



PROVINCE UPDATE

A NEWSLETTER FOR JESUITS OF THE DETROIT PROVINCE

May 31, 2001

Provincial Change

John Libens officially leaves office as Provincial on June 15. The Mass celebrating Bob Scullin as Provincial will be at the UDJesuit High school chapel on Saturday, June 16, at 11:00 a.m. All Province members are welcome to attend. Lunch follows. So please let Dick Twohig know if you are coming by June 12.

Summer Hiatus

During the summer months, neither *Update* nor *Clarion* will go to press. Death notices and special announcements will be published during the summer. Regular publications resume at the end of August.

Room and Web

Carl Bonk says that P&P now has a guest room available for any Jesuit overnight & a website: www.Sspeterandpauljesuit.org.

Sacred Heart

The June issue of the *Sacred Heart Messenger* has a complimentary editorial on the efforts of John McGrail and Richard Conroy in the monthly Apostleship of Prayer newsletter for the Chicago-Detroit Provinces.

Dated Office Supplies

We have 6 HP Inkjet Cartridges (HP51626A) and 6 Quill Printer Ribbons (711495), the latter fit some Toshiba printers. Take them away.

Award

Congratulations to **Thomas Schubeck, S.J.**, who is the recipient of John Carroll University's Distinguished Faculty Award for his teaching and scholarship. Complimented again and well deserved.

Cathedral Bombing

Bishop John Thakur, S.J., bishop of Muzaffarpur, India, sent a press release about three bombings of his cathedral. Police protection is now being provided to insure the safety of Christians attending liturgies.

Father John Kaiser

Last August, Father John Kaiser, a Mill Hill missionary, died of a bullet wound to the head about 40 miles west of Nairobi. He had worked in Kisii, Kenya, for 20 years and was then transferred to Ngong in 1993. He was a vocal critic of the Kenyan government. The FBI has declared his death a suicide. The Kenyan Bishops' Conference has rejected that conclusion since no ballistic report was given and three of the four doctors examining the corpse concluded that his body contortions would have made suicide almost impossible.

He was under great pressure. He made comments anticipating he would be murdered because of his outspoken stands. The Kenyan bishops have requested that the investigation be brought before an independent court of inquiry.

First Vows

Loyola House novices pronounce first vows on August 15, 2001, 2:00 p.m., in Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Detroit. A reception in UDM Law School immediately follows. At 7:30 p.m., August 14, a prayer service in Our Lady of LaSalette followed by reception at Loyola House. All Jesuits are invited to all of the above.



Globalization

In an April 27 address, John Paul II raised the ethical implications of globalization. The triumph of the market economy marginalizes the poor by "reducing all social relations to economic factors." The Church insists that globalized ethics must be based on "the inalienable value of the human person. . .[and] the value of human cultures." The Pope calls for an ethics which offsets the power of "a wealthy elite that controls science, technology, communication and the planet's resources to the detriment of the vast majority."



Society News

Father General has appointed Severin Leiner, S.J., the new Provincial of Austria and Jose Pablo Hernandez Gil, S.J., the new Provincial of North Brazil.

Father General visited the 18 Jesuits residing in Greece during mid-May and then visited Slovakia in one of our houses confiscated by the Communists in 1950 and returned to us last year.

At the end of May he had a meeting of Rectors-Presidents of Jesuit Universities.

On May 10, he issued a press release about Rev. Joseph Pallathu, a former Indian Jesuit who had brought his case to the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life. The Congregation reached the conclusion that Father Pallathu had been legitimately dismissed from the Society after repeated opportunities to change his attitude. For the sake of his privacy, "the reasons for his dismissal have not been disclosed publicly."

Suppression Records

The National Library of Argentina has delivered to Cordoba University 3,600 documents related to the Society of Jesus between the years 1769 and 1810. During this period of the Society's Suppression, a careful record was kept of the Society's possessions which had been confiscated.

A New Leaf

The Ministry of Environment and Forests has appointed Visuvasam Soosai Manickam, S.J., the coordinator of a 5-year, all-Indian project to classify ferns. He has published 65 research papers and has discovered nine new species of ferns.

Sudan

The Sudanese bishops are pleading with European and American companies to discontinue oil exploration in order to end the civil war which has gone on for 20 years.

Please Pray for
Those Who Have Died

John D. Ryan, formerly of the Chicago and the Detroit Provinces, who died in Toledo on April 8.

Jack Habbyshaw, brother-in-law of Frank Houdek, S.J., who died in Solon, Ohio on May 1.

William Nichols, S.J., who died at Colombiere on the morning of May 2.

Marie Belchak, who died on May 21. She was the wife of Aldric Belchak, former Detroit Province Jesuit.

Louis Cachat, brother of Leo Cachat, S.J., who died in Cleveland on May 15, but his body was found only in late May.

Donald Hattie, brother Eugene Hattie, S.J., who died in Florida on May 27.

And For

John McGrail, S.J., who continues in hospice care at Colombiere.

Greg Hyde, S.J., who contracted malaria while visiting formation communities in Indonesia.

An end to the AIDS pandemic throughout sub-Saharan Africa.

The universal good of the Church and all Christians.



International News

from Dick Twohig, S.J.

On May 17, Paul "Sam" Kehres returned to the States for a home visit from Pune, where he's a member of the faculty of De Nobili College. He's celebrating the 50th anniversary of his ordination to priesthood. He'll be here until mid-August.

Ted Walters will be in the States from June 20 until about August 10 on business for St. Augustine University of Tanzania where he is serving as the Deputy Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Jack Lucal will take a break from his parochial duties in Ankara, Turkey, and return to the States from July 11 (July 30 in Detroit) till mid-August, part of his Golden Jubilee celebration.

Dick Cherry will begin a three-month home visit arriving in Detroit on June 12th and returning to Loyola High School in Dar es Salaam in September.



Apostleship of Prayer

June Intentions

General: *To make the Eucharistic Christ our activity's source and goal. To make Christ present in the Eucharist the beginning and end of all we do.*

Mission: *Opportunity for Vietnamese Catholics to forward their country's development. Empowerment of Vietnamese Catholics to cooperate in the development of their country's cultural, educational and social welfare services.*

July Intentions

General: *Christian family devotion to reading, living and bearing witness to the Gospel. Devotion to reading and living the Gospel and bearing witness to Christ our hope by all Christian families, parents and children alike.*

Mission: *Pastoral training for catechists and lay missionaries. Solid pastoral training for both catechists and lay missionaries.*

August Intentions

General: *Legislators and leaders whose decisions are guided by God. That legislators and national leaders may make decisions in accord with the awareness that God alone is the Master of human life.*

Mission: *Use of China's own great tradition to enrich the spirituality of the Church in China. That the Church in China may be animated by the profound evangelical spirituality of the contemplative life, reaching out toward China's great tradition.*



Development News

from Rae Brennan

Thanks to all who prayed for my husband and daughter in his successful kidney transplant. Both are doing very well, though Kathleen's recovery is going slower. We're battered but fine.

There's still room for the July 30 Golf Outing at Shepherd's Hollow. Come and see how we're doing. Please pray for more and better SJ vocations.

Thanks

As I leave the Detroit Province to go to LU Chicago as minister, I just want to say thanks for all you've done for me. KESJ



Provincials' June Calendar



- 1-2 Loyola House Visitation
- 6-7 Consultors Meeting
- 7-8 Province Days
- 8 Ordination Day
- 14-15 Assistants Meeting (Gargaro's)
- 16 New Provincial Celebration

July Calendar

- 1-9 US Provincials at Omena
- 4 Province Office Closed
- 30 Shepherd's Hollow Golf
- 31 Feast of Ignatius--Office closed

August Calendar

- 15 First Vows ceremony
- 25 Colombiere Jubilees
- 30-31 Assistants Meeting (Gargaro's)

America on Line

On May 20, Thomas Reese, S.J., sent out a notice that *America Magazine* has a website up and running. It can be viewed at <<http://www.americamagazine.org/index.cfm>>. To get onto it and view the contents you have to use both an account name and a password, both of which appear on your mailing label of *America*. The new mailing labels for *America* will appear on the May 28 issue, which should make entering the correct codes easier since zeroes will have a line running through them to distinguish them from capital letter O's.



Road Repairs

Detroit newspapers have run articles about extensive road repairs on I-75. For those traveling to Omena, avoid I-75 from the north side of Detroit to north of Pontiac. Road repairs will not be complete until November. A good excuse to visit our men at Colombiere and join I-75 at Dixie Highway.

Ordination Mass

If you want to celebrate at the ordination Mass, please bring your own alb and stole.