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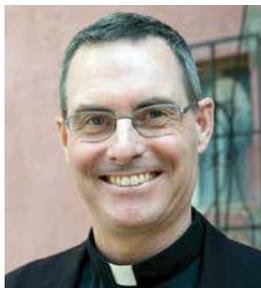
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*Grant me, O Lord, to see everything now with new eyes,
to discern and test the spirits
that help me read the signs of the times,
to relish the things that are yours, and to communicate them to others.
Give me the clarity of understanding that you gave Ignatius.*



Dear Friends,

The prayer above was written by Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ, a beloved Jesuit leader whose cause for canonization is being considered by the Vatican. Fr. Arrupe served as Superior General from 1965-1983, a time of great change in the Church and in the Society of Jesus. This has been called Fr. Arrupe's "personal prayer," and it is one that is deeply meaningful to me and to so many others who love and admire this humble servant of God.

How many of us would like to see with new eyes? To have the perfect clarity to know what God wishes for our lives? As provincial, I desire that vision not only for myself but for the 417 Jesuits and 63 ministries that make up our province. And that is why in June at our province congregation, I announced that Jesuits West would be embarking on an apostolic planning process.

Although the term *apostolic planning* may be unfamiliar, there are some similarities to the strategic planning that organizations engage in routinely. There is, however, one significant differentiator: Ignatian discernment. Discernment is fundamentally about distinguishing what leads us closer to God and God's will for us; it is a practice grounded in prayer and spiritual freedom.

I believe that our province is at a pivotal moment. At the core of our Ignatian identity is the experience of being missioned to generous service that gives life—both to ourselves and to others. But given the many demands of our work, it can be easy to lose sight of the Lord. It is then that we must stop, look around and notice how he is present and at work.

Over the summer, I appointed an 11-member Apostolic Planning Committee, a diverse group of Jesuits and lay partners who are helping to shape and oversee this critically important work. Our province treasurer, Fr. Ed Fassett, SJ, is managing this process with assistance from an outside consultant. Across the province, I have asked all Jesuit communities as well as our parishes, schools, spirituality centers and apostolates serving those at the margins to engage in prayer and spiritual conversation to contribute to this discernment process.



Members of the Apostolic Planning Committee

Apostolic planning invites us to let go of long-held assumptions and practices, to look anew for the Lord, to respond generously to his invitation, and to allow our hearts to be transformed. This will be a prayerful province journey, and while I don't know where the Holy Spirit will lead us, I know that by this time next year, we will have a set of principles to serve as a reference point for our province to follow God into the future.

Thank you for your prayers at this extremely significant moment for our province. Please know of my prayers for each of you and my gratitude.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sean Carroll, SJ".

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BLESSINGS ABOUND AT JESUIT NOVITIATE OF THE THREE COMPANIONS

By Elizabeth Hart



Fr. Steve Corder, SJ, Fr. Sean Carroll, SJ and Fr. Andrew Rodriguez, SJ

It has been a grace-filled few months at the Jesuit West Province's novitiate in Culver City, California.

On July 31, the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Fr. Andrew Rodriguez, SJ, professed final vows in the Society of Jesus on the same day that he became director of novices and superior of the Jesuit novitiate.

Jesuits first profess vows of poverty, chastity and obedience when they have finished their second year of the novitiate. After many years of additional training and, for some, ordination, the Jesuit Superior General then decides whether to invite a Jesuit to profess final vows, which signifies full incorporation into the Society of Jesus.

Fr. Rodriguez became a Jesuit in 2006. After earning a master's degree in philosophy at Loyola University Chicago, he taught social studies and religion at St. Ignatius College Preparatory in San Francisco. Following theological studies at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University in Berkeley, California, he was ordained in 2016. He then served as a retreat and spiritual director at the Jesuit Retreat House of Los Altos.

Fr. Rodriguez succeeds Fr. Steve Corder, SJ, who served as novice director for the past nine years. "Steve has served with great generosity, and he has provided wonderful care



John Paul Sacedor, SJ, and Cyrus Habib, SJ, at first vows

for our men, all for which we are most grateful," said Fr. Sean Carroll, SJ, provincial of Jesuits West.

Two weeks later, at a liturgy at Loyola Marymount University's Sacred Heart Chapel, Cyrus Habib, SJ, and John Paul (JP) Sacedor, SJ, professed their first vows.

In his homily, Fr. Corder talked about the difficulty of starting the novitiate in the middle of a pandemic with a mandatory quarantine. He also said, "Our brothers, Cyrus and JP, have grown ever closer to Christ. They have heard the invitation to love, and they want to say yes. They care deeply about the people of God, especially those at the margins, the suffering and the rejected. And they want to help bring the joy and the hope of the Gospel to a world where there is so much need."

Cyrus is continuing his Jesuit formation with philosophy studies at Loyola University Chicago, while JP is doing his studies at Saint Louis University.

One week after first vows, six new novices arrived on Entrance Day and were officially welcomed in early September at the Mass of Investiture. Investiture reflects an ancient custom in religious life when candidates take another step in their vocation and formally become novices with the letters nSJ after their names.



The new novices at the Mass of Investiture

MEET OUR NEW NOVICES



MacLean Andrews, nSJ, a native of Spokane, Washington, graduated from Gonzaga Preparatory School in

Spokane and earned a bachelor's in international studies from Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego. He taught history and coached speech and debate at Gonzaga Prep, which is where his discernment to the Society began. In 2019, he followed the pilgrimage route of Matteo Ricci, SJ, in China, a trip that helped confirm his vocation to the Jesuits.



Jonathan Choe, nSJ, a native of Seal Beach, California, graduated from Bellarmine College Preparatory

in San Jose, California. He has a bachelor's in philosophy and humanities for teaching from Seattle University and a master's in educational studies from Loyola Marymount University. At Seattle U, he attended retreats, sang in the choir and became passionate about Jesuit education. He spent two years as a high school math teacher in Phoenix and a summer teaching at the Jesuit high school in Lusaka, Zambia.



Anthony Del Castillo, nSJ, a native of Upland, California, has a bachelor's in music from the University

of Southern California and a master's in commercial music from California State University. He also attended the Southern California Conservatory of Music, where he learned how to read Braille music and use adaptive music technology. A professional musician for more than 30 years, he has also taught music, including percussion, piano, Braille music and vocal techniques.



Kevin Miller, nSJ, a native of Burbank, California, has a bachelor's in psychology from UCLA. He was a retreat

coordinator for the Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative in Los Angeles. As a Jesuit Volunteer, he served as a campus minister at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Minneapolis and as a case manager at Catholic Charities in San Jose. He spent five months volunteering at the Kino Border Initiative at the U.S.-Mexico border.



Alvaro Pacheco Jr., nSJ, a native of Los Angeles, has a bachelor's in history and Spanish from

the University of California, Berkeley. He worked as a Spanish-language press secretary for former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and as deputy press secretary for former Congressman Xavier Becerra. He was co-coordinator of the Fifth National Encuentro of Hispanic/Latino Ministry for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and volunteered as an interpreter for pro bono immigration attorneys.



Paul Prevou, nSJ, a native of Arlington, Texas, graduated from Whitman College in Washington with a

bachelor's in geology. He then worked as an environmental consultant in Washington state. His experiences in young adult ministry in his home diocese of Fort Worth, along with joining a fraternity in college, inspired a love of service and communal living. His grandfather, who taught at Gonzaga University, planted the seeds for his interest in the Society of Jesus. ■

THE NOVEL GENEROSITY OF RICHARD AND JANE MCDONALD

By Paul Totah



Richard McDonald in 1984

The story of Richard and Jane McDonald can easily remind you of a great novel or movie. For some, it might be *Tuesdays with Morrie*. For others, their story resembles *The Notebook* or *Before Sunset*, where two people deeply in love marry late in life due to circumstances beyond their control.

For the Jesuits West Province, though, *Pay it Forward* sums up much of the good done by the McDonalds in their lives and after their deaths. Thanks to the McDonald Family Foundation, nearly \$10 million has gone to benefit a variety of nonprofits and institutions since 2007, with about a third of that amount helping Jesuit endeavors.

Born in Oakland, California, in 1918, Richard McDonald both studied and boarded at Bellarmine in San Jose. There, he fell in love with the classics and his Latin and Greek studies, according to Fr. Jerry Wade, SJ, Bellarmine's former president and current chancellor.

Kevin Tiber, director of the McDonald Family Foundation and the executive vice president of Farmers & Merchants Bank of Long Beach, added that Bellarmine "gave Richard the discipline he needed for his life. Ever since I met him, he credited Bellarmine with helping him grow his devotion to the Catholic Church and becoming the man he turned into. The Jesuits he met there were absolutely pivotal to steering the direction of his life."

Two months after Mr. McDonald earned a bachelor's degree from Santa Clara University in 1940, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he served five years as a battery officer. He fought in Europe in World War II and ended his tenure in the military with the rank of captain.

Before leaving the military, however, he attended a dance in San Francisco, where he met Jane La Velle, whose father was serving as a naval officer, and the two hit

it off. Richard was impressed with Jane's intelligence and experience, as she had travelled the world with her father in his various posts and "had learned much from the places she had visited," said longtime friend and foundation director Loraine Waestman, who met the couple through the Virginia Country Club in Long Beach.

"They wanted to continue dating," she added. "You could see the spark in their eyes when they were around each other. Though they were deeply in love, they chose to stay friends and not marry as both were the only child in their families and both ended up caring for their mothers."

Jane stayed in the Bay Area, where she worked as a schoolteacher and taught music. Richard moved to Southern California, where he co-founded Paper Products Incorporated in 1946. He became president of the company in 1950 and gained some fame for developing "No Bugs M'Lady" shelf paper, a drawer liner containing insecticide to kill household pests.

"I remember the product," said Mr. Tiber. "It was all the rage at the time. I recall watching *Bewitched* and seeing a commercial for it."



The McDonalds met when Richard was a young Army officer.

Richard eventually sold the company and retired in 1984. Along the way, he had also become an expert yachtsman and pilot, an astute investor, a great golfer, and a generous philanthropist.

“He was a Renaissance man in so many ways,” added Mr. Tiber. “We first met in the 1990s. Because we were both Catholics, we got along very well. We ended up speaking every Friday, and our weekly conversations reminded me of *Tuesdays with Morrie*. I grew to respect him for his unwavering support of the Church and for his business acumen. I learned so much from his investment philosophy, one that resembled Warren Buffet’s.”

Earlier, Richard and Jane had begun a new chapter in their lives after their mothers passed away. “They had kept in touch over the years and finally decided the time was right to marry,” added Ms. Waestman. “Jane was quite a lady. She had a mind of her own and was very independent. Thanks to her own business acumen and some investment lessons from Richard, she had her own money by the time she married. Her cause was Guide Dogs for the Blind, and Richard’s was the Catholic Church and the Jesuits.”

Their relationship was also playful. “With Richard as an Army veteran and Jane’s father’s service in the Navy, they loved watching the annual Army-Navy game every year and rooting for their own teams,” said Ms. Waestman.

Richard’s generosity led to the California Jesuit Mission Golf Tournament, which he ran out of his office for 28 years. Along the way, he also served on the foundation board of St. Anthony High School in Long Beach across the street from St. Anthony Church, where he was a devoted parishioner.

His largesse extended beyond the U.S. to Macau with his support of Casa Ricci, run by a Jesuit to care for people with leprosy. Richard also donated to the Jesuit novitiate in Culver City “because he saw the need for more priests,” added Mr. Tiber. “He knew that for the Church to do its important work, it needed priests.”

Richard also donated regularly and generously to Bellarmine College Preparatory, where he supported the school’s library renovation and its scholarship endowment fund. In the 1980s, Bellarmine bestowed upon him its President’s Award, and he and Fr. Wade kept in close touch. “Whenever we met, he loved to show me his Greek and Latin texts from his library,” Fr. Wade noted. “We loved speaking about authors, and that cemented the bonds of our friendship.”



McDonald Family Foundation board members Fr. Pascal Nguyen, Loraine Waestman and Kevin Tiber

Shortly before Jane died on April 27, 2005, following a long illness, she converted to Catholicism “to be closer to Richard,” added Ms. Waestman. Richard died the following year, and Fr. Wade presided at both burials in Lafayette, California.

Since Richard’s death, both Mr. Tiber and Ms. Waestman, along with a third director—currently Fr. Pascal Nguyen, a Norbertine Catholic priest—have met to guide the family foundation. “We try to follow the examples set by both Richard and Jane and see the world through their eyes,” added Mr. Tiber. “Because the influence of the Jesuits was absolutely pivotal to the direction of Richard’s life, we send money to many Jesuit institutions as well as other Catholic endeavors, such as the Little Sisters of the Poor, Covenant House and Catholic Relief Services. In most cases, our gifts are unrestricted, meaning that each group can choose to spend the money how they see fit, as we recognize that it’s more difficult for groups to raise unrestricted dollars.”

Mr. Tiber, who has also become a fan of the Jesuits thanks, in part, to his daughter’s experience at Boston College, added that the McDonald Family Foundation also hopes to “provide annual support to the groups we help. We will do our best to support into perpetuity these organizations, as they were close to Richard’s heart when he was alive. Now they are close to our hearts, too.”

“We try to stay true to Jane’s and Richard’s principles and values,” added Ms. Waestman. “Richard set up the foundation to help the poorest of the poor. We’ve seen some foundations that will take care of some things, like building funds, but the poor get left behind. Thanks to both Jane and Richard, we won’t let that happen.” ■

THE OPEN HEART OF FR. ARTURO ARAUJO, SJ

By Tracey Primrose



The headquarters of the Society of Jesus in Rome, the “Curia,” is a cavernous 1927 brick building just steps from the Vatican. From its rooftop, which boasts a jaw-dropping view of the dome of St. Peter’s, to the first-floor chapel that houses the relics of 16 Jesuit saints, 4 Borgo Santo Spirito is a special place.

The Curia is both office and home to more than 50 Jesuits who work in the building and hundreds of guests who visit each year. Despite its storied history and prize location, the building needed some warmth, particularly along the vast marble-floored corridor that leads to the offices of Jesuit Superior General Fr. Arturo Sosa, SJ.

Fr. Sosa himself had decided to remove the 31 portraits of Jesuit Superior Generals that had previously lined the walls. The gallery of mostly black and white etchings, starting with the Society’s first Superior General, St. Ignatius of Loyola, and concluding with Fr. Sosa, pointed to

the past, and the incumbent General was looking for something very different to fill the space.

After an assistant pulled together an impressive portfolio of work by Jesuit artists around the world, Fr. Sosa selected Fr. Arturo Araujo, SJ, for a special commission. A member of the Jesuits West Province, Fr. Araujo is both an artist and an associate professor of visual arts at Seattle University.

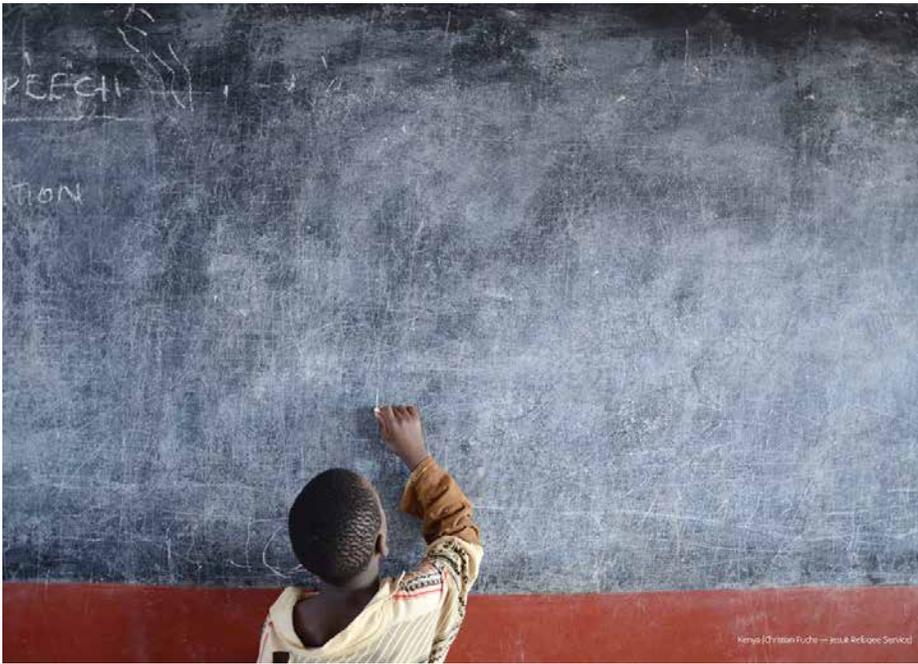
In June of 2021, when Fr. Araujo was summoned to Rome to discuss the project, he remembers thinking, “Is this for real? It was such an out-of-the-world proposal.” But before long, he was on a flight to Rome and deep in conversation with Fr. Sosa about what the Superior General envisioned for the lengthy corridor with 16-foot ceilings.

After hours of brainstorming and conversation, including formal meetings and quick hallway chats, the Frs. Arturo decided that the walls would bring to life the Society’s four

Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAPs): showing the way to God; caring for our common home; walking with the excluded; and journeying with youth.



Fr. Arturo Araujo, SJ



The artwork on the opposite page was created by Fr. Araujo using this photograph from the archives of Jesuit Refugee Service.

The UAPs, the product of two years of discernment across the global Society of Jesus, provide a point of reference for the work of Jesuits in the coming years. At the time of their release in 2019, Fr. Sosa said, “They capture our imaginations and awaken our desires. They unite us in our mission. The new preferences are four areas vital for our world today.”

With his theme in place, Fr. Araujo began to envision how this significant commission could come together. From the outset, he knew three things: He wanted to convey the four UAPs in a dynamic and integrated way instead of illustrating individual concepts; he would not use models, only real people; and he couldn’t do it alone.

Returning to Seattle after two weeks in Rome and aware of the Superior General’s ambitious one-year delivery date, Fr. Araujo looked for inspiration where he knew he would find it—the extensive photo archives of Jesuit Refugee Service, which serves displaced people around the globe. Almost immediately, Fr. Araujo was captivated by the image of a

young Kenyan refugee writing on a blackboard. “What I saw was not a boy but God himself in the act of creation, drawing. God is a small Black child learning how to write.”

Although Fr. Araujo is a painter and printmaker, he has been working for the last dozen years to perfect a complex, multilayered, multimedia photo manipulation technique. After three months of thinking, planning, measuring and drawing, he was

ready to make his concepts a reality in the form of 10 large scale works on paper, including four diptychs, that would animate the General’s walls.

His greatest brainstorm, though, might have been in realizing that the best way to secure the assistance he needed was to create a class for five of his undergraduate art students. With the dean’s approval and under the close supervision of Fr. Araujo, each of his students spent a semester on one of his designs; the other five pieces were done by Fr. Araujo. “That actually was a big benefit because they are fresh artists, they work hard, and I needed that.”

In his artist’s statement Fr. Araujo said, “We titled this art collection Haven’s Heart because, at the heart of the apostolic work of the Society of Jesus, there are motions of the Spirit expressed through the Universal Apostolic Preferences. The preferences help us Jesuits and collaborators in the mission to be united in the same Spirit that guides us in the Ignatian desire of God’s greatest glory for our times.”

His favorite piece is one depicting three young refugees from Syria playing outside. Fr. Araujo says, “They



Seattle University art students with Fr. Sosa, center, and Fr. Araujo, right

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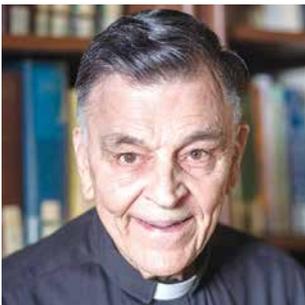
Fr. Al Naucke, SJ
70 Years in the Society

My family lived very close to the Jesuit parish of St. Joseph's in downtown San Jose where I, like my parents, was baptized, and I began serving Mass and benediction at a very early age. I linked

in with the fathers and brothers and gradually took on duties in the church and rectory, including answering the phone and counting the collection. I also served Mass at the Jesuits' Holy Family Parish, right around the corner, serving the Italian community.

At around age 12, I knew that my early desire to pilot a steam locomotive was childish, and the Lord wanted me to serve him in the Society of Jesus. Four years at Bellarmine College Prep strengthened that insight. The greatest grace is knowing I have been blessed to follow the Lord's call.

Fr. Naucke assists in the Jesuits West provincial office and prays for the Church and the Society at Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in Los Gatos, California.



Fr. L. John Topel, SJ
70 Years in the Society

This question handcuffed me. At first, I thought of the events of my 70 years in the Society—but none of these could be called the greatest.

Then I remembered why I entered—to share the

community of joy and love I saw in the scholastics at Seattle Prep. So perhaps my greatest blessing is the community I have experienced—trustworthy superiors to whom I confessed my weakness and who discerned my future; above all, the men with whom I lived. I always had someone to guide me and men to emulate.

But my greatest grace is the presence of God in my life. I always sought God in all things, but only when Jesus had inoculated me against our culture's viruses—pleasure, possessions, power, prestige—did I start finding God everywhere: in nature, in ministry, in community, in faith sharing, in my failing frame, and even in personal prayer. The Contemplatio is the grace of my Jesuit vocation.

Fr. Topel is professor emeritus at Seattle University, where he assists in pastoral ministry.

Our 2022 Jesuits West jubilarians have served in a variety of ministries at apostolates across the western United States. We asked some of this year's jubilarians to reflect on the greatest grace of their Jesuit vocation.

Other Jesuits Celebrating Jubilees this Year

75 YEARS IN THE SOCIETY

Father Kenneth W. Baker, SJ
Father Louis A. Peinado, SJ

70 YEARS IN THE SOCIETY

Father Joseph T. Angilella, SJ

60 YEARS IN THE SOCIETY

Father J. Leon Hooper, SJ
Brother Thomas J. Koller, SJ

50 YEARS IN THE SOCIETY

Father Kevin D. Ballard, SJ
Father John D. Fuchs, SJ
Father John K. Ridgway, SJ
Father Anthony E. Sholander, SJ

25 YEARS IN THE SOCIETY

Father Charles T. Barnes, SJ
Father Denis G. Donoghue, SJ

60 YEARS IN THE PRIESTHOOD

Father James R. Laudwein, SJ
Father Anthony P. Via, SJ

50 YEARS IN THE PRIESTHOOD

Father Paul D. Devot, SJ

25 YEARS IN THE PRIESTHOOD

Father David J. Anderson, SJ
Father Doan T. Hoang, SJ
Father Thomas J. Lamanna, SJ
Father Edward J. Siebert, SJ
Father John F. Vu, SJ

IN LOVING MEMORY

Father Robert James Egan, SJ
(60 Years in the Priesthood)

Father Andrew L. Maddock, SJ
(60 Years in the Society)

Father Robert J. Welch, SJ
(75 Years in the Society)



Fr. Craig Boly, SJ
60 Years in the Society

As a new priest working as a hospital chaplain, I was told that the old woman in room 749 was riddled with cancer. Her only reason for living was to carry a white-hot flame of hatred for the husband who

had deserted her years before. The doctors said that she was a Catholic—perhaps I could give her peace.

When I entered her room, she saw my collar and said, “Get out.” When she had fallen asleep, I tried again, praying quietly by her bed. When she stirred, I took her hand and asked if I could anoint her. She was too tired or too lonely to say no.

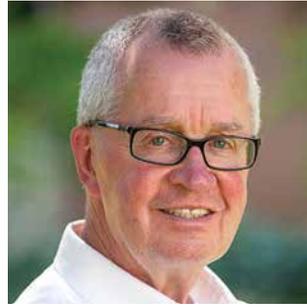
On her forehead, I applied the fragrant oil with the words, “Through this holy anointing, may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit.” And on her hands, “May the Lord who frees you from sin, save you and raise you up.”

Immediately, her appearance changed. Her face relaxed, a warm light seemed to emanate from her, and a tear rolled down her cheek. She lay there holding my hand for about three more minutes. Then she died. She didn’t say anything. She didn’t need to do anything. She simply received the deliverance she needed to die peacefully. From that moment on, I have trusted the reality of resurrection because I have seen it myself.

Fr. Boly is chaplain at Jesuit High School in Portland, Oregon.



Fr. Louis Peinado, SJ, and Fr. Kenneth Baker, SJ, 75 years in the Society



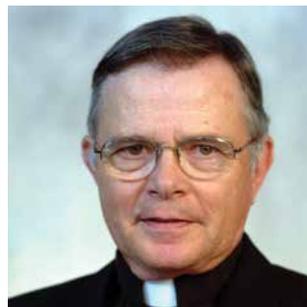
Fr. Peter Byrne, SJ
60 Years in the Society

What image captures the grace of 60 years in this Company of Jesus? Companion. First a companion of Jesus, then a companion with other Jesuits, some living,

others gone ahead, still others called to another way; a companion with gifted lay men and women in our call to labor together for the reign of God, in five parishes; as a companion with young students in three high schools; in formation work with new Jesuits; and now walking as a companion with the Coeur d’Alene people on their reservation in Idaho.

How blessed have I been! Always walking with, not ahead, but together learning from each other, hoping together, always rooted in the primary companionship with Jesus. Poet Andrew King offers this answer in “Why You Leave Your Nets and Follow”: “because he’s called you by name and the heart in you swims toward that love, toward joy, toward home,” as a Companion of Jesus.

Fr. Byrne is pastor at Sacred Heart Mission in De Smet, Idaho.



Fr. John Mitchell, SJ
60 Years in the Society,
50 Years in the Priesthood

My greatest grace has always been my Jesuit companions. In the early years, I was inspired by my classmates and by the older fathers and brothers, who had borne and

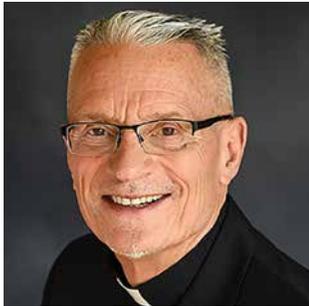
were continuing to bear the “heat of the day,” quietly and peacefully. Now I find myself inspired by young scholastics and priests, who witness to me an extraordinary zeal for souls. They are prayerful and happy, their sleeves are rolled up, and they are immersed in their ministries. Our future lies in good hands.

I have found another profound grace in the people for whom and with whom I have ministered. They range from young, vibrant, never-quiet students to senior citizens whose bodies may be frail but whose eyes are vibrant with interior energy and joy. These people of God are the Church, and we are blessed to serve them, for they serve us in countless ways.

Fr. Mitchell is superior of the St. Ignatius Jesuit Community in San Francisco.

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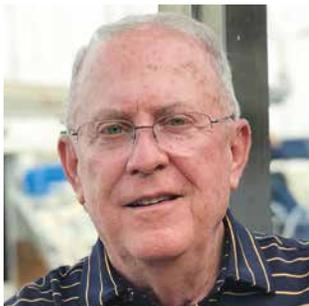
Fr. John Mossi, SJ
60 Years in the Society

What? Attempt to pinpoint the greatest grace in my 60-year adventure as a Jesuit? Quite an impossible assignment! Why? Everything has been and is grace in

Imax abundance on this roller coaster pilgrimage. Certain grace moments are easy to underscore: entrance day, the Spiritual Exercises, first and final vows, ordination, celebrating the sacraments and, most recently, serving our dedicated benefactors who support Jesuits West.

A surprise expected grace occurred through teaching the Nicene Creed at Gonzaga University. I grew in deeper appreciation of the vibrant role of the Trinity in daily life along with the critical prophetic-service mission of the Church as pivotal journey coordinates. The Creed calls us all to be "One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic." This mission only strengthens our godlike essence. With Trinitarian appreciation, I now engage the Nicene elements of creation, human dignity, imagination and Church synodality as life-affirming priorities. Truly, a major grace.

Fr. Mossi serves in benefactor relations for Jesuits West.



Fr. Michael Moynahan, SJ
60 Years in the Society

The last words of the young priest in Georges Bernanos' *Diary of a Country Priest* are "grace is everywhere."

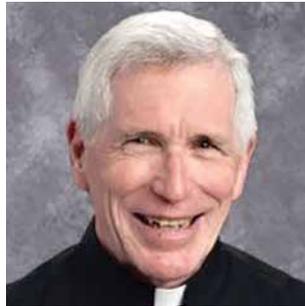
God's grace/gifts/love have touched me in my family of origin, in my Jesuit family,

in the students I have taught, in companions in mission, in the people I have anointed or mediated God's mercy to, in the families I have consoled, in all of the faith communities I helped remember and give thanks through the liturgies we celebrated. The poet Jeanne Lohmann shouts my gratitude and hope for these past sixty years:

"At the end there may be no answers and only a few very simple questions: Did I love? Finish my task in the world? Learn at least one of the many names of God? At the intersections, the boundaries where one life began and another ended, the jumping-off places between fear and possibility, at the ragged edges of pain, did I catch the smallest glimpse of the holy?"

And I would answer, "Yes. Yes. Grace was everywhere."

Fr. Moynahan is pastor of St. Ignatius Parish in Portland, Oregon.



Fr. William Muller, SJ
60 Years in the Society

I entered the Jesuits after high school when I was 17 years old, so I count it a great grace to have "grown up" in the Society of Jesus and at a time right before, during and immediately after Vatican II

and the 31st General Congregation of the Society—two "moments" that the Spirit used to move the Church and the Society into the modern world. I have been fortunate to have had many opportunities for ministry in high schools, in the province and with the Jesuit Schools Network—all great graces and most of which I hope I have responded well to. And what a great grace to be a priest, even in a time of priestly scandal, to accompany people in prayer and in the sacraments, especially the Eucharist; to be with Christ witnessing weddings, baptizing, absolving sins, anointing the sick and burying the dead. God's Grace!

Fr. Muller is VP for mission and identity at Brophy College Preparatory in Phoenix.



Fr. Mario Prietto, SJ
60 Years in the Society

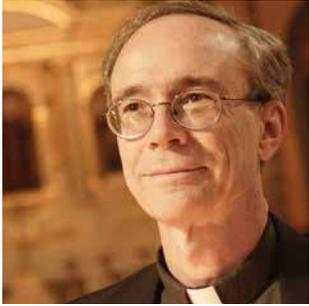
As I reflect on my 60 years as a Jesuit, my greatest grace is gratitude.

I am deeply grateful for my immigrant parents, Consuelo and Pablo, for imbuing me and my siblings with love

of family and faith. I am grateful to St. Ignatius, for the incredible gift of the Spiritual Exercises and his profound understanding of human nature and what it means to be a free and happy person. I thank God for my Jesuit brothers and for the wonderful people I have met and become friends with in my ministries at Loyola High School, St. Ignatius Prep, Santa Clara University, USF, Our Lady of Sorrows Church and Bellarmine Prep. And I thank God for the gift of sacramental ministry, which has allowed me to bless and be blessed by the many baptisms, weddings, anointings, reconciliations and Eucharists I have celebrated over my 49 years as a priest.

Thank you, one and all!

Fr. Prietto is a campus minister at Bellarmine College Preparatory in San Jose, California, and superior of the Jesuit community.



Fr. Thomas Reese, SJ
60 Years in the Society

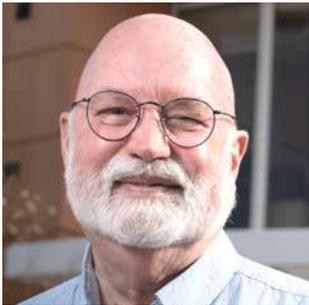
When I entered the Jesuits as a 17-year-old in 1962, I was a shy, Goldwater Republican who hated to write or speak in public. No one would describe me that way today, and that is due to my life as a Jesuit.

After my entrance, the Church and the Jesuits changed dramatically because of the Second Vatican Council. I was surprised by the changes, but as I began to understand them, I enthusiastically embraced the direction the Spirit is taking the church.

The Jesuit commitment to justice, peace and the environment give meaning and purpose to my life. I enjoy preaching, celebrating the Eucharist and hearing confessions. I feel supported by my Jesuit community and the people I have met in my ministries.

I have never been very good at Jesuit discernment when looking into the future, but looking back, I believe the Spirit has been with me.

Fr. Reese is a senior analyst for Religion News Service in Washington, D.C.

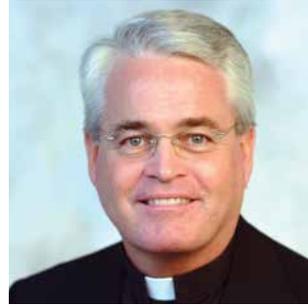


Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ
50 Years in the Society

In his meditation on the Two Standards, St. Ignatius writes, "See Jesus standing in the lowly place." Jesus isn't outside the place, asking us to go there. He's standing there. It has been the grace

of 50 years as a Jesuit to want to stand there with him. It's mainly the desire for the desire to stand there, but still. Jesus stands there, not because it's a grim duty, but because it is where the joy is. All one wants, then, is to stand with Jesus at the margins, with the poor, the powerless and the voiceless. With the demonized and disposable. With those whose burdens are more than they can bear. With those whose dignity has been denied. With the easily despised and readily left out. Jesus stands there and says, "Come on in, the water's fine." And indeed, it is. "My joy yours...your joy complete."

Fr. Boyle is the founder of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles.



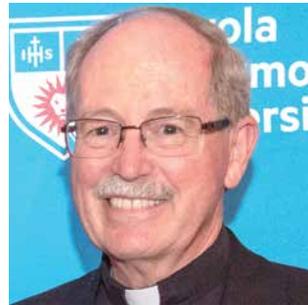
Fr. Kevin Dilworth, SJ
50 Years in the Society

If I could choose one word to summarize my last 50 years as a Jesuit, it would be gratitude.

I am so grateful for the many people who have shared their lives with me on this

journey and the many families who have counted me as one of their own. Never having seen myself in front of the crowd, it has been a grace for me to walk beside so many people and share their faith and personal experiences of God—whether it was in the high school classroom, through pastoral ministry, during the years I spent in television news or these last 10 years working with future health care practitioners at Creighton University's Health Science Campus in Phoenix. I am filled with gratitude to God for this invitation to follow him more closely with my brothers in the Society of Jesus and with gratitude for all who have shared the journey.

Fr. Dilworth is chaplain at Creighton University's Phoenix campus.



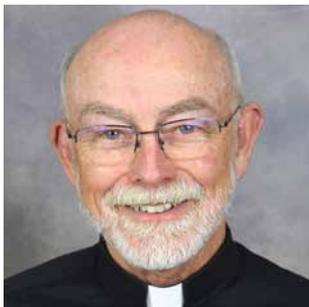
Fr. Mike Engh, SJ
50 Years in the Society

The question posed to me is something like inquiring, "Which drop of water in the ocean is your favorite?" In my flood of memories, I am overwhelmed with the tsunami of graces received

through the many people whom I have known since 1972. In my attempts to serve them, more often than naught, they have been the source of blessings that have nourished and sustained me through five decades. Family, friends, students and colleagues have revealed God's warm and loving presence. In these interactions, they have called me to do more than I ever imagined possible in places and situations I never anticipated. Along the way, fellow Jesuits have accompanied me in community organizing, teaching high school and college, research and writing, and serving in educational administration. Which was the greatest grace? God knows! And I am profoundly grateful.

Fr. Engh is chancellor of Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.

Jubilarians



Fr. Steve Lantry, SJ
50 Years in the Society

On the back of my ordination card were three quotations; one of them was the opening line of a Theodore Roethke poem: "In a dark time the eye begins to see." In 1981, I had no idea how prescient those

words would be.

Grace is always mediated in some incarnate way—God is always coming through our flesh-and-blood door. In 1983, through the mediation of Chris Gjording, SJ, I began recovery from the family disease of alcoholism, which like all addictions, is primarily a disease of the soul. One of its central effects is to shut down feeling, to close the door to one's own affect. As I entered into recovery, poetry reopened that door for me; since poetry is composed of images drawn from actual life, through the years it has offered me multiple openings into God's presence in the world, myriad facets of the Incarnation.

My novice director, Gordon Moreland, SJ, once said that "the Lord is the one who takes away my shame." That was only possible for me when I became willing to surrender. Rumi says it this way:

"You are the fountain of the sun's light;
I am a willow shadow on the ground.
You make my raggedness silky."

This grace has been continually mediated to me by other sober Jesuits.

Life in the last 50 years has been ordinary, unremarkable, yet full of gifts that have taken me years to see. In the years to come, I hope to be merely grateful for each loss. Peace.

Fr. Lantry is superior of the Ravalli Jesuit Community and associate pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church in Missoula, Montana.



Fr. Peter Neeley, SJ
50 Years in the Society

The special grace that comes to mind is the one I experience in Ignatius' "Contemplation for Obtaining Love." That love is incarnate in the many people Divine Providence has allowed to

enter my life. Many of the graces of that love are the fruits of my vocation to live as a message of God's love as it has been preached to me through their lives.

I am especial grateful for family and lifelong friends who have always supported my "strange" choice to be a Jesuit. Many did not understand why, but supported me anyway, out of their love for me. I am grateful for my college buddies, "the boys of '71," who have always supported my vocation and my various social apostolates, even if they didn't agree with the politics. I am especially grateful for the past 12 years on the border, where I have been able to be that bridge I have always envisioned between people I love dearly, both in the north and the south of this continent. "I have chosen you and appointed you to go and bear much fruit."

Fr. Neeley is associate director of education for the Kino Border Initiative in Nogales, Arizona, and Nogales, Sonora, Mexico.



Fr. Robert Niehoff, SJ
50 Years in the Society

Although I knew nothing about Bellarmine in Tacoma, a man my father worked with whose son attended, recommended it. My father said, "You are going to Bellarmine."

I so admired the Jesuits, both scholastics and priests, that I met at Bellarmine. They were the first Jesuits I'd ever met. I wondered if I could be like them. I saw some of the challenges younger Jesuits experienced, even as a student; some of our teachers were here one day and gone the next.

I graduated from Bellarmine in June and was at the novitiate in mid-August. I felt I had to test this call. These were not easy years for the Society. I loved my Jesuit classmates and the novitiate. Over the years, when so many were leaving, I would often ask the Lord—"Why am I still here?!" I felt called and God has blessed me. Thus far by grace!

Fr. Niehoff is provincial assistant for higher education for the Jesuits West Province.



Fr. Cornelius Michael Buckley, SJ
60 Years in the Priesthood

For me, a tall, scrumptious sundae made with Neapolitan ice cream reflects the graces I've received as a priest. The sweet strawberry layer at the bottom mirrors my

joining the Santa Clara faculty, teaching and involved with the long-defunct Project 50 program. Then, the vanilla: the challenge as president of St. Ignatius in San Francisco to bring right thinking to young teenagers. Next, long stretched-out chocolate years at the University of San Francisco, made yummy by the former St. Ignatius Institute. Finally, the topped maraschino cherry, Thomas Aquinas College, with its prestigious committed Catholic faculty and serious, fun-loving students. No part of the sundae is separate from the whole; each part was confectioned by God's grace, Mary's guidance and the support of the Society of Jesus, enabling me, for 60 years, to bring Christ to others daily in the Eucharist and the sacrament of penance. See why I'm so grateful?

Fr. Buckley prays for the Church and the Society at Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in Los Gatos, California.

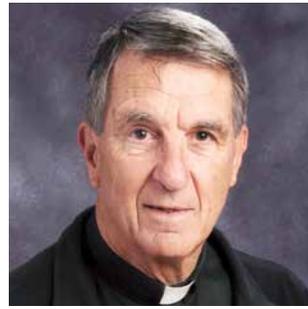


Fr. Richard Cobb, SJ
60 Years in the Priesthood

The greatest grace of my Jesuit vocation? Only one word comes to mind: people. As a Jesuit I have met so many incredible individuals. I have served in a number of apostolates.

I was often assigned to areas that did not appeal to me, but I was always happy. I have met Jesuits, lay people and professionals who were kind, generous, loving and spiritual. For example, during my 35 years at Bellarmine Prep in San Jose, there was never a day that I was not happy to go to work. I am so grateful to the Society for the wonderful opportunities I have enjoyed, as I never dreamt these things would happen to me. I have met so many great people—my heroes. These people have been God's gift to me. My most extraordinary memory is of my 30-day long retreat on the Mount of Olives just outside of Jerusalem that I made with 14 other Jesuits in 1981. It was a monster grace in my life.

Fr. Cobb is infirmiry chaplain and prays for the Church and the Society at Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in Los Gatos, California.

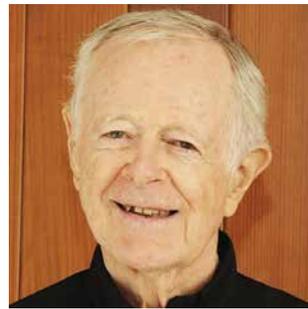


Fr. Joseph Fessio, SJ
50 Years in the Priesthood

As I have said repeatedly for years, my greatest blessing as a Jesuit priest has been the people I have worked with. At the St. Ignatius Institute (University of San Francisco), Ignatius Press

and Ave Maria University, I have been surrounded by co-workers—priests and fellow Jesuits, religious sisters, but primarily committed Catholic laymen—who love the Lord and the Church and have worked tirelessly in the Lord's vineyard.

Fr. Fessio is director of Ignatius Press in San Francisco.



Fr. Bartholomew Murphy, SJ
50 Years in the Priesthood

"Homeless and yet everywhere at home." This was a prayerful mantra of the Celtic monks borne of their experience of having left their homes to spread the Gospel throughout Europe

and beyond, never to return to their place of origin. Their journeys led them to foreign lands and peoples, with cultures, religions, languages, foods and more, far different from their own. Homeless and often alone, but still "everywhere at home." Why? How? Because they knew that God was with them and gave their lives plan and purpose, and that he was their source of ever-present guidance, strength and joy. The confusions encountered in today's rapidly changing world and the many disorientations brought on by the aging process continue to remind me that I am "homeless" here, but a personal relationship with the Lord assures me at the same time that I am truly "everywhere at home."

Fr. Murphy is a retreat guide in Nairobi, Kenya.

Jubilarians



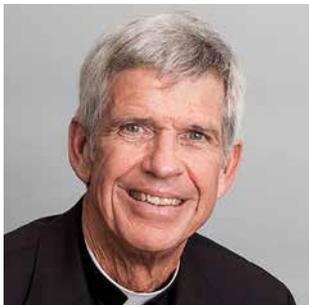
Fr. G.J. Max Oliva, SJ
50 Years in the Priesthood

I was 24 years old when I realized I had a vocation to be a Jesuit. Although everything in my life was going very well at the time—good job, full social life—I felt there was something missing. Over the

years, I have looked back to see how God led me step-by-step to the conclusion of my vocation. Still, it took me by surprise. In the novitiate, while on the 30-day retreat, it became clear that what had been missing was deeper meaning in my life. It was as if my interior had been a lot of loose wires. On the retreat they were fused, and I knew without a doubt that this is where I belong. That feeling is still there. Next year I will celebrate 60 years in the Jesuits.

In addition to God's grace, I am who I am as a priest because of the many faithful people I have met and served over the last 50 years.

Fr. Oliva is a pastoral minister in Spokane, Washington.



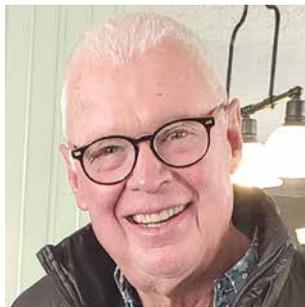
Fr. Stephen Privett, SJ
50 Years in the Priesthood

In the mid-70s, I spent a summer doing pastoral work in the Bahamas. One afternoon when I was enjoying the sun and surf on Paradise Beach, an old station wagon pulled up and out

sprung a group of Bahamian kids followed by a woman. The woman and a very young boy sat down on the sand right next to me, while the rest of the kids ran into the ocean. The kids who were swimming immediately started to taunt the little boy, who was clearly afraid of the water. The woman got up, ambled into the water and then motioned to the boy to come join her. He jumped up and walked through the water into his mother's arms—his fears dispelled. It was his mother who called, and she would never ask him to do anything that would harm him. He was not walking into dangerous waters, but into his mother's loving embrace.

That story has become an overarching metaphor. What has been my greatest grace as a Jesuit/priest? As the dying priest in the novel *Diary of a Country Priest* says, "What does it matter? All is grace." All of it.

Fr. Privett teaches theology at Loyola High School of Los Angeles and is president emeritus of the University of San Francisco.



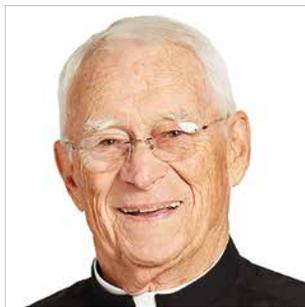
Fr. John Privett, SJ
50 Years in the Priesthood

Gratitude!

When I look back over my Jesuit years, three words come to mind. Gratitude! Gratitude! Gratitude! I am grateful for the people I have served, the work I

have been able to do, the Jesuits and lay folks who have accompanied me during my Jesuit years, and even for the bumps along the way.

Fr. Privett prays for the Church and the Society at Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in Los Gatos, California, where he served for many years as superior.



Fr. Thomas P. Rausch, SJ
50 Years in the Priesthood

Reflecting on my years in the Society, I am enormously grateful for so many blessings. When I think of the missionaries and explorers, the scholars, the priests and pastors, those who have

taught so many for over five centuries, I am humbled to be a part of such a company. Men like Canisius, Ricci, Campion, Rupert Mayer, Rahner, de Chardin, Ellacuría and his companions, Dulles, and Pope Francis. But the greatest grace has been the companions along the way, the teachers and mentors, fellow Jesuits I first met more than 60 years ago and who are still friends today—those who are still with us—others with whom I've taught and ministered and lived, friends I can relax with and share concerns both large and small at the end of the day. Sometimes at the community liturgy I look around at these talented, generous men and can only praise our gracious God.

Fr. Rausch is the emeritus T. Marie Chilton professor of Catholic theology and acting director of the Huffington Ecumenical Institute at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.



Fr. Richard Schneck, SJ
50 Years in the Priesthood

Some of the graces of the past 50 years:

On February 3, 1979, I took my final vows with Father General Pedro Arrupe in the city of Puebla, Mexico.

Another wonderful moment came on May 29, 2004, when Fr. Will Combs was ordained. About 10 years before, I had met Will at the Catholic University in Quito, Ecuador. He was not a Catholic, and I helped him through the catechism, and now he is a pastor in San Antonio.

In May of 2010, I was visiting the children's hospital in Quito, Ecuador, where I discovered Siamese twins joined together at the heart. It was obvious to me that the baby girls would not live long, so I asked a nurse to be a witness to their baptism. I gave the twins the names of two saints of Ecuador, Mariana and Mercedes. The babies died soon after, and I hope that they bless me from heaven.

Fr. Schneck is emeritus professor of Sacred Scripture at the Pontificia Universidad Católica of Ecuador.



Fr. Daniel Sullivan, SJ
50 Years in the Priesthood

Eighty years old, 62 years a Jesuit and 50 years ordained a priest. Wow, that is a lot of years. Generally speaking, half of my Jesuit life was devoted to secondary education and the other

half to spiritual and pastoral ministries. Certainly, I did not accomplish this on my own. Yes, I do believe in the indwelling Holy Spirit. I constantly remember the five promises of Jesus in sending us the Spirit as found in the Gospel of John, chapters 14-16. Ignatius and the Spiritual Exercises are absolutely foundational in all I do. My prayer this day are the words of Pedro Arrupe, SJ, on the 50th anniversary of his life as a Jesuit: "Give me that grace, that sense of Christ ... so that I may live all of my life, interiorly and exteriorly proceeding and discerning with your spirit, exactly as you did during your mortal life."

Fr. Sullivan is senior priest at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Phoenix. ■

FR. ARTURO ARAUJO, SJ *continues*

are very similar, the same race, and in my imagination, I saw the Trinity dancing, and I connect with that. I was playing off the iconic painting of the Trinity by Andrei Rublev, but in our work, we started recreating the context. So, these kids are not in a backyard playing anymore, they are creating the universe. They are dancing with color, and nature is coming alive. There is something deeply spiritual in this piece."

In May, Fr. Araujo shipped the completed pieces to Rome. A month later, he flew to Rome to ready the studio for the arrival of his students, who would assist with mounting and installing the pieces. When the students arrived, several of the shipping tubes were still in customs. The clock ticking, Fr. Araujo was worried about when he would be reunited with his artwork. Then, the

Holy Spirit intervened in the form of a Jesuit at the Curia who called a friend at the Vatican, who was able to get the shipping tubes released that same day.

After each piece was carefully hung, Fr. Araujo and his students were invited to talk to the Jesuit community at the Curia about their process. "The students were really happy, and the community, I think, was very impressed by the professional work we did there."

And the Jesuit who commissioned the work, what did he think? "Father General was very pleased. Literally, he said, 'It's exceeded my expectations,' and I couldn't ask for anything more than that." ■



The Jesuit Curia in Rome



EXPERIENCING GOD'S HEALING, TIME AFTER TIME

By MegAnne Liebsch

When Santos Flores-Alcaide listens to Cyndi Lauper's hit ballad "Time After Time," he hears the chorus as a love letter from God. He explains his thinking simply: "If you're lost, you can look for God."

"Cyndi Lauper wrote it as a love song, but we use it in here as a God song," adds Jennifer Kelly, who is seated next to Santos. We're gathered in a sterile white and grey room, which Jennifer has spruced up with a flowery tablecloth, electronic candles and icons of the Sacred Heart. "Here" is the Mental Health Unit of the Monroe Correctional Complex (MCC)—a prison about 30 minutes northeast of Seattle.

Santos is incarcerated at MCC. He met Jennifer a few years ago, at one of the Ignatian retreats that she runs in Washington state prisons. The retreats are part of a program called the Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative Northwest (JRJI NW), which offers spiritual support, guided retreats and other prayer services

designed specifically for incarcerated individuals.

For Santos, Jennifer's singing is the best part of JRJI NW's programs. An accomplished musician with a glassy smooth voice, Jennifer has found that music is a powerful bridge, connecting her and the people attending her retreats.

Cyndi Lauper's verse may be an unlikely spiritual vehicle, but the song carries a weighty power for Jennifer and Santos. "I think, Santos, the reason you and I know [this song] so deeply is because prison is full of the one God wants to find," Jennifer tells him.

Then, eyes closed, head and chin notched upward, Jennifer sings.

*If you're lost, you can look and
you will find me
Time after time.
If you fall, I will catch you, I'll be
waiting
Time after time.*

I can see it in his smile, in the way he hums along—how this song transports Santos into a space beyond these impenetrable walls. It's more than escape, though. Caged in this song's lofty notes is a mutual understanding between Jennifer and Santos. A musical nod that says, I too have lost and been lost. I have wanted desperately to be found.

Armed with my recorder and camera, I'm shadowing Jennifer to document a full day of JRJI NW programming at MCC, from one-on-one visits to prayer circles and communion services. I've visited prisons before, and the experience often leaves me heavy with melancholy or frustration. But by the time I leave MCC at nightfall, I feel nourished, hopeful. A tremendous and special spirit thrives in the community gathered through JRJI NW.

More than prisoners

Fittingly, JRJI NW was born out of a concert. In 2015, Jennifer's band played what was meant to be a one-time concert at Monroe Correctional Complex. During setup, Jennifer got to chatting with three incarcerated men—Bill, Mark and Dylan—who were helping set up amplifiers and microphones. She mentioned her previous experience with Ignatian retreats. Suddenly, Bill lit up: "An Ignatian retreat? I've been praying for one for years!"

Jennifer knew she had to do something. She reached out to Fr. Mike Kennedy, SJ, who founded the Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative (JRJI) in California. He invited her to shadow his work in California prisons.

I REMEMBER WHAT JENNIFER SAID EARLIER, THAT PRISON IS FULL OF PEOPLE WHO GOD WANTS TO FIND AND THAT GOD DELIGHTS IN FINDING THEM. IT'S A RADICAL NOTION.

True to its name, JRJI follows a framework of restorative justice that sees crime as a fundamental violation of human relationships. While the U. S. criminal justice system largely emphasizes punishment, restorative justice seeks healing for offenders, victims and the communities impacted by crime. Fr. Kennedy believes that spiritual companionship is a key resource in this healing. Through retreats and educational programming, JRJI creates spaces where incarcerated people can "place themselves in the presence of a loving God who sees them for who they are—not mistakes, but rather individuals in need of healing."

When Jennifer arrived in Los Angeles to shadow Fr. Mike, thousands of people were participating in JRJI California programs, but the model hadn't expanded beyond the state. After a year learning from Fr. Mike, Jennifer returned to Seattle, eager to bring Ignatian retreats to the men she met at MCC.



Jennifer Kelly plays guitar for a group of retreatants.

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Justin Countryman, an inmate at the Monroe Correctional Complex, and Jennifer Kelly walk in the yard.

The need was acute. According to the Washington State Institute for Public Policy, 33% of people released from Washington prisons will be locked up again within three years. Once released, they face a barrage of challenges from finding affordable and safe housing to getting a job and reconnecting with loved ones. Often, there's a problem of perception: People who do time are seen as less than human, hardened and devoid of empathy. That's why so many are drawn to JRJI's programs.

Prison programs often focus on quantifiable measures—such as job and skills training and continuing education—all of which are crucial to transformation. But restorative justice is also concerned with rebuilding relationships. That kind of healing is largely unquantifiable.

"We don't heal in our intellect," Jennifer explains. "We heal in our memory, our hearts and our feelings." While Jennifer acknowledges healing is ultimately self-led, JRJI provides

spiritual tools, such as memory meditation and Ignatian conversation models, to help people in that process.

In 2016, along with supportive inmates like Dylan and Bill, Jennifer piloted the MCC's first Ignatian retreat. Over 28 men attended, many of whom weren't Catholic or even Christian. Convening interfaith spaces is no small task in prison, where religious affiliation is often divisive. Dylan, for example, is Protestant, and he didn't know much about Ignatian spirituality but the idea of a full-day retreat intrigued him. Most of MCC's weekly religious services are an hour long. To have a full day of prayer, community and live music felt luxurious.

The program quickly snowballed, and subsequent retreats capped out at 60 attendees. The retreats created safe environments, where people are not confined by labels like inmate or chaplain. "What the Ignatian retreats did was allot us that time

in a secure fashion to be vulnerable with each other," says Dylan. Prison prioritizes the immediate, often out of self-protection. "We're thinking about, 'What's for dinner today?'" Dylan explains. "We're not given a lot of opportunities to say, 'How did this make you feel?'"

Ignatian meditation probes deeper. Those early retreats pushed Dylan to look inside himself in a way he never had before and then to share those reflections with others. The community became crucial to Dylan, and in the intervening six years, he hasn't missed a single retreat.

Now, JRJI NW is an independent ministry of the Jesuits West Province, and it's expanding rapidly. This summer, the organization hired its second full-time employee, Fr. Joe Kraemer, SJ, who appears on the cover of this magazine with Jennifer. Alongside Jennifer as director, the pair is leading retreats and Ignatian programming in four prisons and one jail across Washington.

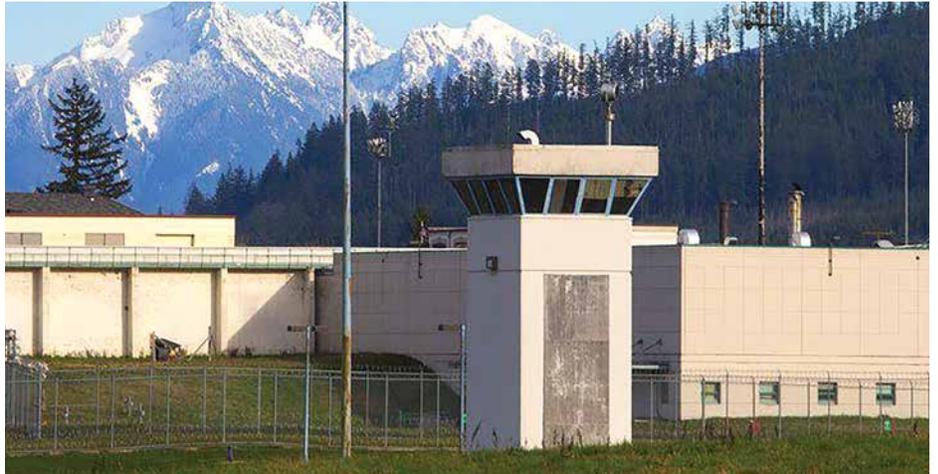
Who God Wants to Find

When Jennifer finishes singing “Time After Time” for Santos, she says simply, “It’s true. I feel when I sing it that God’s singing to you, Santos. The fact that you take it in and that you know God loves you. I just think it makes God really happy.”

Santos is silent for a few seconds, choked with emotion. “That’s nice,” he finally replies. “That’s a good feeling.”

I don’t think many people have told Santos that God finds joy in him. I remember what Jennifer said earlier, that prison is full of people who God wants to find and that God delights in finding them. It’s a radical notion. Whether inside or outside of prison, we all wander, lost in the wilderness of our mistakes. And we all crave love and forgiveness—most of us just don’t know how to ask for it. Or we’re too proud to admit it.

The JRJI NW program was created for the people who do ask for help, who are looking to find themselves



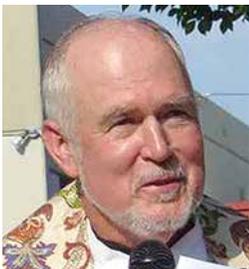
Monroe Correctional Complex, Monroe, Washington

and God. Many incarcerated people feel themselves defined by the worst moments of their lives, moments that they are trying to reconcile or heal daily. But to Jennifer, they are not reduced to a crime or a sentence. She sees them through God’s eyes—as sources of joy.

“I love this work so much and I can’t believe I got called to it,” Jennifer says. Heart on her sleeve, she begins to cry when I ask her what JRJI NW means to her.

“People tell me how our style of programming has brought them healing and personal growth, changed their lives,” she explains. “That is humbling and moving and stunning and exactly what I would have hoped to give my life to when I first got my theology degree decades ago.” ■

MegAnne Liebsch is the communications manager for the Office of Justice and Ecology at the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States.



The Hard Work of Forgiveness

Fr. Mike Kennedy, SJ, founded Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative (JRJI) in 2009 to create restorative justice practices and retreats for incarcerated people, especially for youth tried as adults.

Prior to founding JRJI, Fr. Kennedy was pastor of Dolores Mission in Los Angeles, where he developed a passion for working with the poor and marginalized and met countless families whose lives were torn apart by gang violence and crime.

Through prayer, education and advocacy, JRJI strives to heal broken relationships with those who are incarcerated and their families—as well as victims of crime and their families. JRJI facilitates restorative justice spiritual retreats using Ignatian meditation based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola in California state prisons and juvenile halls to help incarcerated communities recognize God's presence in their lives.

Fr. Kennedy, who describes the work of JRJI as “helping prisoners participate in the hard work of forgiveness and transformation,” says, “We need to minister to people in prison. We need to put time and energy into it because that’s where God is.”

After a difficult almost two-year period of Covid shutting down all prison visits, JRJI has resumed a more regular schedule of retreats.



SIX FROM JESUITS WEST ORDAINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD

By Tracey Primrose

For anyone who has attended an ordination liturgy, there is a part of the Mass that is often remembered for its heartfelt beauty: the laying on of hands. This is the moment when the ordaining bishop, brother Jesuits and other priests in attendance put their hands on the heads of the kneeling ordinands to signify the incorporation of the newly ordained into the priesthood.

For the last two years, because of Covid restrictions, only a small number of Jesuits could participate in this ancient ritual. But in June of this year as six members of the Jesuits West Province were ordained, there seemed to be an endless procession of Jesuits blessing and welcoming their brothers to the priesthood.

Although the large number of attendees at the June 11 ordination liturgy at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Parish in Spokane wore masks, the fact that more than 100 priests were able to participate in the laying on of hands signaled something of a return to normal. An ordination liturgy is always joyful, but this year was particularly so because of everyone and everything we had missed in the last few years.



Bishop Eduardo Nevares anoints the hands of his nephew, Fr. Daniel Nevares, SJ, with sacred chrism.

Ordaining Bishop Eduardo Nevares of the Diocese of Phoenix told the ordinands that they should, "Be the love of God for your people. Be that joyful presence." He added, "God's love is also known as the Holy Spirit. Be filled with the Holy Spirit, be guided by and enamored with the Holy Spirit for he will fill you with his gifts, and he will inspire you in your words."

Listening intently was the bishop's nephew, Daniel Nevares, one of five ordained in Spokane. It was a special moment for the new priest and his family. "I was living and working in Phoenix before I became a Jesuit, and my uncle helped accompany me as I discerned my vocation. Over the past 11 years of my formation, he has continued to be a spiritual guide and an important presence in my life. That he was our ordaining bishop was such a graced opportunity, and I am profoundly grateful."

Seventeen hundred miles away in Milwaukee, Joe Kraemer, SJ, a member of the Jesuits West Province, was ordained with four Jesuits from the Midwest Province at the Church of the Gesu. Fr. Kraemer hails from the Midwest and requested that he be ordained closer to home for the ease of several elderly family members.

This fall, Fr. Kraemer began his first post-ordination assignment, working in prison chaplaincy in Seattle. He said he was inspired by Luke 12:48, "to whom much is given, much will be required," and that he will be praying for "all of you who support and walk with us in our Jesuit journey to become joyful heralds of the good news of Christ." ■



Fr. Joe Kraemer, SJ, with his family on ordination day



The newly ordained with Bishop Eduardo Nevares; Fr. Sean Carroll, SJ, provincial, Jesuits West; and Fr. Tony Sholander, SJ, delegate for formation, Jesuits West

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MEET OUR NEW PRIESTS

Father Manuel Chavira Jr., SJ



Hometown:
Fullerton,
California

Missioned to:
Catholic chaplain
at San Quentin
State Prison

Fr. Chavira is the eldest of five children of Deacon Manuel and Carmen Chavira. After serving in the U.S. Marine Corps and working for nearly 20 years as an oil refinery operator in Southern California, he enrolled at UC Berkeley, majoring in philosophy in preparation for attending law school. However, a “Come and See” event held by the Jesuits at the nearby Jesuit School of Theology changed his plans for a legal career. After graduating from UC Berkeley, he entered the Jesuit novitiate in Culver City, California. While in the novitiate, his work with the Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative, led by Fr. Mike Kennedy, SJ, helped him to begin a discernment in prison ministry. His long experiment, in the second year of the novitiate, as the assistant Catholic chaplain at San Quentin State Prison confirmed this calling.

During his Jesuit formation, he earned a Master of Divinity degree as well as a Bachelor of Sacred Theology and a Master of Sacred Theology from Regis College at the University of Toronto. He worked with First Nations people at St. Ann’s Parish in Toronto and assisted at St. Peter’s Parish, also in Toronto. Upon completing theology studies, he was hired by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation as the Catholic chaplain at San Quentin.

Father Joseph Kraemer, SJ



Hometown:
Richmond,
Indiana

Missioned to:
Prison ministry
with the Jesuit
Restorative
Justice Initiative
Northwest,
Seattle

The son of Melanie and Mike Kraemer, Fr. Kraemer was born and raised in Richmond, Indiana. After graduating from Hillsdale College in Michigan with a bachelor’s degree in English, he was thrilled to accept a job at the Shakespeare Theatre at the Folger in Washington, D.C. When his boss became director of the Drama Division at the Juilliard School in Manhattan, he was hired to help create and run the Playwrights Program there and also taught dramatic writing at Barnard College. He then moved to Hollywood to develop a show for Warner Bros. Television, where he later worked for the actors Martin and Charlie Sheen in their film and television production company.

After discerning a vocation to the Society of Jesus, he entered the novitiate in 2013. As a novice, he loved serving in prison ministry with the Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative and living in a L’Arche intentional community in Seattle with people who have intellectual disabilities. He received a master’s degree in philosophy from the University of London and enjoyed his regency assignment fundraising with the Jesuits West Province’s Advancement Office. Most recently, he earned his Master of Divinity degree from the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University and served as a deacon at Corpus Christi Parish in Piedmont, California.

Father Michael Manalastas, SJ



Hometown:
Thousand Oaks,
California

Missioned to:
Blessed
Sacrament
Church,
Hollywood,
California

After graduating from UC Berkeley with a degree in economics, Fr. Manalastas began his career at PricewaterhouseCoopers intent on becoming a successful corporate executive. He didn’t realize, though, that God had other plans. Living in San Francisco, he met the Jesuits, and in particular, Fr. Charlie Gagan, SJ, at St. Ignatius Parish. Here, the faint whisper of a priestly vocation began, which he ignored for 10 years until that whisper became a boisterous clamor. Still unready to take the plunge, he quit his job, packed his bags and traveled the world. When he returned home, he knew only one thing: He wanted to meet God everywhere, so he entered the Jesuit novitiate in 2012.

As a Jesuit, he has met God in many ways. As a novice, he met God in the silence of the 30-day retreat. As a philosophy student at Saint Louis University, where he earned a master’s degree, he met God in the works of St. Augustine and in the shared meals at Bridges of Hope homeless shelter. At Bellarmine College Preparatory in San Jose, California, he met God in the faces of the students he taught. And as a theologian in Madrid at Universidad de Comillas, where he earned a Master of Divinity degree, he met God as an immigrant in a far-off land speaking a foreign language.

Father Daniel Nevares, SJ



Hometown:
Houston, Texas

Missioned to:
St. Aloysius
Parish and
School,
Spokane,
Washington

Fr. Nevares is a graduate of St. Jerome Catholic School, Strake Jesuit College Preparatory and Texas A&M University. This generous gift of education propelled him to address systemic educational inequity by joining the Teach for America (TFA) corps after college. During the subsequent years in TFA and beyond, he taught upper elementary school within the Glendale Elementary School District in Arizona.

He entered the Society of Jesus in 2011 and, as a novice, served apostolically in Los Angeles, Seattle, Phoenix, and Pine Ridge, South Dakota. While earning a master's degree in philosophy at Saint Louis University, he enjoyed being a teaching assistant and tutor at Marian Middle School, the all-girls Nativity model school, for nearly three years. His next mission was at Gonzaga Preparatory School in Spokane, Washington, where he taught for three years while assisting with liturgical planning, retreat ministry and the boys' tennis team. He earned a Master of Divinity degree from the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University in Berkeley, California, while working with the young adult community at St. Agnes Parish in San Francisco and serving as a deacon at St. Perpetua Parish and School in Lafayette, California.

Father Lucas Sharma, SJ



Hometown:
Olympia,
Washington

Missioned to:
Doctoral studies
in sociology at
the University
of California
San Diego

Fr. Sharma was born in Kathmandu, Nepal, and adopted when he was six months old. After earning a bachelor's degree in sociology and economics from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington, he worked as a Jesuit Volunteer at Bread for the City in Washington, D.C. He then headed to Loyola University Chicago, where he earned a master's degree in sociology. He had hoped to continue onto doctoral studies but, in 2012, he answered God's call and became a Jesuit.

As a novice, he worked as a chaplain at Eastlake Juvenile Hall and tutored children at Dolores Mission School, both in Los Angeles. He earned a master's degree in philosophy at Fordham University and worked as a chaplain at a low-income dialysis unit in the Bronx. Next, he taught sociology at Seattle University (SU) and was a research fellow at SU's Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture.

As a theology student at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University in Berkeley, California, he earned a Master of Divinity degree while serving as a deacon at St. Ignatius Parish in San Francisco. He has served on the Jesuits West Equity and Inclusion Committee since 2017, the board of directors of JVC Northwest since 2018 and the board of trustees of Seattle University since 2019.

Father Matthew Yim, SJ



Hometown:
Honolulu,
Hawaii

Missioned to:
St. Ignatius
Loyola Parish,
Sacramento,
California

The youngest of three siblings, Fr. Yim is the son of Judge Patrick and Santa Marie Yim. He earned a bachelor's degree in English literature and East Asian studies, with a concentration in Chinese language, from Oberlin College. Following his college graduation, he lived and worked in Taigu, Shanxi Province, China, teaching English as a second language to undergraduates and graduate students at Shanxi Agricultural University.

He then returned to the United States and, while working, earned a master's degree in library and information sciences from the University of Hawaii, Manoa. During this time, he felt a call to religious life and, with his spiritual director, Fr. Russ Roide, SJ, discerned that call was to the Society of Jesus. As a Jesuit, he has worked in hospitals, prisons, primary school and high school libraries, as a lecturer at Gonzaga University, and in various capacities at the parish level. He earned a master's degree in philosophy from Fordham University and a Master of Divinity degree from the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University while serving as a deacon at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish in Sacramento, California.



Jesuit Profile

FR. RANDY ROCHE, SJ: AN EXERCISE IN FAITH AND LOVE

By Tracey Primrose

For the last 50 years, Fr. Randy Roche, SJ, has started every day the same way. He spends 10 minutes doing a series of breathing exercises and yoga poses. From the one-legged stork to the falling leaf and the spinal twist, Fr. Roche's well-practiced routine helps keep the remarkably youthful 84-year-old flexible and fit. His yoga practice is essential to his well-being, but these are not the exercises that keep him in balance.

Randall Roche, known to all as Randy, grew up with his five siblings in the St. Francis Wood section of San Francisco. When Randy was 7, his father left the family and started a new life. Although his dad continued to provide for his wife and children, there was sadness and even shame. It was hard to be different, particularly in the late 1940s.

A shy and self-conscious teenager, Randy followed his older brother to St. Ignatius High School. During his sophomore year, one of the young Jesuit scholastics could sense Randy's lack of confidence and asked him to get involved in an after-school paper drive. The Jesuit's care for Randy was validating. So was the kindness of Fr. Richard Spohn, SJ, a beloved science teacher. One day when Randy was making up a lab, Fr. Spohn asked a question that would

Fr. Randy Roche, SJ, demonstrates a yoga stretch in a video for the online retreat "Embodying Peace," produced by the Center for Ignatian Spirituality at Loyola Marymount University.



Fr. Randy and his mother on his birthday, December 25, 1968

change the trajectory of a young man's life: "Have you ever thought of being a priest?" More than six decades later, Fr. Randy recalls the exhilaration of that moment. "Bing! It was like an arrow in my heart. I remember going home on the bus thinking, 'Are my feet on the ground?' It was what I really wanted, but I had never admitted it."

As a boy, he had shown tender care for his mother, making crowns of hand-picked flowers from their garden to adorn her statue of the Blessed Mother. As a teenager and with his sister and older brothers out of the house, he was a sometimes rebellious, unhappy kid, "not the model of a loving son." After he became a Jesuit, Fr. Randy came to realize the hurt he experienced because of his absent father and what it meant for his mother to raise six children on her own. Kathryn O'Brien Roche, he says, was "a saint."

He entered the Jesuits' Sacred Heart Novitiate in August of 1955, a few months after his high school graduation. In those days, novices were essentially cloistered and silent, so it was a welcome relief for Randy to get outside to support the novitiate's winemaking operation. Like all novices, he picked grapes. It was sweaty, exhausting work, but he enjoyed it. "I never had a job. I was proud that I was working, and we worked hard."

After six years of study, he was sent back to St. Ignatius High School for the regency period of his Jesuit formation. Still shy and lacking self-confidence, he was assigned to teach geometry to classes of 40 students while simultaneously serving as the head swim coach and the assistant JV football coach. Who cares that he had never played football—at least he could swim. Of those three years, he says, "Some people love high school teaching, and I was like 'get me out of here.'"

He studied theology at the now-shuttered Alma College and, in 1968, was ordained at St. Ignatius Church in San Francisco, just a few blocks from where he had first met the Jesuits in high school. During the liturgy, the new priests would bless family and friends waiting their turn at the Communion rail. Fr. Randy remembers his dad saying, "Son, you're dancing." The young priest, filled with joy and excitement, was a blur of kinetic energy.

A deepening interest in counseling led Fr. Randy to a master's program at San Diego State. He volunteered at the nearby University of San Diego, a Catholic school, where he gave retreats, said Mass and engaged in pastoral counseling. Something clicked with the college kids. "They were not looking for a father figure, they were looking for someone to listen and help them make decisions."



The Roche family in 1969

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Fr. Randy (front row, right) leads a retreat for a group of faculty and staff members at Loyola Marymount University.

In 1971, he became a campus minister at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. At the time, the campus ministry office was housed in a cramped space in the student union building, forcing Fr. Randy to do his pastoral counseling sessions in his room or outside on the lawn. When he took over as the office's director, many supported the construction of a proper office, but there was no funding. Fortunately, though, Fr. Randy's colleague, Sister Agnes Marie Schon, CSJ, was a sister of St. Joseph, and she quickly retrieved a St. Joseph medal from her order's Motherhouse. Although St. Joseph is the patron saint of home and family, many believe that he also dabbles in real estate transactions. Fr. Randy, Sister Agnes Marie and their colleagues buried the medal on the intended site for the new campus ministry office and conducted a prayer service. Almost immediately, the money came through, although they never did find the St. Joseph medal.

Fr. Randy has always loved the Spiritual Exercises. Composed by St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus, the "Exercises" are a dynamic, imaginative process of prayer and meditation that can be done in many forms. St. Ignatius wanted individuals to engage the Exercises with an experienced guide, and for more than 50 years, Fr. Randy has been such a guide. He has shared the Exercises with countless individuals, helping them become more attentive to how God is working in their lives and more responsive to God's call.

For Fr. Randy, the Spiritual Exercises are the perfect way to work on his faith, while yoga is his preferred method for stretching his muscles. A fellow Jesuit introduced him to yoga for the first time in the 1960s, saying, "You need this." The friend took him outside and walked him through a series of poses that culminated with Fr. Randy standing

on his head. Turns out, he did need it. Fr. Randy, recalls, "I became calm, and it quieted my mind, so I could pray."

He stayed at Loyola Marymount University for 10 years and then served in various roles at Jesuit High School in Sacramento, Santa Clara University, the Jesuit novitiate and the Newman Center at the University of Hawaii. He returned to Loyola Marymount University in 2003 as the director of the Center for Ignatian Spirituality, which was founded in 2001 to bring the unique spirituality of the Society of Jesus to LMU's faculty and staff. In addition to coordinating the Center's regular programming, which includes in-person and online retreats for faculty and staff, Fr. Randy is there to guide "anyone interested in growing closer to God" through the Spiritual Exercises. He has directed people from many faith traditions, saying, "They don't have to believe in Jesus. God will do what God will do with any goodwill person who wants to go through this experience."

"The Exercises start at the beginning with healing life's hurts and getting to know Jesus," Fr. Randy says. "To see people come in brokenhearted because they've suffered a loss and then to see how the Exercises give them strength, that's what it is like when you open yourself up to God. I love this."

Early on, a spiritual director told Fr. Randy that "you do not know your own heart." But he added, "If you get to know Jesus, you'll be fine." Fr. Randy will be 85 on Christmas Day. While he is not standing on his head anymore, because of the Spiritual Exercises he has a relationship with Jesus, one he works on every day. ■

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NEWS FROM THE PROVINCE

FR. SCOTT SANTAROSA, SJ, INSTALLED AS PASTOR OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE IN SAN DIEGO



Fr. Santarosa, his mother, Carol Santarosa, and Cardinal Robert McElroy, Bishop of San Diego

In October, Fr. Scott Santarosa, SJ, former provincial of Jesuits West, was installed as the new pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe parish in San Diego. He started in his new role on July 31, the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

The Jesuits' presence at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Our Lady's School, San Diego's oldest Catholic elementary school, dates to 1940 when the Society of Jesus was asked to take over the parish by the bishop of San Diego. Many early parishioners had fled anti-Catholic persecution in Mexico, and many families who today call the parish home are also migrants seeking safety and opportunity. The parish, which calls itself "your home in the barrio" is a refuge for a community plagued by unemployment, gang activity and homelessness.

"I've only been in my new role for a short time, but I am stuck by the beauty of the people at Our Lady of Guadalupe and their unwavering faith in God," said Fr. Santarosa. "It's the kind of place I like to be because I get to see people with their great faith show me what it means to believe in a God of resurrection and hope."

After his service as provincial ended in July of 2021, Fr. Santarosa enjoyed a one-year sabbatical where he traveled,

spent time with his parents, siblings and nieces and nephews, and served on the border at a Jesuit parish in El Paso, Texas.

"I was blessed to have such a nice sabbatical, and Sean [Fr. Sean Carroll, SJ, Fr. Santarosa's successor as provincial] was generous to give it to me, and I needed it. But after a while you say, I am not made for a sabbatical, I am made for

ministry, so you are itching to get back into ministry. You start longing to go back like a player who wants to get back into a game."

Fr. Santarosa is also happy to be speaking Spanish again. "My Spanish had gotten a little rusty because I was not speaking it every day when I was provincial. But I find that when you attempt to speak Spanish, it's a doorway to another world, to another culture. Whenever we cross a threshold into another culture, there's a great feeling of connection and a little glimpse of the kingdom of God."

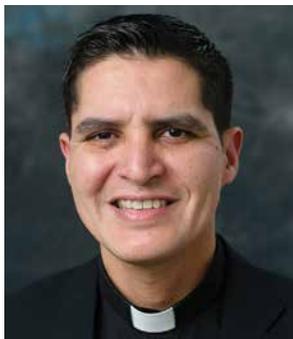
He loves Our Lady of Guadalupe's "warm family culture, where people take ownership of their parish and there's a sense of joy and hope," and he's grateful for the wonderful parish staff and the three Jesuits missioned to serve with him: Fr. Brad Mills, SJ; Fr. Hung Nguyen, SJ; and Fr. Neal Wilkinson, SJ.

He is also grateful to be living in San Diego. "I can't get over how beautiful it is all the time. I go to the beach on my days off, and I just sit and pray. I review the week surrounded by the beauty of nature. It doesn't get much better than that."



Jesuits working in San Diego attended the installation.

FR. ERICK BERRELLEZA, SJ, NAMED FOUNDING DEAN OF BOSTON COLLEGE'S MESSINA COLLEGE



Fr. Erick Berrelleza, SJ, became founding dean of Boston College's (BC) Messina College in September 2022, part of BC's

\$100 million initiative to enhance educational opportunities for underrepresented, first-generation students. The residential college will enroll 200 students and offer an associate degree program beginning in the 2024-2025 academic year.

Fr. Berrelleza is the son of immigrants and a first-generation college student whose academic scholarship has focused on urban sociology and immigration. He

previously served as an assistant professor of sociology at Santa Clara University.

"Erick speaks eloquently about the transformative and life-giving impact of educational access for underserved communities," said David Quigley, BC's provost and dean of faculties. "He brings vision, commitment and a contagious belief in the potential of the students we will be educating at Messina College."

Fr. Berrelleza said he was honored to serve the school and provide opportunities for individuals who have not had access to a Jesuit education.

"As a first-generation college student, I did not have a lot of people I could talk to about applying to college and how to navigate the college experience," said Fr. Berrelleza. "Serving as dean of Messina College will enable me to help provide access to underprivileged and

underrepresented students who too often face an uphill battle without the vital support we will offer.

"Giving students—particularly those on the margins—an opportunity to be part of a life-changing educational experience is something I feel called to do," he said.

A Los Angeles native, Fr. Berrelleza received a bachelor's in philosophy from Loyola Marymount University, a Master of Divinity degree from the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, and a Ph.D. in sociology from Boston University. He served as a visiting scholar in BC's Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life from 2019-2021. He has also served as a member of the board of trustees at Boston College, Santa Clara University, Brophy College Preparatory School in Phoenix and Bellarmine College Preparatory in San Jose.

TWO MEMBERS OF JESUITS WEST ORDAINED AS DEACONS

This fall, two members of the Jesuits West Province were ordained to the diaconate.

James Antonio, SJ, was ordained a deacon on Sept. 24, 2022, by Most Reverend Peter J. Uglietto, Auxiliary Bishop of Boston, at St. Ignatius Church in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, along with six other Jesuits. He is currently a student at the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry.

As a Jesuit in formation, Deacon Antonio has studied philosophy at Saint Louis

University, worked at Seattle Preparatory School for two years and studied Spanish at the University of Guadalajara in Mexico.

On Oct. 22, 2022, Simon Zachary, SJ, was ordained a deacon, along with six other Jesuits, by the Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, SJ, Bishop of Oakland, at the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland, California. He is currently studying theology at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University in Berkeley, California.

During his formation, Deacon Zachary studied philosophy at Fordham University and taught social studies at Brophy College Preparatory School in Phoenix.

For Jesuits in formation, ordination to the diaconate is the final step in preparation for priestly ordination in the Society of Jesus. As ministers of sacraments, deacons proclaim the Gospel, baptize, witness marriages and conduct wake and funeral services. Both deacons will be ordained to the priesthood next summer.



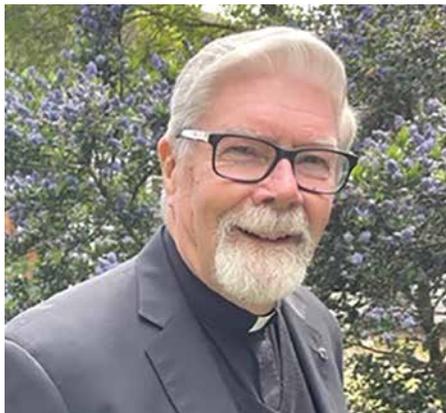
Seven Jesuits were ordained to the diaconate in Boston on Sept. 24, 2022, including James Antonio, SJ (front row, second from left), from Jesuits West.



Seven Jesuits were ordained to the diaconate on Oct. 22, 2022, in Oakland, California, including Simon Zachary, SJ (third from right), from Jesuits West.

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FR. PAT LEE, SJ, COMES FULL CIRCLE



Fr. Pat Lee's Jesuit vocation has taken him all over the West Coast and as far away as Jerusalem, but his newest mission is a homecoming of sorts: Fr. Lee is the newly appointed rector of the Jesuit community at the University of San Francisco (USF). He grew up a stone's throw away in the tiny sugar refining town of Crockett, California, and although he earned his doctorate in education from USF, he hasn't served at the university

since he was an intern in the Office of the President four decades ago.

Prior to assuming his new role, Fr. Lee was the assistant tertian director for the Jesuits of Canada and the United States based in Portland, Oregon (tertianship is considered the final stage of Jesuit formation). Previously, he served as provincial of the former Oregon Province Jesuits, superior of the Jesuit Community of the Holy Land in Jerusalem, and vice president for Mission and Ministry at Gonzaga University. In addition to his doctorate, Fr. Lee has a bachelor's and master's from Gonzaga and a Master of Divinity from the Weston School of Theology.

USF is a multi-apostolic community, which means it includes not only Jesuits who work at the university, but at other area ministries, including St. Agnes and St. Ignatius parishes and San Quentin State Prison.

"The challenge, Fr. Lee said, "is to identify how all the work being done in

these different places influences one another and the greater community. The Jesuit community has to keep thinking, what is the Jesuit mission in San Francisco about?"

When asked about his primary responsibility as rector Fr. Lee said, "It's mainly about loving the members of the community and the works that they're involved in. I think my role is to love the way God loves and be open to who they are." He added that the hallmark of a healthy Jesuit community is one in which people can be transparent and vulnerable with each other. "I think trust, compassion and discernment are essential. Those become ways in which a community always stays in touch with the mission."

Fr. Lee's return to USF is, in some ways, coming full circle. "To be missioned in the Society of Jesus, as I was to this new position, is to know that the Lord is waiting for me here. I look forward to that, that opportunity to say, 'Well, what am I supposed to learn? And what experiences are going to happen to me now?'"

SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY INAUGURATES JULIE H. SULLIVAN, FIRST WOMAN AND FIRST LAY PRESIDENT



Fr. Sean Carroll, SJ, provincial of Jesuits West, President Julie Sullivan and Santa Clara Board Chair Larry Sonsini

On Oct. 7, 2022, Santa Clara University celebrated the historic inauguration of Julie H. Sullivan, Ph.D., the first woman and first layperson to lead the university in its 171-year history.

During the ceremony, which drew more than 2,000 guests, Larry Sonsini, chair of the board of trustees of Santa Clara University, officially invested Dr. Sullivan with the Office of the President, and Fr. Sean Carroll, SJ, provincial of Jesuits West, missioned her to her new role. During his comments, Fr. Carroll reminded the community that "Santa Clara joins in the broader task of

expanding human knowledge, deepening human understanding, exploring human faiths and serving those in great need."

"Because 'the world is our home' as the first Jesuits said, every culture that dwells in it is our sister," President Sullivan said in her inaugural address. "I see a future for Santa Clara where we are more inclusive and welcoming, and where we continue to increase and enhance our racial, cultural and socioeconomic diversity to better reflect the world in which we live."

She said that Santa Clara must build upon

its excellent record of supporting lower-income and first-generation students. "I believe it is imperative that we embrace our responsibility as a Jesuit Catholic university to make a greater contribution to social mobility in our society."

Prior to assuming office on July 1, Dr. Sullivan was president at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota, where she also was the first woman and first layperson to serve as president. Earlier, she was executive vice president and provost at the University of San Diego. A nationally recognized leader in Catholic higher education, she is currently serving as the board chair of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities for the 2022-2024 period.

President Sullivan is a first-generation college student who earned a bachelor's degree in accounting, a master's in taxation and a doctorate in business from the University of Florida. She and her husband Bob, who was the founding dean of the Rady School of Management at the University of California San Diego, have five children and nine grandchildren.

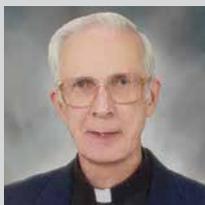
LORD, WE ENTRUST
THOSE WHO HAVE DIED
TO YOUR MERCY.
WELCOME THEM
INTO YOUR PRESENCE.



Father Robert J. Welch, SJ

November 14, 1929
July 10, 2022

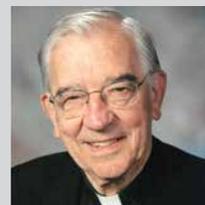
Fr. Robert J. ("Tex") Welch, SJ, retired professor of political science at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, died July 10, 2022, at Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in Los Gatos, California. He was 92 years old and a Jesuit for 74 years. After graduating from Loyola High School of Los Angeles, he entered the Jesuit novitiate at Los Gatos in 1947 and was ordained a priest in 1960. In 1962, he started a relationship with Loyola Marymount University that lasted 58 years, starting as a resident during graduate studies, then as a faculty member and department chair, and finally, in 2011, in retirement as emeritus professor. By his own count, Fr. Welch taught 210 courses and 4,840 students, both graduate and undergraduate. He had a lasting impact on many of his students who went into academic careers and government service. He moved to Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in 2020, where to the end, he maintained a strong interest in politics and baseball.



Father Edward J. Thylstrup, SJ

February 27, 1934
August 22, 2022

Fr. Edward J. Thylstrup, SJ (Chinese name Zhuong Qinglian), formerly a member of the California Province who served in the China Province, died in the Jesuit infirmary in Taipei, Taiwan, on August 22, 2022, at age 88. After graduating from St. Ignatius High School in San Francisco, he entered the Jesuit novitiate in Los Gatos, California. During formation, he applied to go to Taiwan as a missionary and began two years of study of Mandarin Chinese in Hsinchu before starting theology studies in the Philippines. He was ordained in Taiwan in 1967. Fr. Thylstrup served as pastor at several parishes and as a counselor and administrator in Jesuit schools in Taiwan. During sabbaticals, he returned to the U.S. to visit family and Jesuit communities. He also spent several years as an administrator in the Jesuit community at the University of San Francisco and at Sacred Heart Jesuit Center. Returning to Asia in 2001, he edited television scripts at the Jesuit-run Kuangchi Programming Service in Taipei.



Father Thomas G. Williams, SJ

November 4, 1925
October 30, 2022

Fr. Thomas G. Williams, SJ, pastor of several churches in the Pacific Northwest and teacher and administrator in Jesuit high schools in Washington state, died October 30, 2022, at Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in Los Gatos, California. He served in World War II as a paratrooper and participated in the Battle of the Bulge near Arlon, Belgium. After serving in the Army for three years, he attended Gonzaga University for two years. He entered the Jesuit novitiate at Sheridan, Oregon, in 1948 and was ordained a priest in 1960. He was successively vice principal at Seattle Preparatory School; principal at Bellarmine Preparatory School in Tacoma, Washington; principal at Seattle Prep; and rector and teacher at Bellarmine Prep. From 1970 until he retired from active ministry in 2012, he served as pastor of a number of parishes, notably St. Ignatius in Portland, Oregon; St. Joseph's in Seattle; St. Aloysius in Spokane; St. Stanislaus in Lewiston, Idaho; and St. Ignatius in Montana. He also helped in churches in Jamaica and Belize.

JESUITS WEST HAPPENINGS

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Sue White, Fr. Travis Russell, SJ, Dan White and gift officer Donna Gray at Fr. Russell's installation as president of Verbum Dei Jesuit High School

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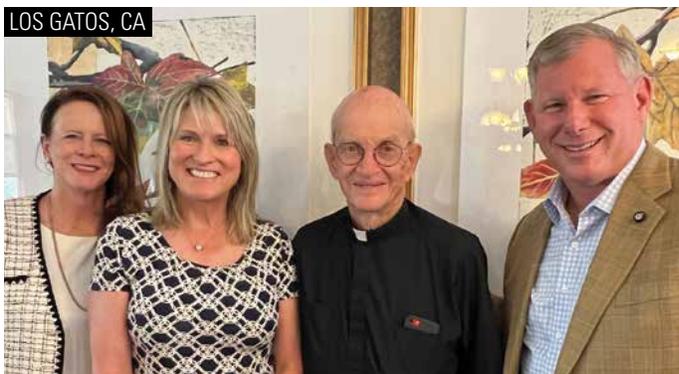
Fr. Sean Carroll, SJ, with Nancy and Chuck Collins

PHOENIX



Gift officer Donna Gray with Shelley Oliver and Fr. John Mossi, SJ

LOS GATOS, CA



Mike and Margie Blach with Siobhán Lawlor and Fr. Richard Cobb, SJ

BOISE



Jim Tomlinson and gift officer Laurie Gray

PARIS



Jane and Steve Baldock celebrating 50 years of marriage at Paroisse Saint-Pierre de Montmartre with Fr. Sam Bellino, SJ

SEATTLE



Gift officer Laurie Gray with Fr. Sean Carroll, SJ, and Mike and Mary Lee

LOS GATOS, CA



Mark Robson, Fr. Richard Cobb, SJ, and Siobhán Lawlor

Advancement Director's Letter



Dear Friends,

Over the years, I have been blessed to visit Europe several times. I have loved getting lost in the narrow, meandering streets of Rome and Barcelona, where every turn reveals a view more beautiful and historic than the last. I did not think being a tourist could get much better, but this spring, I had a very different European experience because for the first time ever I set out on a journey to enrich my faith.

Let me explain. Yearly, Fr. John Mossi, SJ, and Fr. Sam Bellino, SJ, my colleagues in our Jesuits West Advancement Office, lead overseas pilgrimages for donors and friends of the province. From Ireland to Israel, from Portugal to Paris and many places in between, Fr. John and Fr. Sam are known for their unique itineraries where travelers experience not only the culture and beauty of a city or region, but they also experience what it is like to be a pilgrim.

With my youngest child off at college, it was my turn to join a pilgrimage. So, in May, I headed with 31 other pilgrims to Oberammergau, a tiny town nestled in the Bavarian Alps. While you may be unfamiliar with the town and even struggle to pronounce its name (I still do), Oberammergau has one amazing claim to fame: For five centuries, it has produced a Passion play every decade.

In 1633, the town was struck with the bubonic plague, and many died. The people of Oberammergau vowed that if the deaths stopped, they would perform a Passion play every 10 years to show their gratitude to God. The plague ended, and since 1634, the townspeople have been fulfilling that promise.

It was very moving to watch the entire town come together to stage this massive production, which involves more than 2,000 residents, and runs several days a week from mid-May to early October. To be a cast member, you must either have been born in the town or have lived there for over 25 years. The goats, sheep and livestock who populate the massive, open-air stage are under no such restrictions.

While our pilgrimage included visits to beautiful castles in Germany, including Neuschwanstein, the inspiration for Cinderella's palace in Disneyland, and a Mozart concert in Salzburg, the daily liturgies celebrated by Fr. John and Fr. Sam were what made this trip so meaningful to me and my fellow pilgrims.

The Jesuits talk about finding God in all things, and for me, a pilgrimage is a wonderful way to do that. And the bonus is meeting a new group of friends in my fellow pilgrims.

I hope that you might be able to join us on a pilgrimage at some point, maybe the London pilgrimage this spring, May 17 - 27, 2023. Until then, thank you for your support and the many ways you partner with us in mission.

Gratefully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Siobhán Lawlor".

Siobhán Lawlor

Vice President for Advancement & Provincial Assistant



Fr. Sam Bellino, SJ, and Fr. John Mossi, SJ



The beauty of Bavaria



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This year, 56 Jesuits of our province celebrated jubilees – from newcomers commemorating 25 years in the priesthood to veterans marking 75 years in the Society of Jesus. Celebrating a jubilee is a special moment for a Jesuit, and Jesuits West’s Provincial Fr. Sean Carroll, SJ, honored all of this year’s jubilarians with a liturgy and lunch held in September at Sacred Heart Jesuit Center, the province’s health care/retirement community in Los Gatos, California. In his homily, Fr. Carroll talked about how the jubilarians’ lives reflected the values of mercy, gratitude and joy. Among them, the jubilarians pictured above have untold years of service to the people of God, and we thank them for the gift of their extraordinary vocations.