we seek God, in quiet moments we worship God, in painful moments we trust God, and in every moment we thank God. At the end of the day, we offer the prayer that all that we are, all that we do, may bless the name of the Lord.

I thank God for calling me to this vocation and walking with me through so many different people.

— Fr. Robert Tillman, SJ

SURPRISES

Fr. Timothy Shepard, SJ

I went to a public high school and had no lived experience with religious orders of men. After graduating, I got a job and, some months later, started a religious order search. I knocked on doors of various orders, but none rang any bells. Then someone suggested knocking on the door of the Society of Jesus. I knocked and heard bells ring!



There are two major decisions I have made in my life. The first, to apply to the Society, and the second, to apply for ordination. I have been grateful for the acceptance to the Society and the approval for ordination.

The first 50 years have been most interesting — a journey with many marvelous surprises, and, overall, an excellent ride. I look forward to the next 50 years!

PEOPLE

Fr. Robert Tillman, SJ



When I look back over my 50 years as a Jesuit, I can't help but think of all the amazing people I have met. These colleagues, Jesuits, teachers, runners I have coached,

students I have counseled, parents I have come to know, couples whose marriages I have witnessed, people involved in Beginning Experience ministry, those I have bowled with or played bridge with, and many more have revealed God's love to me. Their love and generosity has helped me to know a generous and loving God. I find myself filled with gratitude as I reflect on the people I have come to know as a result of my life and ministry in the Society of Jesus. I thank God for calling me to this vocation and walking with me through so many different people.

What I Have Seen & Heard

By Fr. Adam DeLeon, SJ



Having spent the past year as an associate pastor at Saint Columbanus Catholic Church, a black diocesan parish on Chicago’s South Side, I have seen and heard a lot.

I have seen and heard that more than 300 people were shot and killed in Chicago before we were halfway through the year. I have seen and heard that a person is shot every two hours and murdered every 13 hours in Chicago. I have seen and heard many names, like Tyshawn Lee, Laquan McDonald, Rekia Boyd, and Sandra Bland.

I have also seen and heard many comments offered as responses to these statistics and the murders of these four

similar to #BlackLivesMatter and #SayHerName nearly 100 years ago. A Mexican priest now blessed in the communion of saints, Fr. Miguel Pro, SJ, was killed in Mexico City in 1927 during the Cristero War, a rebellion against secularist, anti-Catholic, and anticlerical policies of the Mexican government. Before he was executed by a firing squad, he is believed to have raised his arms to imitate Christ on the cross, shouting out the cry of the Cristeros: “¡Viva Cristo Rey!” “Long live Christ the King!” “¡Viva Cristo Rey!” like

until all corners of our society reflect the truth that black lives matter, we cannot reasonably claim that all lives matter. #SayHerName recalls that African-American women cannot be overlooked in this struggle to affirm the dignity of every black person.

Blessed Miguel Pro, SJ, had his proclamation and protest; we Catholics have ours today. Our invitation is to see and hear how we respond to racial injustice, gender discrimination, and all forms of oppression, as well as to reflect on how Christ would have us respond. Our call as Catholics is to see and hear how our fellow sisters and

brothers live and suffer, and to join them in fellowship. Rooted in Catholic and Jesuit tradition, we are missioned to not only see and hear, but also to joyfully and peacefully respond with proclamation and protest: #BlackLivesMatter! #SayHerName! ¡Viva Cristo Rey! ✠

What we have seen and heard we proclaim now to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; for our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We are writing this so that our joy may be complete.



1 JOHN 1:3-4

Chicagoans. For some, these deaths were fleeting news items that had no direct impact. Others saw disturbing trends in these stories but did not know what could be done. Still others noted the difficulty of policing in certain parts of Chicago, stating that officers need to be supported and applauded for all they do. And a small but growing number of people have responded by proclaiming #BlackLivesMatter and #SayHerName.

As current as the scourge of gun violence may feel, a Jesuit offered a response

#BlackLivesMatter and #SayHerName, was a defiant proclamation and protest. As a proclamation, “¡Viva Cristo Rey!” professed Catholics’ faith and Jesus’ truth. Similarly, #BlackLivesMatter declares the truth that black lives *do matter*, while #SayHerName expresses the truth that African-American women with real names and real stories are amongst those who suffer violence and abuse.

As protest, “¡Viva Cristo Rey!” announced that Mexico’s laws were unjust. #BlackLivesMatter proclaims that

Fr. Adam DeLeon, SJ, is a teacher at Loyola High School in Detroit. Following his ordination to the priesthood in 2015, he served as an associate pastor at Saint Columbanus Catholic Church in Chicago. He has a Master of Theology degree from the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University of Louisiana.

Cyril Pinchak, SJ, following his diaconate ordination in the Byzantine Church

Being a Byzantine Jesuit

By Cyril Pinchak, SJ

“If you’re not Roman Catholic, how can you be a Jesuit?” I hear it often. Like a fish in water, many Catholics grow up surrounded by a Church they know and love, without reflecting on what makes the Church the Church. Explaining to others how this is possible, I re-explain it to myself, remembering how blessed I am.

The word “catholic” means “universal,” not uniform. The Church is made up of many Churches in communion with each other, united by faith and sacraments. How those sacraments are enacted differs within the culture of each sister Church.

There are barely 18 million Eastern Catholics in the entire world, compared to one billion Roman Catholics. While the Jesuits are predominantly Roman Catholic, a Jesuit can belong to any of the 22 Eastern Catholic Churches that share full communion with Rome and each other. My Church is the Byzantine Ruthenian Catholic Church, with just over half a million believers in the United States. We trace our origins back to the apostles and first generation of Christians who brought

the faith to Byzantium, a small city on the Bosphorus, that later grew into Constantinople, the Roman Empire’s Eastern capital. This Church spread to the Carpathian Mountains region, where Slovakia, Ukraine, Poland, Romania, and Hungary meet. My grandfather was one of millions of immigrant Slavs who brought the faith to the United States.

I did not choose this Church; I inherited it. Had my grandfather been born a few miles south and west, I would be ordained next summer in a Roman Catholic Mass with a dozen classmates, instead of by myself in a Byzantine Divine Liturgy. The faith is a gift, passed down from generation to generation, poured into me at baptism. It is a challenge I never asked for, yet I would be incomplete without it.

I have been inspired and challenged by other Byzantine Jesuits, like Fr. Walter Ciszek; Fr. Robert Taft; our former Superior General, Fr. Peter-Hans Kolvenbach; and, closer to home, Fr. Larry Ober; and my classmate, Andrij Hlabse.

People sometimes wonder if I feel a

sense of belonging to two worlds or to none, perpetually trying to make two incompatible Churches fit together. It is the same challenge every Christian faces: how to live in a world or community where the mystery of the other is never exhausted, where we do not completely understand each other but still know we are all connected.

I am blessed to reap the rich harvest of two ancient traditions. After ordination, I will request bi-ritual faculties to celebrate in the Roman Catholic Church, just as some of my Jesuit classmates may request bi-ritual faculties to serve in the Byzantine Church. Though there are many traditions in the Church, Byzantine Jesuits are a reminder that there is only one altar, one priest, and one sacrifice. There is one Church, and I am humbled and grateful to share in it as a Jesuit. ✠



Cyril Pinchak, SJ, is studying theology at Regis College in Toronto. He was ordained a deacon in the Byzantine Church this summer and will be ordained a priest in 2017.

Assignments

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Parish



Fr. James Lafontaine, SJ, of the USA Northeast Province, became associate pastor at St. Francis Mission on the Rosebud Indian Reservation.



Fr. Sosthenes Luyembe, SJ, of the Eastern Africa Province, became associate pastor of St. Xavier Church in Cincinnati.



Fr. Warren Sazama, SJ, became pastor of Saint Thomas More Catholic Community in St. Paul, succeeding Fr. Joseph Weiss, SJ.



Fr. Matthew Walsh, SJ, will return to Church of the Gesu in Milwaukee as an associate pastor, the role he held prior to beginning tertianship in Portland last year.

Retreat



Fr. Edmund Yainao Lunghar, SJ, of the Kohima Province, began a multi-year pastoral assignment on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation this summer.



Fr. Robert Dufford, SJ, has been named chaplain to the Creighton University Retreat Center. He will continue serving as spiritual director for clergy in the Diocese of Des Moines.



Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ, has begun a new assignment as a retreat director at Demontreville Jesuit Retreat House in Lake Elmo, Minn.



Fr. Lukas Laniauskas, SJ, has been appointed to the new role of vice president of mission integration and implementation at Saint Ignatius College Prep in Chicago.

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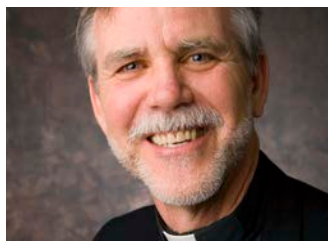
Universities



Fr. Thomas Merkel, SJ, has been named assistant vice president for university relations at Creighton University.



Fr. Ben Osborne, SJ, has been named chaplain to the Creighton University School of Medicine.



Fr. John Schwantes, SJ, was named assistant director of the Faber Center for Ignatian Spirituality at Marquette University.



Fr. Thomas Stegman, SJ, was named dean of the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry.

Jesuit Community

Fr. Charles Baumann, SJ, will join the Creighton University Jesuit Community and minister to the homeless and poor in Omaha.



Fr. Terry Brennan, SJ, was named minister of the St. Camillus Jesuit Community in Wauwatosa, Wis.



In Memoriam

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

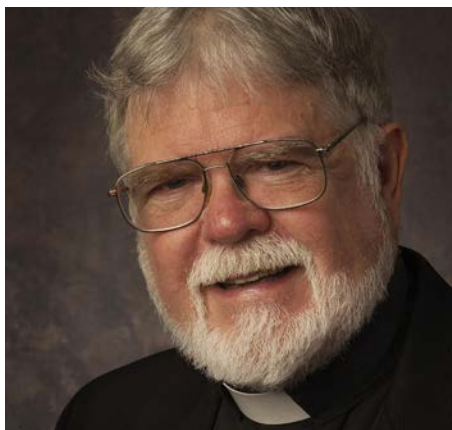


Fr. Emmett P. Holmes (CDT)

August 5, 1928 to March 24, 2016

Emmett was greatly loved at Walsh Jesuit. On his 80th birthday, the school gave him a golf cart to help him get around the 100-acre campus. He drove his golf cart to most Walsh athletic events, until he moved to Colombiere Center in 2013.

Retreat director, French teacher, school chaplain, faculty and staff spiritual director, rector, acting superior, and chaplain to the faculty and athletic teams at Walsh Jesuit High School in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; Latin and French teacher at St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati; rector and French teacher at Saint Ignatius High School in Cleveland

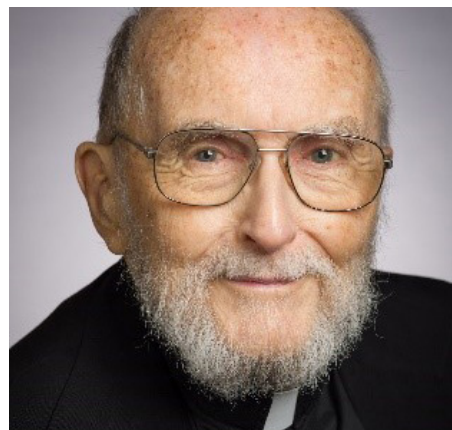


Fr. Robert H. Fitzgerald (WIS)

June 9, 1935 to March 17, 2016

Bob had the soul and sensibilities of a poet. He loved to tell stories and to hear the stories of others. The complexities of the human person fascinated him. He loved to write, both for his own enjoyment and for others, and was dedicated to helping those battling addictions.

High school English teacher at Creighton Preparatory School in Omaha, Campion Jesuit High School in Prairie du Chien, Wis., and the Academy of Holy Angels in Richfield, Minn.; alcohol and drug counselor at St. Francis Mission on the Rosebud Indian Reservation; writer, counselor, and chaplain in the Twin Cities; retreat director in Anchorage, Alaska; chaplain at the Creighton University Medical Center



Fr. Robert W. Dundon (ANW & WIS)

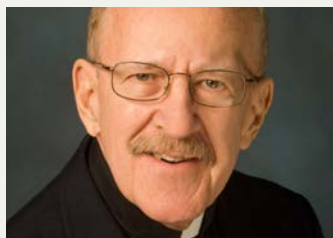
August 4, 1932 to March 9, 2016

Bob was very much a missionary Jesuit, devoting most of his life to teaching and pastoral service in Africa. He had wonderful insights and loved living and working with other Jesuits and growing close to the students he served in Africa.

Chemistry teacher at Marquette University, University of Benin in Nigeria, and Makerere University in Uganda; philosophy of science teacher at Arrupe College in Harare, Zimbabwe; chaplain and pastor at University of Benin; pastor of St. Benedict the Moor Parish in Omaha, Christ the King Parish in Lagos, Nigeria, and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Benin City, Nigeria

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Fr. Casimir Bukala, SJ, has been missioned to pray for the Church and the Society at Colombiere Center in Clarkston, Mich. He previously served as professor emeritus of philosophy at John Carroll University and director of the Forgiveness Fellowship.



Fr. Richard Twohig, SJ, has been missioned to pray for the Church and the Society at Colombiere Center in Clarkston, Mich. He previously served in adult faith formation and sacramental ministry at Walsh Jesuit High School in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.





Friends *in* Faith

By Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ

I first met Mother Angelica in the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) parking lot in Birmingham, Ala. I was scheduled to appear on her weekly program, *Mother Angelica Live*, and arrived in jeans, hunting boots, and a cowboy hat.

“Can I help you, sir?” she asked, striking her forehead when I told her I was her guest.

“Don’t worry, Mother,” I assured her. “I clean up well!”

Our first on-air discussion covered academic approaches to sacred Scripture. At one point, she misheard a vulgar expression when I spoke too quickly in referring to a historical figure as the “son of a bishop.” Nonetheless, she decided to extend the show, and during a break, she asked me to return and do a series. So began our 32-year friendship.

I proceeded to do series on the Psalms, prophets, the New Age movement, and more. My favorite was filming the Holy Rosary in the Holy Land. Mother Angelica refused the idea a number of times — she was afraid of potential danger to her crew and equipment. Finally, I prayed before the Blessed Sacrament, asking, “Lord, how can I convince Mother to change her mind?” Inspiration came in seconds. I found Mother and asked,

“What if we prayed the mysteries of the rosary at each place they occurred?”

“Let’s do it,” she responded.

Our repartee was fun when I appeared on her show. I could tease her, and she returned the favor. Some viewers called us the George Burns and Gracie Allen of Catholic TV. She had such a way with words.

“I have a lot of faith, but my stomach doesn’t know it yet,” she would sometimes say.

Mother was disappointed when I told her I could not help her start a new community of religious men, given my commitment to the Society of Jesus. “I will get you here in Alabama,” she told me, “because I am asking Jesus and usually get what I want from him.”

That promise was fulfilled in 2001, when she asked if I would help host her live shows. My superiors granted me permission on December 22, and on December 24, Mother had a cerebral hemorrhage, leaving me to continue the show while she fought for her life.

I did my best to imitate her in a way that was true to our friendship. I knew I could never be a wise old nun, but Mother’s deeper truth is that she was always herself, on stage and off. Raised

in poverty and the daughter of a sadly broken home, she moved past her anger and rejection of God and the Church to a conversion that led her to give her life entirely to both. She prayed at least four hours a day. Jesus was her spouse, and she loved him with her whole heart, mind, and soul. The best way to imitate her was to be myself and, like her, to pray and come to know and love Jesus Christ.

Mother Angelica had her cerebral hemorrhage on Christmas Eve 2001, and died on Easter Sunday 2016. While she suffered and prayed between these years, EWTN’s reach grew from 60 million to 265 million homes and 550 radio stations. My gratitude for her friendship, faith, good example, and courage continues. She began a tremendous work that holds an important place in American Church history. What a friend to have. ✠



Fr. Mitchell “Mitch” Pacwa, SJ, is president and founder of Ignatius Productions. The senior fellow of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology, he has taught at the University of Dallas and Loyola University Chicago, in addition to hosting shows on EWTN.

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I am honored to once again be affiliated with the Society of Jesus, and I look forward to collaboratively working with Jesuits and lay partners for the greater glory of God. — Joseph Sweeney

Midwest Jesuits Welcome Joseph Sweeney

The Midwest Jesuits are pleased to welcome Joseph (Joe) Sweeney, who will serve as regional director for Chicago and Cleveland on our advancement team. Joe comes from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, where he served as vice president for development and alumni relations and as senior development director. He also served as vice president for development at Loyola Academy in Wilmette, Ill., and as executive director of Boys Hope Girls Hope in Cincinnati.



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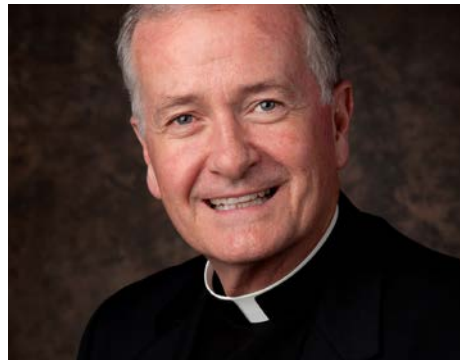
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Speaker: Fr. Timothy Lannon, SJ

Tuesday, October 4, 2016

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Marquette University Alumni Memorial Union
Monaghan Ballroom
1442 W. Wisconsin Ave.
Milwaukee, WI

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14th Annual Ignatian Dinner: Celebrating 20 Years of Jesuit Impact in North Omaha

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

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7400 Western Ave.
Omaha, NE

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Thursday, October 6, 2016

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St. Paul, MN

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