



# The St. Louis Jesuits COMING HOME

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## The St. Louis Jesuits return to ‘where it all started’ for Coming Home final concert

**Influential group of five composer-performers who inspired a generation of Catholic liturgical music reunite in St. Louis to perform their most beloved hymns and songs of worship and prayer**

A September 29, 2019 concert in St. Louis will mark the last time liturgical composer-performers Dan Schutte, Tim Manion, and Jesuit Fathers Bob Dufford SJ, John Foley SJ, and Roc O’Connor SJ take the stage together as the St. Louis Jesuits. In what is expected to be a highly nostalgic celebration of the five’s most beloved hymns and songs for worship and personal prayer—both as St. Louis Jesuits and as solo artists—the group has chosen to return to the Saint Louis University area of the city where they met and began composing music together as young Jesuit scholastics in the early 1970’s.

The concert, titled *The St. Louis Jesuits—Coming Home* will take place at Powell Hall, just a few blocks from both St. Francis Xavier College Church and the former Fusz Memorial (residence for Jesuit scholastics) on the Saint Louis University campus, where it all started.

*Coming Home* is a fitting name for the concert for more reasons than just for being the final on-stage reuniting of the group. According to St. Louis Jesuit and the concert’s producer Father Roc O’Connor, the title and theme also refer to the group’s desire to “...Get back together with old friends who helped us in our early days and all along the way, and being able to thank them for all that love and support.” Many of those friends are expected to attend the Sunday afternoon performance, including the College Church Choir of the Jesuit university’s St. Francis Xavier “College” Church, whose singers and musicians—including some from the St. Louis Jesuit’s early days—will back the group’s performance.

The concert is presented by The Ignatian Spirituality Project (ISP) and all proceeds past expenses benefit the charitable organization. Named after St. Ignatius of Loyola, who co-founded the religious order of priests called the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), the ISP offers men and women who are homeless and in recovery from addiction the opportunity to change their lives through Ignatian spirituality and retreats.

Despite its charitable cause, the St. Louis Jesuits determined from the beginning that *Coming Home* would be affordable for many of its audience members. Therefore, of the 2,422 seats in the auditorium, roughly 1,000 will have a ticket price of \$30 or less, including many of that number for \$15.

The concert has a starting time of 3:00 pm, and will be preceded at 1:00 pm by a reception with the St. Louis Jesuits in the Powell Hall Wightman Grand Foyer. Any concert ticket holder (up to the reception limit) may attend the reception for an additional fee (\$50) which also benefits the Ignatian Spirituality Project.

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