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From the Provincials

Dear Friends,

As we enter a new liturgical cycle and a new calendar year, we continue to respond to Pope Francis' call to "look to the past with gratitude, to live the present with passion, and to embrace the future with hope."

To this end, we give thanks for the many blessings of 2015. Eight Jesuits were ordained to the priesthood in the Chicago-Detroit and Wisconsin Provinces, and seven pronounced first vows (see page 9). Sixteen men entered the Jesuit Novitiate of St. Alberto Hurtado in St. Paul, Minn. (see pages 7–8), while lay partners joined us across the world and here at home to make the greatest impact by serving the greatest need. This fall, Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Milwaukee became the 29th school in a national network of Cristo Rey institutions providing a quality Catholic education and work experience to nearly 10,000 students throughout the network. The world's first Jesuit community college, Arrupe College of Loyola University Chicago, also opened its doors.

One of the year's highlights, of course, was Pope Francis' pilgrimage to the United States. Though the pope offered prophetic remarks on peace, environmental justice, and our responsibilities toward migrants and the oppressed (see page 16), his joyful smile and embrace of everyone, powerful and powerless alike, spoke louder than words.

Pope Francis' visit presented a unique opportunity for the Society to reflect in a new light on the Ignatian spirituality that Jorge Mario Bergoglio first encountered as a Jesuit novice in 1958, and that animates our work today. Throughout the pope's time in the United States, Jesuits like Frs. Matt Malone and James Martin of *America* magazine and Fr. Timothy Kesicki, president of the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States, appeared on major news networks and shared with the general public the worldview that continues to guide Pope Francis and all those who support the Society. We encourage you to read Fr. Kesicki's reflection on what we all can learn from the pope's historic trip (see pages 10–11).

Our collective vocation is to live the present with passion, while welcoming all the future has in store, confident of the Spirit's guidance. Jesuit delegates from the Midwest continue to prepare for the Society of Jesus' 36th General Congregation, which will be held in Rome in October 2016 and involve electing a new Superior General. As our two provinces move toward creating a new province in 2017, we maintain our dedication to the more than 60 Jesuit institutions in our provinces, each of which does so much to fulfill the Society's mission to embody a faith that does justice (see pages 2–3).

We hope you enjoy the many news items and articles in this issue and see how together, with your support and prayers, we are responding to Saint Ignatius's call to be women and men for others.

We ask for your prayers. Please know of our prayers for you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Brian G. Paulson, SJ
Provincial, Chicago-Detroit Province



Thomas A. Lawler, SJ
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Jesuit Frs. Thomas Lawler, provincial of the Wisconsin Province, and Brian Paulson, provincial of the Chicago-Detroit Province, join the seven Jesuits who pronounced first vows this year, as well as Jesuit Frs. Charles Rodrigues, Thomas Pipp, and Gregory Hyde of the Jesuit Novitiate of St. Alberto Hurtado. Learn more about first vows on page 9.

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ON THE COVER

Pope Francis held virtual audiences in three US cities before his September 22–27 visit. Valerie Herrera, a student at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Chicago, was honored to speak with the pope via a nationally televised video conference.

Photo by Tricia Koning, Courtesy of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Chicago

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A Heart on Fire: Points of Connection

Jesuit Aaron Pierre's work in restorative justice led him to a "supermax" prison said to house California's "worst of the worst." A prisoner in solitary confinement unexpectedly taught him about the human connections that transcend our differences.



Pope Francis: Pilgrim & Prophet

Pope Francis visited three cities in the United States from September 22–27. Fr. Timothy Kesicki, SJ, president of the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States, offers a Jesuit perspective on the pope's pilgrimage and its meaning for us all.



Jesuit Pilgrims

Each year, Jesuit novices make a one-month pilgrimage with only \$35, a one-way bus ticket, and the clothes on their backs. Four young Jesuits reflect on the people they met and the many ways they encountered God on their journeys.



Living the Magis

Aghogho Edevbie was taught to be a man for others as a student at the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy. Learn how he put this principle to work as a teacher at a Jesuit boarding school in Tanzania and why he climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro along the way.



Responding to Refugees

A global refugee crisis has shaken the world and left many fleeing violence and seeking safety in foreign lands. Jesuit Fr. T. Michael McNulty examines our common call to respond with openness and generosity.

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New freshmen at Midwest Jesuit universities/colleges this fall

Arrupe College: 158

Creighton University: 1,069

John Carroll University: 762

Loyola University Chicago: 2,242

Marquette University: 1,876

University of Detroit Mercy: 520

Xavier University: 1,182

18

Years people have gathered for the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice

300

Schools, nonprofit agencies, and grassroots organizations in which the Jesuit Volunteer Corps serves around the world

3

Number of cities Pope Francis visited on his trip to the United States

11,000+

Number of prayer requests received to date through JesuitPrayer.org and the Jesuit Prayer app

19,000

People who participated in Pope2Congress Watch Parties with the Ignatian Solidarity Network

Marquette University Names First James Foley Scholar

Marquette University's J. William and Mary Diederich College of Communication awarded its first James Foley Scholarship to Jacob Zelinski, a University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy graduate who began his freshman year at Marquette this fall.

Foley, a 1996 Marquette graduate who became a freelance journalist covering war zones, was detained in Libya in 2012 while reporting on the ouster of dictator Muammar Gaddafi. Following his release and



Jacob Zelinski (Courtesy of Marquette University)

return to the United States, Foley later was captured in Syria, where he was beheaded in August 2014 at the hands of militant extremists from Islamic State (ISIS) after 636 days in captivity.

Zelinski, who plans to major in theatre arts and digital media, explored Foley's character in an essay titled "Why James Foley is my hero."

"To receive an award in honor of someone so loving and selfless to all those he encountered as well as so brave and truthful in all of his endeavors was amazing," Zelinski wrote. "James Foley is the type of man I strive to be every day, and I could not be more honored and humbled to be the first Foley scholar." According to a university news release, the James Foley Scholarship was funded by 1,373 donors contributing more than \$320,000. Foley, who would have turned 42 on October 18, was also memorialized this year in a Mass of Remembrance with the Foley family at Church of the Gesu in Milwaukee, as well as at a Rosary for Peace service at Marquette's St. Joan of Arc Chapel.

Visit www.marquette.edu to learn more.



A painting of James Foley commissioned during Marquette University's Mission Week hangs in the school's Alumni Memorial Union (Courtesy of Marquette University).

John Carroll University Commemorates Martyrdom of Church Women in El Salvador

John Carroll University is commemorating the 35th anniversary of the martyrdom of the four church women — Maura Clarke, MM; Ita Ford, MM; Dorothy Kazel, OSU; and Jean Donovan — who were brutally murdered by Salvadoran national guardsmen for their work on behalf of the poor during El Salvador's civil war.

Joining John Carroll for the special program, "Bearing Witness: The Living Legacy of the Church Women of El Salvador," are Ursuline College, Notre Dame College, the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland, COAR (Community Oscar Arnulfo Romero), and the InterReligious Task Force on Central America (IRTF).

"Bearing Witness" consists of four events. The first, "Like Grains of Wheat: The Enduring Legacy of Maura, Ita, Dorothy, and Jean," was a lecture held at John Carroll in September. Ursuline College hosted an evening with former members of the Cleveland Mission Team in October, and Notre Dame College and IRTF will present a film, dinner, and discussion on November 17. The anniversary of the four church women's martyrdom, December 2, will be observed with a prayer service at the Ursuline Educational Center's Chapel of the Most Holy Trinity. People interested in attending must register at www.ursulinesisters.org/35.



John Carroll
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By the Numbers

Dr. Edward Peck, vice president for Mission and Identity at John Carroll, said the idea for the collaboration came from John Carroll president Fr. Robert Niehoff, SJ, who toured the site of the church women's death last year.

"We are celebrating the many different ways we as institutions and parishes have been inspired by their living witness to the Gospel and to solidarity with those on the margins," said Dr. Peck.

In addition to these events, John Carroll is offering a semester-long course on the church women, which will culminate in a John Carroll and Ursuline College immersion trip to El Salvador for the December 2 anniversary commemoration.

Women's Ignatian Leadership Salon Inspires University Administrators

Female administrators from seven Jesuit colleges and universities met at Xavier University in Cincinnati, for the inaugural Women's Ignatian Leadership Salon, August 11–12. Attendees included representatives from Xavier, Creighton University, John Carroll University, Loyola University Chicago, Marquette University, and the University of Detroit Mercy, as well as Campion College in Canada.

The conference aimed to advance leadership capacities through an emphasis on Ignatian reflection, sharing, and experience-focused workshops. Its name stemmed from its introspective focus on women's professional experiences in the vein of Saint Ignatius's Spiritual Exercises.

Dr. Debra K. Mooney, Xavier's chief mission officer and assistant to the president for Mission and Identity, was one of the event's facilitators. She said the conference's Ignatian context was key.

"It was Ignatian, because we really emphasized people's reflection on their personal experience and conscious under-



Participants in the Women's Ignatian Leadership Salon at Xavier University

St. John's Jesuit Kicks off 50th Year

On September 4, St. John's Jesuit High School & Academy kicked off its 50th year of re-establishment in Toledo, Ohio, with a Mass of the Holy Spirit. Father Brian Paulson, SJ, provincial of the Chicago-Detroit Province, concelebrated the Mass with fellow Jesuits and members of other religious orders and the Catholic Diocese of Toledo.

Mike Truesdell, president of St. John's Jesuit, said the Mass embodied the school's Jesuit Catholic identity.

"Alumni attended in person and via the Internet," he said. "St. John's Jesuit represents a special community indeed!"

At the school's 1965 opening, its president, Fr. Nicholas Gelin, SJ, said, "Today, St. John's begins its second springtime with a planting that we pray will yield a harvest comparable to the first."

Many leaders in education, business, and government in Toledo and throughout the country have their foundation in a St. John's Jesuit education. More than 10,000 young men have experienced life-changing opportunities and defined who they are throughout their years at the school.

St. John's is part of a network of 63 high schools and 28 colleges in the United States and hundreds of institutions worldwide that share similar ideals and

standing of choices they make and desires they have in their career and vocation," said Dr. Mooney. "It makes it different from traditional professional development opportunities, which are oftentimes skills-based, such as 'how to do something better and more effectively.'"



St. John's Jesuit began its 50th year with a Mass of the Holy Spirit, concelebrated by Fr. Brian Paulson, SJ, fellow Jesuits, and other priests.

programs. Founding documents based on the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius orient and guide all Jesuit institutions and their employees and collaborators to effectively carry on the educational mission and services of the Society of Jesus.

Plans are underway for other celebrations to commemorate St. John's Jesuit's proven success in educating young men.

Walsh Jesuit High School in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, also continues to mark its 50th anniversary with events that began last year and will conclude next spring.

Leadership and faculty in attendance included women who serve in roles such as director of campus ministry, vice president of mission and ministry, provost, department chair or dean, as well as professors.

The conference included speeches, discussions on women's experiences in the workplace, and other professional development activities. Featured topics were strengths, impression management, stereotype threats, virtuous leadership, and institutional culture. The women not only talked about their strengths as leaders and how they actively developed their talents, but also discussed instances when a negative gender stereotype might have impacted them at work and how they overcame that negative expectation.

"It was a place to talk about things that may have been painful or challenging but also a place to talk about joys," said Dr. Mooney. "They're all a part of life."

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

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 CDT=Chicago-Detroit Province
 WIS=Wisconsin Province



Fr. John A. Knappek, SJ (CDT)
 March 5, 1922 to October 17, 2015
 Assistant director of Loyola Industrial School in Kurji, India; English and math teacher at St. Xavier's High School in Patna, India; minister at parishes in Detroit and Ohio; minister, subminister, and student counselor at John Carroll University



Fr. Joseph T. Brennan, SJ (CDT)
 October 10, 1936 to October 17, 2015
 Rector, student counselor, teacher, and minister at St. Xavier High School; rector, faculty chaplain, sacramental minister, and student counselor at Saint Ignatius College Prep; Latin and English teacher at Loyola Academy



Fr. Edward M. Nemeth, SJ (CDT)
 October 24, 1931 to August 22, 2015
 Chemistry professor at University of Detroit Mercy; retreat and spiritual director at Colombiere Center; Detroit Province coordinator for Horizons for Justice; director of Romero Center; pastoral ministry in several parishes



Fr. David J. Stagaman, SJ (CDT)
 July 29, 1935 to August 9, 2015
 Professor of systematic theology, dean, acting president, and acting rector at Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley; chair of Theology Department, rector, academic dean, and acting director of Jesuit First Studies Program at Loyola University Chicago



Fr. James J. Gladstone, SJ (WIS)
 September 22, 1934 to August 4, 2015
 Director of formation, socius, vocation director, and other community and formation ministry; director of Jesuit Retreat House in Oshkosh and Creighton University Retreat Center



Fr. Francis Paul Prucha, SJ (WIS)
 January 4, 1921 to July 30, 2015
 Marquette University professor of history for 50 years; visiting professor and fellow at Georgetown University, Harvard University, the University of Oklahoma, and Boston College; renowned scholar on US policy toward Native Americans



Fr. Edwin (Ned) H. Cassem, SJ (WIS)
 January 24, 1935 to July 4, 2015
 Chief of Psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital; researcher and author specializing in palliative and end-of-life care and the relationship between depression and heart disease



Fr. J. Peter Carey, SJ (CDT)
 July 18, 1930 to June 29, 2015
 Administrator and professor at Xavier University, the University of Albuquerque, St. Xavier College, Walsh Jesuit High School, and Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School; pastoral ministry at Milford Spiritual Center; accompanied people with addiction

Jesuit Education

Fr. Patrick (Paddy) Gilger, SJ, began graduate studies in sociology at The New School in New York City. He was previously a sociology professor and associate pastor of St. John's Parish at Creighton University.



Fr. Peter Klink, SJ, has been named vice president for Mission and Identity at Red Cloud Indian School on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. He previously served in other capacities at Red Cloud: as school superintendent, president, community superior, and pastor at churches in Manderson and Porcupine.



Fr. James McCann, SJ, was named senior vice president of the Gregorian University Foundation. He will be based in New York and will support the foundation's apostolic mission of service to the Education Consortium of the Society of Jesus in Rome. Fr. McCann most recently served as rector of the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome, one of the consortium's institutions.



Fr. T. Michael McNulty, SJ, is the new scholar in residence at the Marquette University Center for Peacemaking. He is also serving as a consultant to the provincial assistant for



social and international ministries for the Midwest Jesuits. Fr. McNulty was previously a visiting scholar, while holding the Donald I. MacLean, S.J. Chair at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia.

Fr. Thomas Merkel, SJ, has been named vice president for mission and identity at Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School in Indianapolis, as well as acting superior of the Brebeuf Jesuit Community.



Fr. Peter Nguyen, SJ, has joined Creighton University's Department of Theology as an assistant professor. He anticipates completing his doctorate in systematic theology at Regis College, University of Toronto, where he has explored the interior freedom that shaped the witness of World War II martyr Fr. Alfred Delp, SJ.



Fr. Protas Opondo Okwalo, SJ, will hold the Anna & Donald Waite Chair in Jesuit Education at Creighton University. Fr. Okwalo is a Jesuit from the Eastern Africa Province of the Society of Jesus. The chair was established to bring qualified Jesuit scholars and teachers to Creighton.



"The heart of Jesuit identity and what ought to define our existence as followers of Jesus, is availability."

Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ

Fr. Paul Shelton, SJ, has joined the Theology Department at Saint Ignatius High School in Cleveland, following a pastoral year as associate pastor at St. Procopius Catholic Parish in Chicago.



Fr. Nathan Wendt, SJ, has been named special assistant to the president at Creighton Preparatory School in Omaha. He will also serve as chaplain at the Jesuit Academy in Omaha. Fr. Wendt recently completed a pastoral year at Gesu Catholic Church in Detroit.



International

Fr. Paul Mueller, SJ, assumed the office of administrative vice director of the Vatican Observatory on September 18. Fr. Mueller will continue in his role as religious superior of the Jesuit community at the Vatican Observatory, which he has held since 2010, and divide his time between the community's two residences in Castel Gandolfo, Italy, and Tucson, Ariz.



Pastoral

Fr. William Blazek, SJ, has joined the team of retreat directors at Manresa House of Retreats in Convent, La. Fr. Blazek, who is also a physician and medical ethicist, previously served as director of the Integritas Institute for Ethics at the



John Paul II Newman Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Fr. Phillip Cooke, SJ, has been appointed associate pastor at Gesu Catholic Church in Detroit and director of the Center for Social Entrepreneurship at the University of Detroit Mercy. He previously served as Jesuit social entrepreneur in residence at the Center for Science, Technology, and Society at Santa Clara University in Santa Clara, Calif.



Fr. Robert Flack, SJ, has been named director of Spiritual Life at Saint Joseph College Seminary in Chicago. He previously served as a retreat director at Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House in Barrington, Ill.



Fr. James Flaherty, SJ, has been appointed pastor of Church of the Gesu in Milwaukee. He replaces **Fr. John Schlegel, SJ**, who stepped down to care for his health. Fr. Flaherty previously served as associate pastor at Gesu, president of Nativity Jesuit Academy from 2011–2013, philosophy professor and campus minister at Marquette University, rector/superior of the Marquette University Jesuit Community, and associate pastor of St. Patrick's Parish in Milwaukee.



Fr. Christopher Johnson, SJ, has been named pastor of St. Agnes Church, Sacred Heart Church, and Christ the King Church on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. He previously completed a pastoral year in service to the St. Francis Mission on the Rosebud Indian Reservation.



Fr. Daniel Reim, SJ, was named associate pastor at St. Procopius Catholic Parish in Chicago, after a sabbatical at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University in Berkeley, Calif., and time in Cuernavaca, Mexico. Fr. Reim previously served as associate pastor at St. Mary Student Parish on the campus of the University of Michigan, as well as superior of the Ann Arbor Jesuit Residence.



Jesuit Formation

Br. Ralph Cordero, SJ, **Br. Michael O'Grady, SJ**, and **Fr. Matthew Walsh, SJ**, have joined five other Jesuits in the USA Tertiarity program in Portland. Tertiarity is typically made 10 to 15 years after the novitiate and at the end of a Jesuit's professional training. It is a time for a Jesuit to deepen his commitment to the Society of Jesus. An important component of tertiarity involves completing the Spiritual Exercises, which this year's tertians began on October 1.



NEW RESIDENTS OF SENIOR JESUIT COMMUNITIES

COLOMBIERE



Fr. Eugene Carmichael, SJ



Fr. M. Joseph Casey, SJ

ST. CAMILLUS



Fr. Thaddeus Burch, SJ



Fr. Patrick Murphy, SJ



Fr. Robert Thul, SJ



Fr. James Ryan, SJ



Fr. George Sullivan, SJ

Points of Connection By Aaron Pierre, SJ

The prison guards guide our retreat team down the whitewashed corridor of a “supermax” prison in California. We’re doing cell-by-cell visits to inmates in solitary confinement, and it is eerily silent. Within these walls, nearly 1,800 men wake each morning to spend their day with little sunshine or human contact.

I am reeling from the harsh reality. The men are on “lockdown” 23 hours each day. They spend one hour of “recreation” alone, pacing a 25 ft. x 10 ft. room. Meals are passed through cell doors. No communication and no visits.

With every move, I feel painfully aware of differences that seem to separate me from these inmates. I’m a Midwestern white male from a middle class Catholic family, who has been offered boundless opportunities. I’m grateful, but in this moment my privilege steals my attention. Unsure what to do with my hands, I jam them into the bulletproof vest all visitors must wear. A safety precaution, I’m told.

I approach the next cell, but the grating makes it difficult to see inside. As my eyes adjust, I’m struck by a strange familiarity. The walls are littered with posters of the



Aaron Pierre, SJ, joins two formerly incarcerated men outside the California State Capitol in Sacramento, for advocacy work on behalf of restorative justice legislation.

Messages of encouragement received for Aaron Pierre, SJ, in response to his “A Heart on Fire” email sent to Jesuit Partners in October 2015.

“Your reflection is remarkable; I’m impressed with your efforts for restorative justice. Wishing you well in your Jesuit formation! Thank you for serving.” —Carol Stadtmueller

“Thanks for your message about visiting in prison. We are all together in suffering and in bringing Christ on the cross to others.” —Pat Hughes

“Aaron - every one of us needs something or someone to hang on to. The Holy Spirit has helped you play this important role. May God bless and watch over you.” —Mike Horlick

“Our humanity can only be seen when it is reflected back at us from the heart of another and we have the strength to look. You have this strength. God is with you.” —David Davis

Green Bay Packers and the Notre Dame Fighting Irish.

The man approaches me hesitatingly, with a look that searches my intentions. Visitors are rare here. I stumble through a quick introduction and blurt out, “You’ll never believe this, but I was born and raised in Green Bay, and I attended Notre Dame!”

He lights up: “Not many cheeseheads out here in Cali!” As he dives into his thoughts on the upcoming Packers season, we quickly move beyond my limited sports knowledge. I shift the conversation to Notre Dame. One of his uncles attended the university. In two steps he’s standing next to the cinderblock shelf, pointing out several books. He eagerly shares details about the university’s history that I had yet to learn. No question, he’s a fan.

The guards interrupt: our eight minutes are up. Before I walk out of this man’s life forever, we look each other in the eye, briefly allowing the moment to sink in. “Thank you,” he says with a sincere smile. “I needed this.”

I needed that encounter, too, maybe more than he.

When I began working in restorative justice last summer, my mind was full of stereotypical images of inmates. These high security prisons are described as housing California’s “worst of the worst”:

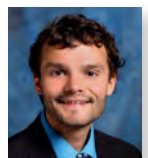
killers, thieves, and gang leaders. Men entirely defined by their criminal actions.

This inmate offered me a glimpse of his humanity and reframed my approach to the work that summer.

Through this man’s openness, God revealed Godself and loudly communicated I’m not that different from the people caught in our criminal justice system. With God’s grace, I searched for those inevitable points of human connection that eclipse the imaginary chasms separating us from each other.



Aaron Pierre, SJ, is a Jesuit scholastic of the Wisconsin Province. He is studying philosophy at Loyola University Chicago and is among nearly 100 Jesuits who have written reflections for JesuitPrayer.org.



“What could be better?”

By Amy Korpi

Often, we think of Jesuits working in the heart of cities, not enjoying nature's wonders in the middle of a wilderness. Yet we know Saint Ignatius designed Jesuit formation – and the spirituality that takes his name – with an emphasis on all creation being a gift from God, worthy of our reverence and stewardship.

Similarly, we tend to think of Jesuits as givers, not receivers. But as they live out the Ignatian ideal of finding God in all things, it is clear that Jesuits derive great joy from their vocations.

Father Bill Burke, SJ, has embodied these Jesuit characteristics for more than 50 years – perhaps most markedly during his ministry in Alaska and Montana.

This particular aspect of Fr. Burke's journey began when he was working as the development director for what was then the Chicago Province of the Society of Jesus. A fellow Jesuit told him about the great fishing in Alaska.

“I've loved fishing since childhood,” Fr. Burke recalls. “So from that point on, I knew I wanted to go there.”

Father Burke did far more than go there;

he spent 20 years in ministry in Alaska, followed by nine in a location with comparable natural beauty: Montana. He worked mostly as a hospital chaplain.

“I loved my work,” he says, “and I loved Alaska and Montana, especially the opportunities they afforded me to fish. I caught a 52-pound king salmon in Alaska's Kenai River, and I did lots of fly fishing for trout in Missoula and Billings, Montana.”

Father Burke's message to all is that anyone can do what they love while also following God's will. Ignatian spirituality teaches that the two are intertwined.

As Fr. Burke puts it, “The Society has given me the opportunity to pursue my dreams and to be of service to others at the same time – to work, fish, pray, and write poetry.”

Today, living at the Colombiere Center in Clarkston, Mich., Fr. Burke continues to feel gratitude for his Jesuit life.

“An essential part of my vocation is friendship with my fellow Jesuits in community,” he explains. “Living at Colombiere is fun. I came here five years ago, and I enjoy it. My fellow Jesuits are wonderful.

I BREATHE WHITE

I breathe white.
So do spruce
And Moose
And the Alaskan Highway.
We're all a prayer,
A white prayer,
Cool communion with each other,
And white mountains,
And white lynx cat-dancing
Silent and swift
On a white evening,
Chasing Halley's Comet's tail.

— Fr. Bill Burke, SJ

Visit www.jesuitsmidwest.org/reflections/journey for more “A Jesuit's Journey” stories.



They are a real source of inspiration and strength. I say Mass here and at Lourdes Senior Community, so I am still serving others. I also continue to write a little poetry, and I fish as often as I can. What could be better?”

When asked to give advice to someone considering a vocation with the Jesuits, Fr. Burke's answer is simple:

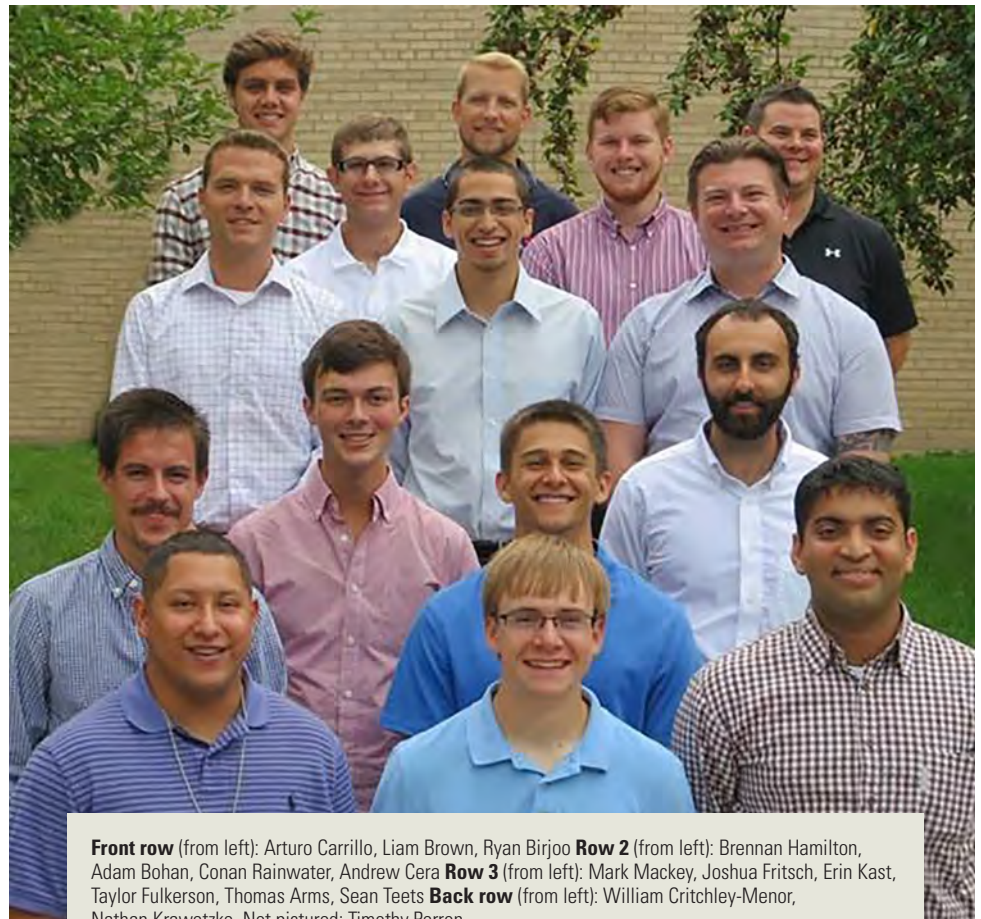
“Run, don't walk. This is the best adventure you will ever have.”

VOCATIONS

Meet the 2015 Novices

It is with great joy that we introduce the 16 men who entered the Chicago-Detroit (CDT) and Wisconsin (WIS) Provinces of the Society of Jesus at the Jesuit Novitiate of St. Alberto Hurtado in St. Paul, Minn., on Saturday, August 15, 2015.

Thomas Arms (CDT): Thomas, 32, earned a bachelor's in English from The Ohio State University in 2008. He served for three years as the head swim coach at the YMCA of Central Ohio and taught English for seven years in Seoul, South Korea, where he discovered the Jesuits at the English Mass at Jesuit-founded Sogang University. Thomas enjoys swimming, cooking, reading, all types of music, and making quality coffee.



Front row (from left): Arturo Carrillo, Liam Brown, Ryan Birjoo **Row 2** (from left): Brennan Hamilton, Adam Bohan, Conan Rainwater, Andrew Cera **Row 3** (from left): Mark Mackey, Joshua Fritsch, Erin Kast, Taylor Fulkerson, Thomas Arms, Sean Teets **Back row** (from left): William Critchley-Menor, Nathan Krawetzke. Not pictured: Timothy Perron

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Ryan Birjoo (CDT): Ryan, 26, received a bachelor's in chemical engineering and a master's in engineering management from Dartmouth College in New Hampshire, where he was active in Catholic student chaplaincy. He attended a Hearts on Fire retreat in 2013, which played a key role in his joining the Jesuits. Ryan is interested in the intersection of energy and water issues and Christian stewardship. He also enjoys traveling, cooking, and studying the traditions of Eastern Christianity.

Adam Bohan (WIS): Adam, 21, graduated from Creighton University in Omaha with a bachelor's in international relations. He spent a semester in Shanghai, has worked in university ministry, and participated in Six Weeks a Jesuit, a program in Toronto. He has also reached the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. In addition to teaching piano lessons, Adam likes running, traveling, reading biographies, and listening to music.

Liam Brown (WIS): Liam, 19, graduated from Marquette University High School in Milwaukee, and is an accomplished musician who plays in three jazz bands. He is an Eagle Scout and has worked at a Boy Scouts camp for three summers. Besides his love for the jazz trombone and piano, he enjoys playing cards, camping, and listening to Chicago Cubs baseball games.

Arturo Carrillo (WIS): Arturo, 27, graduated from Brown College in Mendota Heights, Minn., with a bachelor's in criminal justice. After graduation, he spent five years working in manufacturing. He has volunteered at domestic violence and homeless shelters, and he spent five months at Holy Rosary Mission on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Arturo loves playing basketball and watching football, basketball, boxing, and movies.

Andrew Cera (WIS): Andrew, 32, graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee with a bachelor's in history. He received a law degree from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. For the past five years, Andrew has worked as an attorney near Shreveport, La. He enjoys the outdoors, good literature, and reading about the lives of the saints.

William Critchley-Menor (WIS): Billy, 19, completed his freshman year at Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minn., where he studied theology and peace studies. He has volunteered with the youth office of the Diocese of Duluth in Minnesota and has worked at a rhubarb festival for five summers. Billy loves to read, play the viola, and listen to music of all genres.

Joshua Fritsch (CDT): Joshua, 19, graduated from Genoa Area High School in Ohio in 2014 and attended Owens Community College in Perrysburg, Ohio. He was a member of Quiz Bowl and has participated in numerous tech activities and played soccer.

Taylor Fulkerson (CDT): Taylor, 23, received a bachelor's in philosophy from Xavier University in Cincinnati. While at Xavier, he participated in outreach ministry with Cincinnati's homeless population, served as a research assistant, and studied abroad in Nicaragua, where he volunteered at a preschool. He is proficient in Spanish and can read French. In his free time, Taylor enjoys reading novels, cooking, and trying to find the nuanced side of current events.

Brennan Hamilton (CDT): Brennan, 25, graduated from Allegheny College in Meadville, Pa., earning a bachelor's in Spanish and history. He previously worked as an educator, teaching Spanish and English as a second language. Brennan met the Jesuits through a close friend and former cross country teammate who attended Walsh Jesuit High School in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. When not running or reading, he enjoys taking spontaneous road trips and trying out new recipes.

Erin Kast (WIS): Erin, 22, received a bachelor's in biology and religion from Swarthmore College near Philadelphia. While in college, he spent three years working on a research project at a biology lab and a semester studying abroad in Morocco. He has also traveled to the Galápagos Islands. Erin enjoys soccer, biking, hiking, gardening, cooking, and reading, as

well as playing the piano and trumpet.

Nathan Krawetzke (CDT): Nathan, 28, graduated from the University of Dayton in Ohio in 2009, with a bachelor's in history and religious studies. He then joined the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, working with homeless youth at Covenant House Alaska. He has taught religion classes at his high school, St. Mary Catholic Central in Monroe, Mich., served as a youth minister in Anchorage, Alaska, and worked at Ste. Anne Catholic Church on Mackinac Island, Mich.

Mark Mackey (CDT): Mark, 29, attended St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati. He earned bachelor's degrees in zoology and environmental science from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and a master's in ecology from the University of Missouri. After conducting research and teaching in various regions around the United States, Mark returned to Cincinnati, where he was involved in the young adult Catholic group and other activities through Bellarmine Chapel at Xavier University.

Timothy Perron (CDT): Timothy, 31, earned a bachelor's in music education from the College of Saint Rose in Albany, N.Y., a bachelor's in philosophy from Saint John's Seminary in Boston, and a master's in theological studies from Loyola University Chicago. He spent a year in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Sacramento, working in an inner-city elementary school as a math and reading tutor and music teacher. He enjoys journaling and playing music.

Conan Rainwater (WIS): Conan, 22, graduated from Creighton University in Omaha, with a bachelor's in theology. He has been an active member of the Knights of Columbus and taught grade school religious education. Conan spent two summers in Peru on a work/study program and enjoys playing the piano, skiing, and golfing. He also likes hunting and spending time outdoors, especially with his family dog.

Sean Teets (CDT): Sean, 37, earned a bachelor's from Youngstown State University in Ohio, a master's from Bowling Green State University in Ohio, and a doctor of arts from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley. He taught high school and university music in Colorado, Louisiana, and Kansas, conducted choral works with orchestras, and was stage director for various operas and musicals. He is an avid swimmer and skier.

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**“Vocations are born in prayer
 and from prayer; and only
 through prayer can they
 persevere and bear fruit.”**

Pope Francis

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 had a strong influence on his vocation. He
 enjoys woodworking and watching movies.



The seven Midwest Jesuits who pronounced first vows (from left): Lawrence Ryan Dwyer, Matthew Ippel, Patrick Hyland, Minh-Hoang Le, Sean Barry, Emanuel Werner, and Bryan Paulsen

Jesuits Take the Next Step By Fr. Timothy Lannon, SJ

One of the best parts of my role as the Midwest Jesuits' provincial assistant for formation is that I have an opportunity to walk with Jesuits in a number of stages throughout their journeys. Whether I am meeting a brother teaching high school theology during regency, a deacon preparing for ordination to the priesthood, or a young man immersed in philosophy classes during first studies, I am continually inspired by the many ways these extraordinary Jesuits illustrate a strong future for the Society's work in the world.

One of the most significant moments in a Jesuit's formation is first vows. After two years in the novitiate, a time marked by the

Spiritual Exercises, a pilgrimage, community service, and many other experiments and experiences, Jesuit novices pronounce vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience to the Society of Jesus. It is an extraordinary moment in the life of a Jesuit, and it represents the ever-increasing realization that, as Saint Ignatius said, "all that [we] have and possess" are gifts from God.

It was truly a blessing to attend this year's first vows Mass at Saint Thomas More Catholic Church in St. Paul, Minn. More than that, I am deeply grateful to call the seven men who took this important step my Jesuit brothers.

The Midwest Jesuits' first vows Mass was celebrated Saturday, August 8, 2015. Father Brian Paulson, SJ, provincial of the Chicago-Detroit Province, presided at the Mass, and Fr. Thomas Lawler, SJ, provincial of the Wisconsin Province, served as homilist.

For more information on first vows or a vocation with the Society of Jesus, visit www.jesuitsmidwest.org or <http://vocations.jesuits.org>. Also visit www.midwestjesuits.smugmug.com to see more photos from this year's first vows Mass.

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Pope Francis addressing a joint meeting of Congress (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

Pope Francis: Pilgrim & Prophet

A Jesuit Take on the Pope's Historic Trip to the US

By Fr. Timothy Kesicki, SJ

Have there been six days in recent memory that were more inspiring or exciting than those Pope Francis spent in the United States? His acts of humility and words of mercy—shared everywhere from the halls of Congress to a Catholic Charities meeting with the homeless—reminded us what our faith is truly about.

Pope Francis' message is for everyone. In venturing out to meet all people where they are and lead us to find God in all things, this Jesuit pope and pilgrim helps members and friends of the Society of Jesus better understand our unique spirituality, vocation, and mission in the world.

I was fortunate enough to attend Pope Francis' special welcome ceremony at the White House on September 23, the day after he landed in Washington, D.C., from Cuba. Like so many Americans, I could not help but smile as he arrived to meet President Obama in a tiny Fiat, dwarfed by Secret Service SUVs. I was even more thrilled to see this simple moment matched by his humble speech. Who, at 78, learns a new language and then addresses the world in a foreign country? I found myself thinking of Saint Ignatius, who as an adult sat in a classroom with school children who

mocked him as he learned Latin and gained the education he needed to transform the world.

We know of Pope Francis' special concern for people on the margins, especially migrants and refugees. It was fitting, then, that he began his address at the White House with these words: "As the son of an immigrant family, I'm happy to be a guest

"We must live out the mission Pope Francis preached on his pilgrimage, going forth, like Saint Ignatius, to set the world on fire."

in this country, which was largely built by such families." How wonderfully Jesuit to open a dialogue on immigration with a personal reflection!

He continued this theme when he met the US bishops at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle: "Welcome the immigrant into your parishes. I was a pastor in the south. Welcome my parishioners into your home."

We witnessed history when Pope Francis

addressed Congress the following day. He artfully spoke of four towering Americans: Abraham Lincoln, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Dorothy Day, and Thomas Merton. In honoring Lincoln's defense of liberty, King's championing liberty in plurality and non-exclusion, Day's work for social justice and human rights, and Merton's belief in our capacity for dialogue and openness to God, Pope Francis missioned us to be better Americans, citizens, and, in turn, servants to the world.

After leaving a building that embodies power, Pope Francis went to the powerless, joining Catholic Charities to have lunch with Washington's homeless. He identified the homeless with Jesus, reminding them that the Son of God's life began without a roof over his head. The pope once again drew on the Jesuit notion of finding God in all things: "Jesus keeps knocking on our door, in the faces of our brothers and sisters, in the faces of our neighbors and the faces of those that are at our side."

He also engaged in a little imaginative prayer—another Ignatian practice—and told those gathered, "You make me think of Saint Joseph. Your faces remind me of his." What struck me most about this chapter in

the pope's trip was how vividly he brought to life the adage, "Preach, and when necessary, use words." Whether or not we remember what Pope Francis said, we will remember what he preached.

Pope Francis' whirlwind tour of the United States continued in New York, where he returned to a place that symbolizes prestige with his address to the United Nations General Assembly. Looking out at his audience, recognizing there are nations at war with each other, some that do not trade as freely with each other, some that would rather not sit beside each other, he brought a message of peace, hope, reconciliation, and challenge. The pope was not afraid to reflect on areas where we succeeded and failed. And he was not afraid to call all of us to think beyond our own nations and embrace this planet we all share.

One of the most moving moments of Pope Francis' time here was a stop at what has become sacred space in New York: Ground Zero. Here we saw the pope as pastor, consoling and comforting family members who lost loved ones to the September 11 terrorist attacks. Following a tragedy some have used to divide people against religious and ethnic lines, Pope Francis prayed with religious leaders of different backgrounds, seeking to unite all faiths, peoples, and cultures. It was powerful that he knew how to greet each person according to her or his own tradition, treating them as an individual. The journey to peace begins with a single embrace, and Pope Francis embraced the world.

Fortunately, the pope also brought us some lighthearted moments. It was fun



Pope Francis visiting inmates at Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility in Philadelphia (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

to watch him meet children at Our Lady Queen of Angels School in East Harlem. He laughingly motioned them to sing louder as they performed "The Prayer of Saint Francis" and listened intently as a little girl showed him how to operate an interactive computer screen: "You have to double click it!" she instructed.

Throughout the week, I was interviewed on MSNBC and CNN about the pope's visit. In the wake of John Boehner's announcement that he would resign as Speaker of the House of Representatives, I was surprised to see the pope's travels continue to dominate the news cycle. The journalists I spoke with told me, "This is where the people want to be." They wanted to contemplate what Pope Francis described

when preaching on the Prophet Isaiah at Madison Square Garden: "The people that walk in darkness have seen a great light."

Pope Francis' journey ended in Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love. He talked about love when he shared the story of a child asking him what God did before creating the world: "Before creating the world, God loved, because God is love."

Of course, that is the First Principle and Foundation in Saint Ignatius's Spiritual Exercises. The human person is created to praise, reverence, and serve God our Savior and, by so doing, save her or his own soul, a meditation Jorge Mario Bergoglio first prayed as a Jesuit novice in 1958 and lives out in his papacy.

In his final open air homily on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Pope Francis gave us another example of how to proclaim God's love to others: "Love is shown by little things, by attention to small daily signs which make us feel at home."

As Pope Francis boarded his plane to return to Rome, I realized I was going to miss him! We all got used to having him in our homes, laughing, crying, and praying with this man we love. Now, we must live out the mission he preached on his pilgrimage, going forth, like Saint Ignatius, to set the world on fire.



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Fr. Timothy Kesicki, SJ, appeared on several major news networks to discuss Pope Francis' visit to the United States.

Jesuit Pilgrims

Jesuits, like Saint Ignatius of Loyola, are trained to rely on God and allow the Holy Spirit to guide their steps. Since the beginning of the Society of Jesus, new novices have undertaken a pilgrimage “experiment,” in which they travel to various destinations with almost no possessions, learning to be sustained and enriched by the graces they encounter on their journeys.

The following reflections are from four Midwest Jesuit novices who traveled for one month with nothing more than \$35, a one-way bus ticket, and the clothes on their backs.

GOD’S GUIDING HAND

By David Inczauskis, nSJ

My 30-day pilgrimage began in Rexburg, Idaho, with no contacts or phone and only \$35 to my name.



I chose to begin my journey in Rexburg after praying for a few days and determining the Lord was calling me to dialogue with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I had many spiritually uplifting conversations with Mormons.

One experience rises above the rest in my memory and has more to do with my relationship with God than individual encounters with Mormons. Roughly midway through my journey, I had acquired about \$250 from generous people wishing to support me.

As I walked to church on Sunday, the Spirit seemed to say to me, “You have all of this money... is this comfort hurting the goal of the journey, which is to rely upon God? Are you becoming too complacent?” The thought troubled me. Was God really telling me to start over with nothing, to give the money away to someone who might need it more, even though I myself

“needed” it? I prayed more, and the Spirit confirmed the suggestion. I knelt down and entrusted the situation to God. Shortly thereafter, I let go of the money.

Then came the doubts. “What did I just do?” It was quite troubling, but a deeper peace began to take root. As the beautiful hymn “Be Still, My Soul” states, God was softly whispering to me: “Leave to thy God to order and provide/In ev’ry change He faithful will remain/Be still, my soul: Thy best, thy heav’nly Friend/Thru thorny ways leads to a joyful end.”

Is this feeling not that of spiritual consolation? The soul feels calm despite external storms.

Soon enough, though, came a minor miracle. At church, a gentleman with whom I had spoken for a few minutes approached. He smiled and said, “David, you seem like a good man, and, besides that, you’re from one of my favorite cities, Chicago. I’m going to get you a plane ticket home.”

I nearly cried. Words from Scripture resounded in my head: “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap” (Luke 6:38). When we give, we receive. And sometimes – like in this instance – God allows us to receive from Him in visible, manifest ways.

I retell this story not to suggest I perfectly follow God’s will; at the time, I felt reluctant more than anything else. It does, however, illustrate a greater truth: God’s providential hand guides us. When we listen to Him, blessings do come, whether in this life or in the next.



David Inczauskis, nSJ (far left), with the Kinghorns, a Mormon family that offered him a place to stay during his pilgrimage. Eight of the family’s 10 children are pictured.

TRUSTING IN THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT

By Jack McLinden, nSJ



A Scripture passage changed my plans to travel to the familiar East Coast on my pilgrimage: “Go forth from your country, and from your relatives, and from your father’s house to the land which I will show you” (Gen. 12:1).

Trusting God, I ventured west to Oregon. After a number of Greyhound buses, seven new states, and a week with East African sisters, I felt that same pull to go somewhere new: San Francisco.

I wanted to visit a Catholic Worker house but first set out on the city streets, hoping to encounter God wherever He revealed Himself.

I hiked to St. Ignatius Church and was fine until Mass began. Alone in a big city, I was unsure of how I would eat or where I would sleep, with no connections or friends nearby. Why had God led me to this strange situation? I later journaled, “It was a complete weakness from which the only place to go was God.”

My sense of dependence on God was heightened, and I was in tears throughout Mass. I received the Eucharist and prayed at the alcove of Our Lady of Guadalupe, whose words were inscribed on the wall: “Do not let anything afflict you and be not afraid of illness or pain. Am I not here who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection?”

That night I had dinner, a mat to sleep on, and a new friend named Robert. God not only provided for my immediate needs but blessed me with the courage to trust Him through it all.

The next day, I arrived at the Catholic Worker and met River, a tattooed, pierced man wearing a hat adorned with Our Lady of Guadalupe. I knew God had placed me in good hands.

River was so gracious, showing me San Francisco’s sights, bringing me on his



Jack McLinden, nSJ, at Yosemite National Park, one of the places he traveled to during his pilgrimage

ministry to “street kids,” and dropping any weekend plans to host me. I was blown away by his generosity, almost to the point of turning him down, until he yelled, “Aren’t you supposed to be trusting in the work of the Spirit on this pilgrimage? Let me do this for you!”

This was the wakeup call I needed. Who am I to refuse God’s unconditional love? River provided me with the means I needed to continue my journey to Tucson, Ariz., and back to the novitiate in St. Paul.

God was with me throughout the entire pilgrimage. He provided for me through people I met along the way. Even though my pilgrimage turned out completely different than I originally planned, it turned out exactly as God planned.

MERCY FREELY GIVEN

By Jose Camacho, nSJ

I drew into my pilgrimage wanting to come closer to migrants who are either attempting to enter the United States or who have entered, been detained, and deported.



On the Greyhound bus headed toward the US-Mexican border, the strongest feeling was affirmation of God’s mercy and deep participation in the Church. God’s mercy for each of us demonstrates how we are used to actively work for and express mercy to others. I recognized this in the many people working to serve those in need. No one explains this more beautifully than Pope Francis: “God’s word teaches that our brothers and sisters are the prolongation of the incarnation for each of us...”

I concentrated my time at the Kino Bor-

der Initiative in Nogales, Ariz., and Casa de Los Pobres and El Desayunador Salesiano del Padre Chava in Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico. God is working with His Church to show mercy at all these sites.

We collected donated food at Casa de Los Pobres, and one day, I accompanied a driver to a bakery and entered to find carts full of bread. After I had finished bagging the first cart, an immense, overwhelming sensation of gratitude and mercy came over me, something only the Holy Spirit could give. I saw each loaf as holy and each piece of bread as Christ Himself. Tears ran down my cheeks, and my face dropped in gratitude for the donations. What a beautiful expression of self-giving, of God’s people working together to express the mercy God showers on us all.

While working at the Kino Border Initiative, I encountered two men, one carrying the other. One could not walk and was severely dehydrated after being exposed to Arizona’s desert heat for days while attempting to enter the United States. The other faithfully stayed by his side, despite the dangers to his own life.

The young man who had carried the other sought help while the other laid thinking he would die. They later faced the deportation process together, and when they reached the Kino Border Initiative, they continued to accompany each other, the one carrying the man in need between the shelter where they slept to the comedor where they ate. Eventually, the man who was unable to walk was sent home.

How beautiful is this image of accompaniment, faithfulness, mercy, and placing oneself at the service of the other. This is what Pope Francis means: helping carry those unable to carry themselves. Reaching out and seeking those who are unable to reach out.

I know God laid out my path in mercy and love, precisely so I, too, can be an expression of His love. Thanks be to God!

PEOPLE LOVED BY GOD

By Thomas O’Donnell, nSJ

My pilgrimage began in prayer for the grace to live with the homeless in the most poverty-stricken regions of the United States, as well as the grace to advocate for them outside my comfort zone.



I purchased a one-way bus ticket to Camden, N.J., arriving with no predetermined plans but feeling beneath my nerves

an underlying trust in God.

This trust was instantly rewarded. I walked by a soup kitchen serving its daily meal. Waiting in line, I made my first new friend. Kev was a good man who suffered from severe drug addiction that left him homeless. His welcoming nature was a recurring trait among many of the homeless people I encountered.

I then traveled to Baltimore and was blessed to live on the streets of the east and west neighborhoods during protests following Freddie Gray’s death.

I have found there is a strong barrier between the poor and the rest of society going much deeper than skin color. My race was never an issue during the protests. Below the surface anger about racism, there seemed to stem a denser anger about the inequalities the poor have been subjected to since the first Baltimore riots in the late 1960s.

During my final week in Baltimore, I lived in a small park with a group of 40 to 50 homeless people. I initially entered “defense mode” but found, to my surprise, that people there cherished the opportunity to welcome a new neighbor, talk with a new friend, offer a meal, and even give money to someone in need!

My pilgrimage has given me a much more accurate depiction of the homeless. They are truly loved by God. I may have said as much before, but I was unable to shrug a presumption that homeless people have some secret objective: if they were kind, they wanted my money. If they looked depressed, it was an act.

I have learned that many are kind, even when they know you have nothing to offer, because they are human. Many of my new friends are actually depressed, living with posttraumatic stress, suffering from a mental illness, or stuck with a drug or alcohol addiction they cannot possibly shake in their environment. Often, they face all of these.

I have come to greatly appreciate programs focused on long-term solutions to these problems. Helping Up Mission and Christopher Place in Baltimore provide a one-year program so homeless men can live in a shelter with daily meals, get clean with assistance from experts, obtain important legal documents, find a job, and eventually get their own apartments. These programs are effective, not only in getting people off the streets but in improving the quality of life for homeless people desperately crying out for God’s help.

Living the Magis

By Brian Harper

The first lesson Aghogho Edevbie learned at the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy has stayed with him since.

“Men for others, men for others, men for others,” says Edevbie. “They really emphasize that throughout your time there. I have this belief rooted in the magis: if you have the ability to help others, you should.”

This belief did more than lead Edevbie to Tanzania to teach at a Jesuit boarding school. It spurred him to scale Africa’s highest mountain in honor of the Jesuits who taught, worked with, and inspired him.

“I’ve always wanted to encapsulate in my life the determination and selflessness I see embodied in the Jesuits.”

The seeds of his journey were planted at a lunch with Br. Jim Boynton, SJ, after Edevbie graduated from the University of Michigan. Brother Boynton, a Jesuit who taught Edevbie in high school, made a surprising suggestion.

“Brother Boynton said, ‘I really think you should see the developing world and work there,’” recalls Edevbie. “I’ve known him since my freshman year of high school, and it’s the only thing he’s ever asked me to do.”

A law degree came first, but before beginning a job with a business law firm,



Aghogho Edevbie after reaching one of Mount Kilimanjaro’s peaks

Edevbie thought, ‘This is the perfect time to go be a man for others.’

At Br. Boynton’s recommendation and with help from Fr. Marty Connell, SJ, and Jesuits in Tanzania, Edevbie arranged to go to Dodoma to teach at St. Peter Claver High School, a Jesuit boarding school.

He ran into problems almost immediately. Assigned to teach civics, Edevbie prepared a detailed outline, which a colleague in the school office copied but did not collate. After spending half of his first class organizing papers with students, he rushed the first lesson, and the students asked him to re-teach it.

Initial test scores were not promising: only 20 percent of students received an A or B.

But Edevbie was driven, and so were his students.

“They spend every day, every week at the school. Despite being away from their families, having long days, they are committed to learning. Even kids that struggled got better.” By the final exam, 63 percent of students obtained an A or B.

After two and a half months teaching, Edevbie began his next adventure: hiking Mount Kilimanjaro. The trek was Edevbie’s way of paying homage to his Jesuit mentors.

“They’re very determined to live their lives for the greater good,” says Edevbie. “I’ve always wanted to encapsulate in my life the determination and selflessness I see embodied in the Jesuits. If the Jesuits could sacrifice all they have, I could at least climb this mountain.”

The trip to Gilman’s Point, one of the mountain’s peaks, took five days and brought Edevbie close to exhaustion.

“Every day, I had a conversation with myself: should I quit or go on?” remembers Edevbie. “And I always said, ‘Let’s give it another day.’”

On the day he reached the summit, he



Aghogho Edevbie with St. Peter Claver students on his last day at the school

was falling behind the group, and several guides pressed him to turn back. One offered to run to the top and take a photo on his behalf. Edevbie refused.

“He was saying, ‘This’ll be our secret,’” says Edevbie. “I couldn’t face people and say that. It’s not who I am. It’s not how I was raised. It’s not what the Jesuits are about.”

Fifteen minutes later, Edevbie reached his goal.

“It was an amazing sense of accomplishment.”

After taking in the extraordinary view and struggling down the mountain, Edevbie journeyed back to the United States. The lessons gained in Tanzania have endured.

“The combined experiences have helped me weather some storms,” Edevbie says. “You just have to have the confidence in yourself and in God that He’s going to show you the right way through it.”

He hopes to eventually return to Tanzania and is currently helping St. Peter Claver fundraise to install a new well for students to access safe water. His students, some of whom he corresponds with via Facebook, continue to motivate him from afar.

So do the Jesuits.

“A lot of my life and how I think and feel about things were shaped by my experiences at U of D Jesuit,” Edevbie says. “So going into teaching at St. Peter Claver, I was very impressed. I came away even more impressed having lived there.”

To learn more about St. Peter Claver High School’s water well and support the project, visit <https://connect.jesuitsmidwest.org/st.peterclaverwaterproject>.

The Future of Jesuit Education

Q&A with Fr. Daniel McDonald, SJ

By Jeremy Langford

WHAT MAKES A JESUIT SCHOOL JESUIT?

Administrators and teachers at Jesuit schools lead students to find God in all areas of their studies and academic lives and, as stated at the Society of Jesus' 35th General Congregation, "engage the world through a careful analysis of context, in dialogue with experience evaluated through reflection."

All Jesuit schools, though tied to their specific regions and circumstances, are linked to the Jesuits' history and educational projects. A school's mission, identity, charter, and sponsorship agreement all reveal their relationship with the worldwide Society. Saying someone was Jesuit educated is not to define them but rather to indicate that wherever they are in the world, they received an education in which analysis, reflection, care for the whole person, and pursuing the greater glory of God, or the greater good, are key.

WHAT IS DISTINCTIVE ABOUT THE SIX JESUIT UNIVERSITIES AND ONE COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE MIDWEST?

The Midwest has a certain pioneer, yet homegrown, spirit. The way these schools exemplify that quality is in a creative approach to problem solving, a sense of working together for the common good, an open hospitality to students, and a sense of respect and decency toward others. These characteristics are embedded in the Jesuit Catholic tradition, so they are richly cultivated within a Midwestern/Jesuit/Catholic context.

WHO ARE THE STUDENTS OUR JESUIT SCHOOLS ARE FORMING TODAY?

Like the joke about no two Jesuits being alike—"If you've met one Jesuit, then you've met one Jesuit"—our students are all different, with a variety of backgrounds and gifts. They also come from all across the country and globe; there are 28 Jesuit colleges and universities in the United States and approximately 189 Jesuit institu-

tions of higher learning throughout the world.

What our students share is a love of God and a sense of being part of a greater mission. They are open to reflection on faith and culture, and they seek to refine their service to create a more inclusive and

however, also present opportunities to thoughtfully solve problems, together as students, teachers, and entire institutions.

HOW DO YOU SEE JESUIT EDUCATION DEVELOPING IN THE NEXT 20 YEARS?

In recent decades, Nativity and Cristo Rey schools like those in Minneapolis, Milwaukee, and Chicago have grown out of society's need to introduce Jesuit education in communities where it may not have had a presence before. These institutions have multiplied with much reflection and help from the Society, and we have great hope that they will continue to do so. Arrupe College of Loyola University Chicago, which is the world's first Jesuit community college, is taking a similar route and addressing a specific need: to bring Jesuit education to hardworking students who otherwise might not have access to it. Leaders at other Jesuit institutions are watching Arrupe to see if it can be modeled more broadly, so that, too, represents

an exciting possibility going forward. Jesuits will also use technology to continue working on the margins and going wherever we are called.

HOW ARE STUDENTS GRADUATING FROM JESUIT SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES UNIQUELY PLACED TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES FACING OUR WORLD?

The Jesuit charism is focused on both contemplation and action. Our students understand that they are not only called to stand for a faith that does justice; they must also prayerfully reflect on how God is calling them, each and every day, to live out this mission, serving others in their own special way. This idea of being contemplatives in action is unmistakably Jesuit, and it is a true gift we offer our students, which our students in turn offer the world.

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just society. Our students want to develop habits of critical analysis and become discerning leaders, all while searching for the meaning of God. Our goal is to take the uniqueness of each individual student and form her or him so their lives are transformed and they become people of lifelong faith and service.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE CHALLENGES FACING STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS AT JESUIT SCHOOLS TODAY?

Jesuit schools and students are encountering challenges that reflect the deepest desires all young people are wrestling with: a hunger for spirituality and faith; a need to navigate cultures and belief systems so as to be good citizens in a worldwide environment; finding community; developing a moral compass in an ever-changing society; and understanding and integrating learning. Students at our schools are asking their professors these tough questions, so the professors are experiencing challenges alongside their students. These challenges,

Responding to Refugees

By Fr. T. Michael McNulty, SJ

In early September, there was a picture widely disseminated on the Internet that showed a small boy lying facedown on a Turkish beach. He almost looked as though he were taking a nap. But he was not. He drowned with his mother and an older sibling in an attempt to flee the violence in Syria and find refuge in Europe. His name was Alan Kurdi, and he was 3 years old.



Refugees listen to a translator as they arrive at a transit camp in Idomeni, Greece, on the border of Macedonia. Thousands of refugees are arriving into Greece from Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, and other countries, before traveling further into Europe (CNS photo/Paul Haring).

Alan's story mirrors what has been happening on the southern border of the United States. According to *Smithsonian* magazine, more than 6,000 people, many of them children, have died trying to cross the US-Mexican border since 2000. Many children have died in the desert in flight from gang violence in their home countries.

Who are these migrants? They are the small merchant who has witnessed the beheading of a journalist; the peasant whose farm has been bankrupted by "free" trade policy; the 12-year-old boy who is in imminent danger of being forcibly recruited into a terrorist group; the 11-year-old girl whose family has been told she is to be the "girlfriend" of gang members.

The fact is that migrants are desperate — they are just trying to survive. No one casually leaves home to engage in a dangerous journey of several hundred (or

thousand) miles across water or desert into an uncertain future. The appropriate response to desperate people is compassion, not rejection.

The opposite of compassion is both fear and indifference. There is fear that the influx of refugees will change our "way of life." There is indifference in a sign seen in California, greeting busloads of children

who crossed the border fleeing violence: "Not our children; not our problem."

In contrast to this attitude, Pope Francis, in his message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, said, "The tragic stories of millions of men and women daily confront the international community as a result of the outbreak of unacceptable humanitarian crises in different parts of the world. Indifference and silence lead to complicity whenever we stand by as people are dying of suffocation, starvation, violence, and shipwreck. Whether large or small in scale, these are always tragedies, even when a single human life is lost."

In his homily on the island of Lampedusa in the summer of 2013, in response to the drowning of more than 360 migrants trying to cross the Mediterranean to Europe, the pope said, "These brothers and sisters of ours were trying to escape

difficult situations to find some serenity and peace; they were looking for a better place for themselves and their families, but instead they found death. How often do such people fail to find understanding, fail to find acceptance, fail to find solidarity. And their cry rises up to God!"

The people of the United States must, if they are to be true to their own best traditions, open their hearts and society to these desperate people. In Matthew 25, Jesus marks as one of the characteristics of the blessed: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." We need to offer places to house refugees in the most vulnerable circumstances in resettlement programs — or temporary visas — in Europe, the United States, and other countries.

The day he was murdered, Blessed Archbishop Óscar Romero presided at Mass for the mother of a friend in a hospital called "La Divina Providencia." He told of her (largely hidden) service to family and neighbors. After the homily, as he was approaching the altar, he paused, turned back to the congregation, and said, "Everyone can do something."

We need to reach out to migrants, befriend them, strive to understand the issues, and advocate on their behalf. They are voiceless. We need to be their voice.

In the United States, the Jesuit Refugee Service has been at the forefront of advocacy for migrants and refugees across the world. The Kino Border Initiative is an effective and multi-faceted service for migrants on both sides of the US-Mexican border. The office of Migration and Refugee Services of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops continues to be a source of information and advocacy on these issues. The Bishops' Conference's Justice for Immigrants program provides many opportunities to learn and become involved.

Everyone can do something.

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Reflections from Africa

By Howard Craig

Earlier this year, Fr. Brian Paulson, SJ, and Howard Craig, provincial assistant for advancement, visited partners in the Eastern Africa Jesuit Province. Below are Howard's reflections on his pilgrimage.

Our journey began at the Mwangaza Jesuit Centre in Kenya. Many priests and religious come to Mwangaza for their annual retreats. Serving on the frontiers of African society, they are often approaching personal and spiritual burnout when they arrive. Mwangaza provides these ministers to the poor and people on the fringes of society a place for spiritual renewal.

An example of this service on the frontiers occurs at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in the heart of a slum called Kangemi, a large community in Nairobi, Kenya. The thriving parish supports many programs and ministries, including elementary and secondary schools, the latter of which teaches marketable trades to help children find employment and leave the slum. There is also a center for women to learn sewing and tailoring skills, as well as a home for AIDS orphans and children of parents with addiction. At the African Jesuit AIDS Network, the Jesuits support endangered and vulnerable children as they enter adolescence and face new challenges, often without parents by their sides.

I saw Jesus' face in the children at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School in the Kibera slum in Kenya. The Jesuits at St. Al's also support children who are affected by HIV. Having encountered this horrible condition in so many places throughout our



Fr. Brian Paulson, SJ (right), in Tanzania with Fr. Ted Walters, SJ, a Jesuit from the Chicago-Detroit Province who has served in Eastern Africa for 23 years.



Fr. Brian Paulson, SJ (third from left), with Frederick Meela, SJ, Fr. James Strzok, SJ, and Fr. James Andrew Ayaga, SJ, at St. Peter Claver High School in Dodoma, Tanzania

travels, I feared I would be overwhelmed by the specter of AIDS. To my surprise, I was uplifted — by bright faces, beautiful smiles, and youthful energy. The children of St. Al's truly reflect the magis.

Tanzania introduced me to a “new” Society of Jesus. The average age of the 214 Eastern Africa Jesuits is 42, and 67 percent of them are still in formation. The province is very large, and its young Jesuits are fulfilling their calling, setting the world on fire. Working with volunteer lay partners like Detroit native Aghogho Edevbie, they serve where the need is greatest. Frederick Meela, a Jesuit regent whose job is to oversee preparation of 890 lunches at St. Peter Claver High School in Dodoma, Tanzania, completely revamped the meal service to be more effective, all for the greater glory of God!

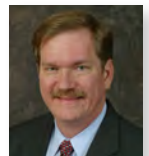
Jesuits are also pursuing their vocations in Uganda, where people have suffered bloody rebellions and uprisings at the hands of the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) for more than 25 years. The LRA is notorious for kidnapping children and transforming them into “child soldiers.” The scars are especially evident in Gulu, a city in Northern Uganda, where the Jesuits have stepped in to help orphans and former child soldiers at Ocer Campion Jesuit College. The Eastern Africa Jesuits gave the

school its name (“Ocer” means “resurrected” or “risen”) in honor of their Midwest Jesuit collaborators' former ministry at Campion Jesuit High School in Prairie du Chien, Wis.

The Mother's Day Mass I attended at the school was a fitting reminder of the depth of our relationships with Jesuit partners across the world. Children beautifully sang “What a Friend We Have in Jesus,” which happened to be my mother's favorite hymn. I lost my mother two years ago, and as the children sang, I thought of her, my own childhood, the gift of family, and the fact that this school and the Jesuit community represent the only family some of these children have. Their extraordinary voices were a moment of “divine encounter” for me and a high point of my pilgrimage.

As I returned home, I felt inspired by the Jesuits' dreams and plans for a bright future. I left Eastern Africa changed and encouraged. God's mission is in good, strong hands. The Jesuits continue to make an impact where the need is greatest, serving the poor and those who serve the poor. I am encouraged and emboldened to continue to support our friends in Eastern Africa with my prayers, efforts, and gifts.

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2016 International Pilgrimages

INTERESTED IN A JESUIT PILGRIMAGE?

In June 2016, the Midwest Jesuits will offer two pilgrimage experiences — East Africa (Kenya) and Peru.

For information about the **East Africa** pilgrimage, contact Jeff Smart at (773) 975-6920 or jsmart@jesuits.org.

For information about the **Peru** experience, contact Mark Maxwell at (513) 751-6688 or mmaxwell@jesuits.org. Space for both is limited.

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Sunday, February 7 – Minneapolis/St. Paul

Church of St. Peter
1405 Highway 13
Mendota, Minnesota
Speaker: Fr. Christopher Johnson, SJ

Sunday, February 7 – Palm Beach Gardens

DoubleTree
4431 PGA Boulevard
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida
Speaker: Fr. Eric Sundrup, SJ



Wednesday, February 10 – Naples

The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club
851 Gulf Shore Boulevard
Naples, Florida
Speaker: Fr. Eric Sundrup, SJ



Sunday, February 14 – Scottsdale

JW Marriott Scottsdale Camelback Inn
Resort & Spa
5402 East Lincoln Drive
Scottsdale, Arizona
Speaker: Fr. Raymond Guiao, SJ



Sunday, February 21 – Cincinnati

St. Xavier High School
600 West North Bend Road
Cincinnati, Ohio
Speaker: Fr. William Murphy, SJ



Sunday, February 28 – Milwaukee

Marquette University, Alumni Memorial
Union, Chapel of the Holy Family
1442 West Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Speaker: Fr. Christopher Krall, SJ



Sunday, February 28 – Detroit

The Dearborn Inn
20301 Oakwood Boulevard
Dearborn, Michigan
Speaker: Fr. Timothy McCabe, SJ



Sunday, March 6 – Cleveland

Saint Ignatius High School
1911 West 30th Street
Cleveland, Ohio
Speaker: Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ



Sunday March 13 – Chicago

Loyola Academy
1100 Laramie Avenue
Wilmette, Illinois
Speaker: Fr. Stephen Krupa, SJ



Sunday March 20 – Omaha

Jesuit Academy
2311 North 22nd Street
Omaha, Nebraska
Speaker: Fr. Kevin Schneider, SJ

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