



PROVINCE UPDATE

A NEWSLETTER FOR JESUITS OF THE DETROIT PROVINCE September 30, 2001

Fall Area Days

Area Days will be held on Saturday, October 6, at John Carroll University and on Sunday, October 7, at Colombiere Center. Both days will begin at 1:00 p.m. and include liturgy, social and conclude with 6:00 p.m. dinner. Fr. Howard Gray will be the featured speaker, addressing "An Ignatian Sense of Service to the Church." The afternoon will include two presentations by Howard and an opportunity for questions and answers.

Other Dates to keep in mind

October 28 - Superiors meet at St. John's Jesuit High School, 11am.
June 7-9, 2002 - Bi-Province Days at Loyola University, Chicago.
June 9-14, 2002 - Preaching the Just Word retreat/workshop at JRH.

2002 Province Catalog

Thanks to all who sent corrections to the mini-catalog for the Detroit Province. We hope all corrections have been incorporated and will appear in the Assistancy catalog that should be distributed around Thanksgiving.

Society News

New Orleans: A few months before his recent death, Fr. Harry Thompson talked to his parishioners of his plan to open a tuition-free Catholic school for the poorest children of New Orleans. The admiration of the people at the Immaculate Conception Parish for Fr. Thompson materialized in a generous flow of cash towards the realization of their pastor's dream. On August 20 of this year, the Good Shepherd Nativity School opened its doors to kindergarten and first-grade classes. One grade will be added every year until year 2009. Lay people will play an important role in running the school.

Missouri: The Provincial of Missouri announced on August 20 that, in conjunction with Regis High School, the Province will undertake a \$25 million campaign to expand Regis's current campus so as to include the creation of a separate all-girls' division to be opened in 2003. Regis will continue to be under one President and one Board of Trustees, but each division will have its own Principal, faculty, and staff. Timidly, the Provincial adds: *as best as we can tell it will be the first Jesuit-run high school for girls in the world... Co-education but not troppo!*

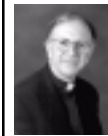
Chicago: Each student of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School attends classes four days a week and works one day a week at a local business. The salary helps pay for tuition while the student gains work experience and learns about life outside the neighborhood. This partnership has worked better than expected, allowing enrollment to grow from 85 to 500 in five years.

Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini announced that he plans to retire as archbishop of Milan next February and go to Jerusalem. His announcement is in keeping with the Code of Canon Law, which requires bishops to offer their resignation at age 75.

Paul Besanceney, S.J., served as chairman for many of the meetings of the Plenary Assembly of the Sudan Catholic Bishops Conference held in Nairobi in late August.

Fr. Kevin Fitzgerald, S.J., a bioethicist and professor of Catholic health care ethics at Georgetown University, was the sole witness to speak out on moral grounds against human embryonic stem-cell research at a Senate hearing in September.

Provincial's Statement about the Terrorist Actions



The horror of the multiple terrorist events hasn't hit home yet. Our responses are several. One is stunned shock and grief—we must attend to the victims and their families. We cannot help but feel a mixture of anger and even rage at the intentional, cruel barbarity of targeting tens of thousands of innocent people—including all kinds of workers, children, women and men, people of every kind and background. Still, we must resist the urge to demonize any culture or country regardless of the identity of the terrorists. A relatively small group of people perpetrated this horror. They must be brought to justice. But comparable retaliatory strikes by our military forces are incompatible with our faith—violent acts which will themselves harm countless individuals. There is no reasonable response to this horror, only a faith response. I believe the Gospel and our Christian tradition call us to grief, lamentation, caring and effective presence before this senseless violence. We must neither turn away nor let our hearts be consumed with anger and rage. Jesus would do neither. We stand, cry, attend to the victims, and pray for all the people of our world whatever their condition, that we not be overcome by the desire for vengeance and not be driven to further acts of violence.

Robert Scullin, S.J.



Please Pray for Those Who Have Died

Joven Garcia, brother of Fr. Rey Garcia (NOR), August 23

Philip Houdek, brother of Fr. Frank Houdek, September 2

Fr. John A. Morrison, (PAT applied to NYK), September 6

Fr. Charles Law, (PAT), died in Kathmandu, September 9

And For

Fr. Oz Marshall who has been in the hospital in Grand Blanc, MI

Our new Chicago and Detroit province novices, who entered Loyola House August 25th

All of our men at Colombiere

Apostleship of Prayer

October Intentions

General: *Appreciation for the riches every culture and religion contribute to the common good.* The wisdom to appreciate the cultural and spiritual riches contributed by the different ethnic groups and religious minorities in every land.

Mission: *A Pentecost-like missionary renewal in this third Christian millennium.* Renewal of the missionary fire of the first Pentecost at this dawn of the third Christian millennium.

Development News

from Rae Brennan



Thanks to all who joined us at the annual Champagne Tea at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Bader and Carolyn Cassin on Sunday, September 23. The event was very well attended. I know the Cassins and the Peter and Paul Unit are very grateful for your presence.

The events of September 11 have affected all of our lives, some to a greater degree than others. My immediate family was for-

tunate; a nephew who had been working at the World Trade Center was called to a meeting in Arizona the night before, thus sparing him the horror. However, friends at the New York Province development office lost family, friends, and parish members.

Company will cover the Jesuit response to the events in NY and at the Pentagon in its Winter issue. If you were or are part of any activity that shows how the tragedy has struck the Ignatian world and its response, **Company** editor Martin McHugh would like to hear from you. Please send leads, stories, or other information to Marty at editor@companysj.com. If email isn't an option, please call or fax Diane McCallum in the Province office and she'll pass it on.

Provincial's October Calendar

- 5 Province Assistants meet
- 6 Area Day, John Carroll
- 7 Area Day, Colombiere
- 7-11 Jesuit Conference Board Meeting in Washington, D.C.
- 11-12 Washington, D.C.: Visit Detroit men
- 15-16 CMSM Regional Meeting, Darien, IL
- 17-19 St. John's Jesuit High School, Toledo, Visitation
- 19-23 Gesu, Toledo, Visitation
- 21 Companions Mass, St. John's Jesuit High School, Toledo
- 26-27 Province Consultors meet
- 28 Superiors' meeting at St. John's, Toledo, 11 a.m.
- 30 USCC workshop, Cleveland
- 31 PPR meeting, Maumee Bay, OH 8:30am
- 31-Nov 1 Cincinnati, OH: Visit Detroit men

Social Ministry

from Jack Dister

A "heads up!" to university and high school delegations participating in the SOAW demonstrations at Fort Benning, Nov. 16 – 18: Please let me know how I might be of help and whether the Detroit Province should try to get together at some point in the weekend.

Requests for financial aid should indicate how much the school and individual student is contributing. Note that I will be out of the office Oct. 24 – Nov. 14.

From The Vault

by Walt Farrell



The Vault looks a little darker as I write both because of the long shadow cast by the events of September 11 and also because of "bottom line" figures of June 30, the end of FY 2001. But I would want to add quickly that there were a couple of brighter spots in both the areas just mentioned. Following a suggestion of Tim Shannon and an urging from Bob Scullin, we enabled the province to "do its part for the country in the finance area" by spending money to be invested immediately when the markets opened on the Monday after September 11. As to the bottom-line figures, it is nice to know and report our loss from investments was about cut in half because of the income realized by the work of our Development Office. [Note: By design I write in general terms (no figures) here following my practice of not putting figures in a public paper like the **Update**. You can, of course, see the exact figures in the audit when it is made available for province members later in the Fall.]

Preaching the Just Word

Most Jesuits have probably heard about the *Preaching the Just Word* workshop that Walter Burghardt, S.J., conceived and has been leading around the country for several years. It will begin with dinner on Sunday evening, June 9, 2002, at Jesuit Retreat House in Cleveland and conclude with lunch on Friday, June 14. However, rooms will be reserved at JRH through Monday evening, June 16, for those who would like to add a few days of prayer to the workshop and thereby make of it their annual retreat.