

Metanoia

a spiritual conversion or awakening; a fundamental change of character

If you could choose one action that you must do to be successful in your work, what would it be? Is there a specific skill or talent that is pivotally important for you to cultivate in order to fulfill your mission?

Over this past year, I believe the most important action for my work is: listening. While others share about their work, their passions and their interests, I am often furiously copying down tidbits and phrases from their sharing; it is of pivotal importance that I hear and understand the ideas, reflections and expressions that our province colleagues share so that I can pass them along via the appropriate channels. I want to listen in a way that encourages the men and women in my midst to share more honestly, deeply, passionately.

Yet, how do I do this?

Listening is something that is intentional, not accidental; weren't we all told in kindergarten that listening requires us to 'close our mouths and open our ears?' Now, I ask myself: "Is there anything else that I need to do to listen well? What do I do with all of the thoughts that occur to me while others are talking? What are the things I concentrate on? Sometimes, I can get distracted by a little piece of information and then I can't remember the larger issue being expressed.

I hope that this issue of Metanoia demonstrates that I have been listening to the questions, concerns and issues that affect your work. I look forward to future visits when I can have another opportunity to listen to the many ways in which God's peace and mercy are made evident through your many good works.

*Peace,
Carrie*

Issue Highlights

Setting Province Social Priorities

Over the past few months, several actions have occurred to invite Jesuits and partners from various institutions to reflect on the social issues that most affect their work. Here's what we're doing...

Projects and Gatherings...

A Global Climate Change presentation and study guide available soon & more information on the upcoming "Social Ministries Gathering 2008"...

SJM Calendar Dates

Events and more... on the back page!

UDM & JCU - Winning Recognition

Both universities in the Detroit Province have recently won recognition for their work; Read on to learn more about the John Carroll Poverty and Solidarity Initiative and the UDM Law public interest programs...

Link of the Month

www.ignatiansolidarity.net

The Ignatian Solidarity Network has a few new looks!

First, we welcome their new Executive Director,

Ann Magovern!

Second, their "Calendar of Events" has a listing of the different programs currently being planned, including:

a leadership conference in Baltimore, Advocacy Days with SOA Watch in DC and planning for the 9th annual Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice. Go take a look!!

Setting Province Social Priorities

Wouldn't it be **EASIER** to engage in direct service, reflection and advocacy if the social issues were directly related to your work and the mission of your institution? Wouldn't you be **INSPIRED** to see how far we've come, collectively, after collaborating for a few years around the same concerns?

At a national level, the Provincials have identified priorities both domestically (housing and immigration) as well as internationally (Colombia, HIV/AIDS). But the Detroit Province is unique to the rest of the US Assistency. Detroit and Cleveland share many social problems that hinder our work from being most effective.

TOGETHER, we can gather momentum around 2-3 'social issues' that affect many of the institutions within the Detroit Province and collaborate on projects, share resources and encourage advocacy in the face of adversity! Below are some steps that I have taken to identify the major social problems we all face. I hope this process to be completed by early January 2007 so we can begin our collaboration.

Step #1

- * Survey former Provincials & Social Ministries Assistants
- * Discuss major themes with the Province Commission for Social and International Ministries
- * Tour the Province, meet staff in institutions

Step #3

- * Pinpoint major 'social issues' in the Detroit Province
- * Work with each institution to incorporate action, advocacy and reflection on social issue(s) most connected to their work
- * Review these issues in 2-3 years

Step #2

- * Host reflection evenings in Detroit and Cleveland with reps. from every major institution
- * Allow each participant to reflect on the mission of their institution, their own work and the major issues that affect them

GREEN IS GOOD!! A GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE PROJECT

In partnership with the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) Justice Promoters in MI and IN, a power-point presentation and study guide will soon be made available for adults and high school young adults. It is made up of three (3), 30 minute segments complete with discussion questions. This project was created by Nancy Seubert and staff of the IHM Justice Office in Monroe, MI. Funding was granted through the USCCB and endorsed by 5 dioceses in Michigan and Indiana.

If you'd like a copy, let me know! It will be available in the coming month!

UDM & JCU - Nationally Recognized!

ABA Award for Law School

The University of Detroit Mercy School of Law has been recognized by the American Bar Association (ABA) Student Law Division as the top university in the country for providing public interest opportunities for its students. The ABA award is named the Judy M. Weightman Memorial Public Interest Award, given annually to a law school or individual in recognition of their outstanding community service projects, public interest programming and strong commitment to helping others in need.

Programs and initiatives such as the Mobile Law Office, Voice for Justice Auction, Teaching Law in High School, and the Immigration and Urban Law Clinics have helped bring UDM to the forefront of public interest.

Congratulations UDM Law!

McGregor Fund Grant

Recently, John Carroll University's "Poverty and Solidarity Initiative: Educating for Social Responsibility" won a \$190,000 grant from the McGregor Fund! This Initiative is a three-year pilot program that involves the integration of a curricular and co-curricular study of poverty, with particular attention to issues of poverty in the Cleveland area.

Specifically, the pilot program includes an eight-week student summer internship program, a sustained faculty development component to foster faculty interest in learning and teaching about poverty, the development of a set of poverty-related courses in a variety of academic departments through a targeted course-development grant initiative, and a public lecture series on issues of poverty.

Congratulations JCU!

Save the Date!

Social Ministries Gathering

June 21-25, 2008

Location: New Orleans, LA

This gathering hopes to bring a 'face' to the work of Jesuit Social Ministries and rejuvenate the Social Apostolate in the US!

Stay tuned for more information...

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September

- 11 UDM - Mass for Peace & planting of Peace Pole, McNichols Campus, 12:10pm
- 18-21 Jesuit Commission for Social and International Ministries meeting in Ann Arbor, MI
- 26 Immersion Coordinators' Meeting, Sandusky, OH

October

- 4-7 Fr. General Peter-Hans Kolvenbach visits the Detroit Province; on Wednesday, October 4th, he will visit with the Walsh Jesuit High School student body and faculty in Cuyahoga Falls, OH
- 16-18 National Jesuit Committee for Investor Responsibility, Fall meeting in New Orleans, LA;

November

- 13 James Post, "Ethical Challenges, Religious Faith and Corporate Responsibility", 7:00pm, U. of Michigan - Ann Arbor, Ross School of Business E1540, sponsored by St. Mary's Student Parish as part of the Fr. Gabriel Richard Lecture Series
- 17-19 9th Annual Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice, Columbus, GA

December

- 13 World AIDS Day Red Ribbon Campaign, D.J. Lombardo Student Center Atrium, John Carroll University