



PROVINCE UPDATE

A NEWSLETTER FOR JESUITS OF THE DETROIT PROVINCE

April, 2002

Dates to Keep in Mind

- April 20, 2002 – Tom O'Brien's Diaconate Ordination, St. Francis de Sales parish in Parma, Ohio, 11am
- June 7-9, 2002 – Bi-Province Days at Loyola University, Chicago
- June 8, 2002 – Ordinations, Chicago
- June 9-14, 2002 – Preaching the Just Word retreat/workshop at JRH



Provincial's Calendar

April, 2002

- March 29 - April 14
Rome, Provincial's Colloquium*
 - 15-16 Rome: Visit Detroit men*
 - 20 Cleveland: Diaconate ordination of Tom O'Brien
 - 23 Provincial Assistants meet
 - 24-28 New York: Visit Detroit men
 - May 1 Maumee Bay: H.S. Board Chairs meet
 - May 4-6
Chicago: visit Detroit men (re-scheduled)
- * In the absence of Fr. Scullin, Fr. Jim Riley will be Acting Provincial.

International News

Paul Besanceney plans to arrive in Detroit April 24th to begin a three-month home visit; he'll be living at Lansing-Reilly Hall.

Lud Stiller will be visiting in Chicago during the summer months.

In recent National Exams, the Form IV [12th grade] class at Loyola High School, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, placed 6th in the country out of 619 schools, 1st in Dar es Salaam, and 1st in the Eastern Zone of Tanzania.



Society News

A document on Continuing Formation as Creative Fidelity, accompanied by a letter of Father General dated March 7, 2002, has been mailed to All Major Superiors with the request to make it available to all the members of the Provinces. The document is included with this Update.

A new document, entitled *Exercises and Partners*, by Fr. General is available in several languages, including English, at the "Jesuits in Europe" website. <<http://www.jesuits-europe.com>> This document is a discourse to the Rome Consultation, February 18, 2002.

The Secretariate for Education announced that the *Directory of Jesuit Education*, with the names and addresses of the persons responsible for Jesuit education throughout the world, will no longer be printed and mailed out. It is available at the website: <www.sjweb.info/education>

The *Ricci Dictionary* was presented to the public on January 17th. It is the result of 50 years of collaboration between the Ricci Institute in Taipei and Paris. The seven-volume Chinese-French Dictionary has 8,500 pages and offers 300,000 entries and 13,400 Chinese characters. It is considered a landmark in the Society's commitment to the intercultural dialogue.

Provincials of Germany, Fr. Franz Mueres, S.J., from Northern Germany, and Fr. Bernd Franke, S.J., of Upper Germany, announced that the two provinces will merge into one German Province by mid-2004. Source: <<http://www.jesuits-europe.org>>

New England:

Boston College has organized a second conference on *The Jesuits: Cultures, Sciences, and the Arts (1540-1773)*. The papers of the first conference were published by the University of Toronto in 1999. The purpose of the June 5-9 conference is to bring together scholars who explore the use of the arts and the pursuit of the mathematical and natural sciences by the Jesuits in their propagation of the Catholic faith, both within their schools and without. Information and registration: Pattie Longbottom <longbott@bc.edu>.

Fr. Gregory C. Chisholm, S.J., (NEN) will take final vows at Fairfield University on April 22nd.

New Orleans:

Loyola University and WWL-AM commemorated the 80th anniversary of the first broadcast in New Orleans on March 21. A plaque will be placed in Loyola's Marquette Hall dedicated to the students and faculty who made radio broadcast history.

The Jesuits created the 10-watt station as a lab for wireless technology. The station received its broadcasting license on March 31, 1922, and began broadcasting immediately. The first broadcast aired with no public notification and included a three-minute appeal to New Orleans residents to support construction of a new classroom building on campus.



Ronald F. Torina, S.J.
1947-2002

We are saddened by the death of Ronald F. Torina, S.J. His decline happened rather quickly.

Ron went into the hospital on March 10th because of difficulty with breathing at play practice. As many know, Ron had sarcoidosis, a debilitating lung disease that did not allow his lungs to get enough oxygen. For the last 6 years, Ron was constantly on oxygen. He hoped to get a lung transplant, but his lungs gave out before that was possible.

During his hospital stay, Ron was sedated because of the ventilator tube which supplied oxygen to his lungs. While Ron was in the hospital, his lungs collapsed and eventually stopped working. He died about 6am on March 19th. He was 54 years old.

Gesu Church, Detroit, was standing room only for Ron's funeral. Many family members, friends, and Jesuits gathered to remember Ron and send him onto the next stage of his life. Although everyone was saddened, the tone of the Mass was upbeat and celebrated Ron's God-filled life. Larry Ober, a long time friend and Jesuit classmate of Ron's, gave an excellent, uplifting homily which encouraged people to remember what Ron had taught them: each one of us is God's "work of art," and we should gather together with one another in community.

The University of Detroit Jesuit High School Choir and cast members from "Good News," the musical Ron was directing before he died, led the congregation in songs celebrating Ron's life and gift of himself to us. Joe Laramie and Br. Jim Boynton, both good friends of Ron, each gave a moving eulogy.

Ron was buried at Colombiere Center after the Mass. It was snowing and bitterly cold on the cemetery hill. People commented that Ron would not have been able to have attended the funeral because the cold was not good for his lungs.

"Good News" was presented the weekend after Ron's funeral. As Ron said many times "The Show Must Go On" – and it did.

The Number of Jesuits Throughout the Years

Peter Schineller, S.J. did the following estimates for the NJN:

From the founding of the Jesuits until the Suppression of the Jesuit order (1540-1773), about 85,000 men died as Jesuits.

During the period of the Suppression (1773-1814) perhaps another 17,000 died. From 1815-2000 about 45,000 have died as Jesuits.

Currently there are 20,741 Jesuits alive. Of course, between 1540 and 2000, many entered the Society of Jesus and left before they died – perhaps 100,000 - 120,000 men.

The Current Number of Jesuits

As of January 1, 2002, the number of Jesuits in the world stood at 20,741. Of these, 14,623 are priests, 3,940 scholastics, and 2,155 Brothers. This represents a decrease of 320 over the previous year. During 2001, 469 Jesuits died. In January there were 512 novices.

The largest number, in terms of percentages, is the Asian continent with 3,915 Jesuits or 18.9% of the total followed by the United States 3,462, or 16.7%. The smallest number is represented by Central Europe with 991 Jesuits or 4.8%.

The Internet and the Church

The Pontifical Council of Social Communications has released the document "The Church and the Internet." This document states "Church-related groups that have not yet taken steps to enter cyberspace are encouraged to look into the possibility of doing so at an early date" and that "priests, men and women religious, and lay pastoral personnel should become adequately literate."

Considering the risks of web sites that claim to be Catholic (but do not hold Catholic ideals and doctrine) and people who withdraw from human interaction and rely mainly on virtual

(i.e. computer) experiences and interaction, the document points out that “pastoral planning should consider how to lead people from cyberspace to true community and how, through teaching and catechesis, the Internet might subsequently be used to sustain and enrich them in their Christian commitment.”

The full document can be found at <http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/pccs/documents/rc_pc_pccs_doc_20020228_church-internet_en.html>

Also of interest: “Ethics in Internet”

<http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/pccs/documents/rc_pc_pccs_doc_20020228_ethics-internet_en.html>

Spiritual Direction Internship

Loyola House, the Jesuit spirituality center at Guelph Centre of Spirituality, announces the return of their nine-month training program in the ministry of spiritual direction. The program starts September 27, 2002, and ends June 13, 2003. The deadline for applications is June 15, 2002. For further information and/or an application package, please contact:

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Status Changes

Fr. Dennis Dillon	Pastor, Holy Rosary/St. John, Columbus (September 1 st) and continues as Assistant for Formation and Special Studies
Fr. Karl Kiser	President, UDJHS (August 5 th)
Fr. Jim Prehn	Principal, WJHS 2002-3
Fr. Tim Shannon	Tertianship – Australia (January 2003)
Fr. Tim Shepard	Acting Superior, Loyola House (as of March 18 th)

Donate your used laptop

Joe Mulligan, S.J., works with people with disabilities and with youth groups of the Christian base communities in Nicaragua. Both groups need used but functional computers. Joe is asking for laptops, since they are very easy to transport (e.g. with someone traveling from the US to Nicaragua). If you have one which you may be replacing and which you could donate to Nicaragua, please contact Joe at <mull@ibw.com.ni> and he will look into shipping possibilities.

Omena Reservations

Thinking about vacationing at Omena this summer? Contact Jim Riley, S.J. at 313-861-7500 or <jfrileysj@aol.com> to make Villa Marquette reservations.



Formation Villa

Formation Villa this year will start on July 30th and end on August 13th. During this time, the Rock House and the Barracks are reserved for the men in formation. Fr. David Watson will be the Villa Superior and Br. Michael Baranek will be the cook.



Please Pray for Those Who Have Died

Dorothy Ashburn, sister of Fr. Robert A. Pollauf, S.J., February 15

Fr. Robert J. Willmes, S.J., (CHG) at Colombiere, March 1

Fr. Oswald J. Marshall, S.J., at Colombiere, March 4

Sr. Louis Marie Anton, V.S.C., sister of the late Br. Phil Anton, March 11

Laura Goudreau, sister of William G. Goudreau, S.J., (PAT), March 11

Fr. Ronald F. Torina, S.J., at Sinai-Grace Hospital, Detroit, March 19

Rosemary Tobin, sister of Thomas F. Tobin, S.J., (PAT), March 22

Michael Prehn, father of James S. Prehn, S.J., March 25

And For

Fr. Patrick J. (P.J.) Rice, S.J., who is recuperating from a pinched nerve at Colombiere

All our men at Colombiere

Apostleship of Prayer April Intentions

General: That the importance of the family be recognized in its fundamental vocation as cradle of life and school of faith and right values.

Mission: That the ecclesial Communities announce Jesus Christ the redeemer of humankind with renewed courage.

Retreat Opportunity

All Detroit Province Jesuits are invited to attend the Chicago Province retreat which will be held June 9-18, 2002, at Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House in Barrington, Illinois. Michael Buckley, S.J., is the director of the retreat. To register, please contact Bellarmine Retreat House Office at 847-381-1261.



Development News

from Rachel Brennan

The Day of Reflection hosted by the Development office on Friday, March 15, at Manresa was a great success. Brian Lehane's presentation of the Examen was outstanding and much appreciated. Sixty-eight people attended, but approximately 100 responded, either positively or with regrets, asking us to please invite them to another such day. Comments on the day from evaluations and thank you notes: "So many good points to reflect and pray over," "Fr. Lehane's presentation was a very solid Ignatian one," "Very grateful for the day," "I praise and thank God for such a wonderful day." "Thanks for the wonderful 'healing day,'" and "Last Friday at Manresa was a gift I'll long remember." We, of course, are delighted with the response and hope that the Day of Reflection scheduled at JRH on September 27 will be just as successful.

We are in high gear planning for the Third Annual Ignatian Invitational at Shepherd's Hollow on Monday, July 29. It is not too early to call Betsy if you plan to play. Also, please, please, please call, write, or email us if you have relatives, friends, and donors whom you would like invited to the day. We are extending many more invitations than in the past, and we must keep paid participants to 144, so please, let us know if you want someone invited. Betsy's email address is <ABPNI@aol.com> and mine is <rbrensito@aol.com>. We can also be reached at the Province office. Invitations will be mailed in early May.

Thanks so much for your continued prayers for our benefactors. It is a great comfort to them.

A useful Jesuit Web Site

<http://www.sjweb.info/english/>



From the Vault

by Walt Farrell, S.J.

The word from the Vault this month is grants. (This is the usual season for grant applications and your superior or director-of-the-work – a president, director or pastor – has an information page you can copy about these grants.) But an alert is in order here:

– the regular requests for Leunis Grants (for activities dealing with the promotion and giving of the Exercises) will go forward as usual in FY 2003.

– we will not, however, be entertaining any Apostolic Grants for this coming fiscal year, 2002-2003. Why? The application process had gradually deteriorated: exaggerated requests, non-adherence to guidelines and a market unfriendly to our invested Apostolic Fund.

So, we're calling a moratorium for a year to let the fund build a bit, and to revamp some guidelines and the application process itself. – If you are disappointed to lose the money you have regularly been depending on, know that that is part of the problem: apostolic grants were for start-up projects and not for ongoing activities. Here I too have been remiss for a couple of years. So I end with a deep-voiced *mea culpa* from the Vault.

Preaching the Just Word

Fr. Walter Burghart, S.J., will lead the Preaching the Just Word retreat June 9 (dinner) to June 14 (lunch) at Jesuit Retreat House in Cleveland. Additional retreat days are available until June 18 (morning).

Reservations should be made directly to JRH at 440-884-9300 or <info@jrh-cleveland.org>. Costs are \$425 for the program and \$535 if you plan to stay through Monday to complete an eight-day retreat.