



# PROVINCE UPDATE

A NEWSLETTER FOR JESUITS OF THE DETROIT PROVINCE

October, 2002



## Provincial's Calendar November 2002

- 1 UDM: 125 Years of Jesuit Tradition: Gala
- 2-3 Gesu, Toledo visitation
- 3 Companions Mass, St. John's, Toledo – 10 am
- 3 Veteran's Teachers' Workshop, Maumee Bay – 3 pm
- 4-6 Walsh Jesuit High School, visitation
- 7 Loyola of the Lakes visitation
- 10 Superiors' Meeting: St. John's Jesuit High School, Toledo – 11 am
- 14 Assistants meet
- 18 Heartland Conference, Chicago
- 19-21 Visit Detroit Province men in Chicago & Milwaukee
- 28 Thanksgiving (Office closed)
- 29 Office closed

## Ballots

The Detroit Province Congregation will be held March 19-23 at Colombiere Center. Ballots to elect delegates to the Province Congregation were mailed on October 14<sup>th</sup> to all of those with active voice (having been in the Society for at least 5 years). Please return them to your superior or mail them directly to the Province Office. **All ballots must be returned by November 14<sup>th</sup>.** The Election Commission (Coetus Praevius) will meet on Friday, November 15 to count these ballots. All members of the Province and those applied to the Province should hold the progress and success of this Congregation in our prayers.

## Assistancy Catalogs

The USA Catalog 2003 should be ready for distribution before Thanksgiving.

## Tertianship

Jim Boynton's plans for tertianship have changed. The Oregon Province had to cancel its tertianship program in Alaska. Jim was accepted into the Tertianship of the Mexican Province, and began his program on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please keep our two tertians, Jim Boynton and Tim Shannon in your prayers.

## New Addresses:

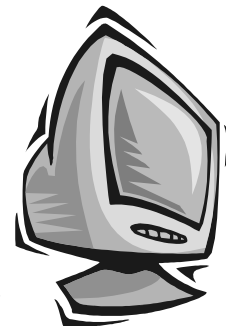
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**Remember:  
November 5  
is National  
Jesuit  
Vocation Day**

## Computer Items



The Detroit Province Website has been modified! A major change is that a "Current Events" page has been added to the site. To access the "Current Events" page, go to the website at <[www.jesuitdet.org](http://www.jesuitdet.org)> and click on the "current events" button or go directly to the current events page by going to <[http://www.jesuitdet.org/current\\_events/index.html](http://www.jesuitdet.org/current_events/index.html)>.

The Detroit Province Website now contains past issues of *Update* in Adobe Acrobat PDF format. Go to the Current Events webpage (as stated above) and click on the *Update* link.

The Irish daily-prayer website, Sacred Space, gets around 7,000 visitors every 24 hours. If you haven't visited this great site yet, do so by going to <<http://www.jesuit.ie/prayer/>>.

## Chicago Province Retreat 2003

June 15-24, 2003  
Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House  
Director: Joseph Tetlow, S.J.  
To Register call: 847 381-1261

Members of the Detroit Province are most welcome!

## Dates to Keep in Mind

November 5, 2002.....National Jesuit Vocation Promotion Day  
November 10, 2002, 11 am.....Superiors Meeting in Toledo  
December 29-31, 2002..Formation Gathering at Manresa  
March 19-23, 2003.....Province Congregation at Colombiere  
June 12-14, 2003.....Province Days at Colombiere  
June 15-24, 2003..Joe Tetlow leads Chicago Retreat at Barrington

## Society News

### Record Enrollments at Jesuit Colleges and Universities

The Association for Jesuit Colleges and Universities reports that US Jesuit colleges and universities are experiencing record enrollment this fall. Highest enrollments ever are recorded at Wheeling Jesuit University, Gonzaga University, and Spring Hill College. The largest freshmen classes in their histories are noted at Loyola in New Orleans, Le Moyne College and University of Scranton. Boston College, Creighton, Fordham, Marquette, and St. Louis Universities also have seen a jump in the number of freshmen students.

### The Practice of Ignatian Spirituality

Fr. Joseph Tetlow of the Secretariat for Ignatian Spirituality at the General Curia in Rome is organizing the "Ignatian Course" for February 16-23, 2003. The theme will be *The Practice of Ignatian Spirituality* and has grown from last year's theme of *Spiritual Exercises and Partnership*. Fr. Kolvenbach will keynote the meeting on practices in the text of the Exercises. Fr. Donald L. Gelpi, S.J. will address the group each morning on the Christology and ongoing religious, moral, intellectual, esthetic, and social-political conversion of heart. Participants will discuss in small groups and in plenum and select workshops to attend in the afternoon.

There are 90 rooms available for the participants who will work in English and Spanish: a simultaneous translation will be offered. The cost of registration, room and board, is \$340 (US). For more information and to register, please contact <[cis@sjcuria.org](mailto:cis@sjcuria.org)> or FAX (011 39) 06-687-9283.



### Fr. General's Travels

Father General is traveling extensively in October and November. He took part in a Jesuit Colloquium on Catholic-Orthodox relations in Europe, at Velehrad (Czech Republic) from October 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup>. He participated in a meeting of Major Superiors of the USA Assistency in Chicago and visited the Chicago and Missouri Provinces from October 11<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup>. He attended the Assembly of the Conference of European Provincials in Vienna from October 27<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup>.

Fr. General will travel to India, where he will visit the Provinces of Ranchi and Hazaribag from November 7<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup>. In addition to visiting the Provinces, Fr. General will take part in the celebrations of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Ranchi, and will meet with all the Provincials of the South Asian Assistency.

In accordance with NC 372 §1, Father General appointed Fr. Jacques Gellard, General Counsellor, to be his substitute for the ordinary business of the government of the Society from October 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup>, and Fr. Paul Tan Chee Ing, General Counsellor, as substitute for the rest of his absence from Rome.

### Nepal

Journalist Bharat Dutta Koirala, of Nepal, has been awarded the Magsaysay Prize, a prestigious award considered as the Nobel Prize of Asia. A very modest person of the Hindu religion, Koirala is credited with exercising a great influence on the ethical formation of Nepali journalists through the Nepal Press Institute, founded by him, and other activities. In his modesty, he credits whatever he has accomplished to the education he received at the Jesuit-run Xavier's School.

Vatican Radio broadcasting to Africa  
Vatican Radio has announced the beginning of a daily broadcast service directed to Africa in Hausa, one of the most widely used languages in Africa. With the exception of Sunday, the daily program will be produced in Nigeria and broadcasted from Rome. The Sunday program will be both produced and broadcasted in Rome. Broadcasting in Hausa has been a strong desire of the African Bishops for many years. There are several Vatican Radio broadcasts directed to Africa in different languages. Vatican Radio transmits in 40 languages and employs 200 journalists.



### Social Ministry News

by Jack Dister, S.J.

The *Ignatian Lay Volunteer Corps* (ILVC) for the Detroit Province is growing in both Cleveland and Detroit. In Cleveland five volunteers are returning from last year with five new ones just coming on deck, thus totaling ten men and women. In Detroit five also renewed their commitment to the program and welcomed eleven new folk, bringing the Detroit group to a total of sixteen. These retired or semi-retired men and women are working two days a week for the poor and marginalized at agencies such as the West Side Catholic Center, Malachi House, Cleveland Works, and the Sight Center in Cleveland, Crossroads, Lighthouse, Children's Hospital, and Loyola High School in Detroit. Besides seeing a spiritual guide (mostly Jesuits) regularly, they gather monthly in both cities for sharing, Mass, and some input in Ignatian spirituality. The volunteers (and I!) are most grateful for the number of Jesuits who have availed themselves for a monthly "reflection period" with them. With the growth of the program, however, more help is needed.

If anyone not already involved can give a hand, please contact me.

The U.S. Jesuit Provinces are ratcheting up their involvement in stockholder activism with some companies that are part of the province portfolios. More on this will be reported in forthcoming issue of *The Clarion* and in the next issue of *In All Things*. In the interval, you might be interested in the fact that the Detroit Province will be the lead filer with Bristol Myers Squibb this year on HIV/AIDS drug distribution in Africa (as we were co-filers last year with Abbott Laboratories).

It appears that record numbers of people will be at the annual protest at Fort Benning, GA, for the closing of the "School of the Americas" and on U.S. foreign policy in Latin America generally. The "Ignatian Family" gathering there from Jesuit universities and high schools will likely be larger. For more information on the latter, contact Dan Reim at JCU or Mike Simone at UDM. On the demonstration in general, see [www.soaw.org](http://www.soaw.org).

## Anti-Malaria Medicine

Due to a cancelled international trip this past summer, Dan Forsythe, n.S.J., has an anti-malaria prescription, called Malarone (total 23 tablets). It is a one-a-day drug taken one day pre-travel until 7 days post travel. It is not a personally prescribed medicine – anyone can get one from a health clinic – of course, as with any medication, please check with your doctor before taking this medicine. Please contact Dan Forsythe (248) 399-8132 for more information.

## Alumni Volunteers

Alumni volunteers donating a year of their lives working at our province schools and living in an intentional community:

3 at St. Ignatius High School  
8 at U of D Jesuit

## Fr. John A. McGrail



*January 12, 1911 - October 19, 2002*

Fr. John A. McGrail, S.J., a Jesuit for 74 years and a priest for over 60 years, died October 19, 2002 at Colombiere Center in Clarkston, Michigan. Born in Bloomington, Illinois on January 12, 1911, he graduated from St. Philip's High School in Battle Creek, Michigan in 1928 and entered the Society of Jesus at Milford Novitiate on September 20. John was ordained by Bishop Joseph Ritter at West Baden College on June 18, 1941.

As a scholastic, John taught classics at the University of Detroit for two years (1936-38). After completing formation and tertianship, during which time John earned an M.A. in classics, he returned to Milford to teach and serve as Dean (1946-54) of the juniorate (collegiate) program. During these years at Milford, John pronounced his final vows on February 2, 1946. In 1954, John was named rector of West Baden College, the philosophate and theologate of the Chicago and Detroit provinces in southern Indiana.

John did not serve out a full term as West Baden rector, because in 1954 he was named second provincial of the new Detroit Province. For the next seven years he led the new province through remarkable expansion, opening Walsh Jesuit High School in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, the new St. John's High School in Toledo, and Loyola of the Lakes Retreat House in Clinton, Ohio. During John's term as provincial, Fr. General Jean Baptist Janssens died on October 5, 1964. John participated in the Thirty-first General Congregation which elected Fr. Pedro Arrupe on

May 22, 1965. Due to the General Congregation, John's term as provincial was extended to 1966.

From 1967-1973 John served as rector of Colombiere College and Dean of the juniorate program until it was relocated to the University of Detroit in 1968. He then served as tertian instructor (1973-76).

There was no rest for John after Colombiere. In 1976, he was named Pastor of Ss. Peter & Paul parish in downtown Detroit, and in 1978 he represented the province at the Congregation of Procurators. Finally, in 1980, John went to Manresa Retreat House in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, to pursue his first love—directing retreats. But in 1983, John was again called upon for a leadership role and he served as President of Walsh Jesuit High School until 1985. He remained at Walsh until 1988, directing faculty and staff retreats.

In the fall of 1988, John moved to John Carroll University to start a new project of fostering the Ignatian mission of the University. However, when Eddy Miller, the rector of the JCU community, died suddenly in December, 1989, John filled out that school year as acting-rector of the JCU Jesuit community. Finally in 1990, Fr. McGrail returned to Manresa, and after a year as Director, he joined the team of retreat directors. For the next ten years, John devoted his energies to spiritual direction, one of the few times in his long Jesuit career that he did not have administrative responsibilities. In 1995, he assumed additional duties as province Director of the Apostleship of Prayer.

Failing health finally forced John to retire from Manresa just before his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. He spent his final year-and-ten-months in the Colombiere health-care facility, praying for the Church and the Society.



## Please Pray for Those Who Have Died

**James McClintock**, former member of the Detroit Province, August 5  
**Fr. Joseph Veale, S.J.**, (HIB) tertian director for many Jesuits and summer retreat director in the Detroit Province, in Dublin, October 11  
**Fr. John A. McGrail, S.J.**, at Colombiere, October 19

## And For

**All our men at Colombiere**  
**The success of our province congregation.**  
**The lay initiative on the Cristo Rey school in Cleveland.**  
**Our men in Eastern Africa, Patna, Delhi, and Nepal.**  
**The Ignatian volunteers in JVC, IJVC, and ILVC**

## Apostleship of Prayer November Intentions

General: That widow and widowers who often feel the pain of loneliness find comfort and support in the Christian community.

Mission: That the active participation of Christians encourage the spreading of the Gospel through mass media.



## From the Vault

*by Walt Farrell, S.J.*

A few announcements will characterize the report from the Vault this month.

First, the auditors have finished their review and are sending us their report this week of October 20. The audit then has to “pass muster” with the professional people in our Province Finance Committee and finally with those having canonical responsibility (who are also

corporation officers), namely, the provincial and his consultants. Hence, it will still be some time before copies of the audit get to the communities for your assessment.

Second, we keep getting royalty returns on the work of active province members and also from province members in the Communion of Saints. The most recent returns come from the work of John Saliba, John Hardon, and Art McGovern.

Third, I was pleased that Bob Scullin, when reviewing his trip to the Eastern Africa Province at the Area Days, mentioned several times things that the province had had a part in funding. To recall a couple: the ASHA grants (all of which have been negotiated by Jim Roll, now our province lawyer and formerly our business manager) that have largely been responsible for the buildings at Loyola High in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania; again, via province tax and “Jesuit surplus,” (and with the collaboration of the Wisconsin Province) you have been major contributors to the Health Care Center the Province of Eastern Africa needs and is now under construction on the edge of Nairobi, Kenya.

Lastly, on October 24, we had our fourth special meeting of our subcommittee on investment. This is the way our professional advisors help us to keep a close watch on the market and our allocation strategy. – Good as Brian Nitkiewicz is, I wouldn’t attempt to handle investments as John McGrail and Norb Preusser did in an earlier day, i.e. on their own but still to the benefit of the Province.

Peace!



## Development News

*from Rachel Brennan*

The second Day of Reflection hosted for Jesuit Companions was held at Jesuit Retreat House on September 27 and was a huge success. We had planned for 70 but 81 people came. Thanks to Clem Metzger and his staff, we were able to accommodate the entire group. The presenter for the day, Tom Radloff, received high praise from the participants. Some of the comments from the evaluation forms were “Thank you for a wonderful day,” “This was an excellent program. It was just what I needed,” “A great day and a great idea to invite your benefactors. What better way to say thank you. A great way to introduce people to the Spiritual Exercises.” “Fr. Radloff challenges his audience intellectually and spiritually.”

Loyola of the Lakes will be the site of the November 20 Day of Reflection. Dennis Dillon has agreed to be the presenter for the day. On behalf of the Development staff, we are deeply grateful to Brian Lehane, Tom Radloff and Dennis Dillon for making themselves available for these days.

All of the US Province Development Directors plus Upper Canada met in Chicago on October 23. The main topic of conversation was how we can collaborate effectively to further the Mission of the Society. Sub-committees have been formed and our hope is to work together on a couple of specific projects within a few months. We were delighted to welcome Bill Masterson, the new Director of Development for the California Province.

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