



PROVINCE UPDATE

A NEWSLETTER FOR JESUITS OF THE DETROIT PROVINCE

March, 2004



Provincial's Calendar

March 2004

- 5-6 Consultors meet
- 7 Companions gathering at St. Ignatius High School
- 8-9 CMSM Region 5 meeting, St. Louis
- 11 Assistants meet
- 13-14 Superiors meet at Colombiere
- 17-18 PPR Meeting, Maumee Bay
- 20 Area Day at John Carroll
- 21 Area Day at University of Detroit Mercy
- 22-24 Chicago: Visit Detroit men
- 25 Higher Ed meeting in Toledo
- 28-4/3 California: Visit Detroit men

Dates to Keep in Mind

Area Days

March 20 at JCU
March 21 at UDM

Province Day

at JCU
June 11-12, 2004

Bi-Province Retreat

June 13-22, 2004
JRH, Cleveland

Director: Fr. William E. Creed, S.J.
To register please contact JRH:
440-884-9300
or register online:
www.jrh-cleveland.org

First Vows

August 15, 2:00 pm, at Colombiere

Ministry Lecture

Edward P. Hahnenberg, Ph.D. will present a free lecture entitled: *Who? Me? Ministry? Finding Your SELF in Service*, at 7:00 pm on March 10, 2004, at St. Mary Student Parish in Ann Arbor.

Dr. Hahnenberg, a Professor of Theology at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio, will speak on recent trends and developments in lay ministry in the Catholic Church. For more information, please contact St. Mary's parish at 734-663-0557.

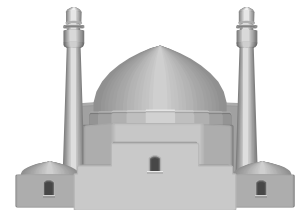
Omena Reservations

March has arrived! Time seems to be flying by. Before you know it, summer will be upon us. Why not make your Omena summer vacation reservations today! Call Agnes at 313-861-7500 and reserve your room today.

note: Weavers is filling up quickly!

Formation Villa

The 2004 Formation Villa will begin with dinner on Friday, July 30th, and end with [morning] cleanup on Friday, August 13th.



Islam Lecture

Islam has fascinated people for centuries. Many people wonder how Christians and Muslims can dialogue in the 21st century. You now have an opportunity to learn more about Islam and Muslim-Christian relations from Dr. John L. Esposito, University Professor and Director of Muslim-Christian Understanding at Georgetown University.

Dr. Esposito's free lecture will cover the following: "What everyone needs to know about Islam" and "Christian-Muslim relations in the 21st Century". This lecture will be offered on Saturday, March 20, 2004, at John Carroll University from 1:00-4:00 pm and on Sunday, March 21, 2004, at the University of Detroit Mercy from 1:00-4:00 pm. If you are planning on attending, please rsvp to Agnes at 313-861-7500 by Friday, March 12th.



According to the Wall Street Journal, Dr. Esposito is one of America's foremost authorities and interpreters of Islam. Don't miss this opportunity to understand more about Islam and its impact on the world today.

Catholic Trends

As part of its ongoing polling project to track American Catholics' views on important issues, the Le Moyne College/Zogby International Contemporary Catholic Trends (CCT) has released its latest findings.

A majority of American Catholics continue to believe their bishops are doing a good job, and support for the bishops has leveled off at about 60 percent since spring 2003. Even though decline in support appears to have slowed, the bishops have not regained support since the sex abuse scandal became widely known.

A majority of American Catholics, 57.7 percent, continue to think the Church should become more democratic in its decision making.

"While the majority of Catholics continue to support the bishops' leadership during this difficult time, there is still some uncertainty about how best to handle this issue and whether the steps that have been taken are working," said Le Moyne College President, Charles Beirne, SJ. "The bishops have taken clear and positive action, but the latest findings clearly illustrate that much work remains to be done."

When respondents were asked if they were aware of their dioceses' initiating programs in response to the clerical sexual scandal (as mandated by the American bishops in their policy, "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People"), 40 percent were aware of such programs while 56 percent were unaware (4 percent unsure). Older respondents and those who attended weekly mass were more aware of the programs, while a majority of Catholics (76 percent) between the ages of 18 and 29 were unaware.

The latest Contemporary Catholic Trends was conducted in mid-December 2003; there were 1,504 respondents. [Source: Le Moyne College]

Academy at St. John's

St. John's Jesuit High School will create a junior high academy beginning this fall. Don Vettese, S.J., president of St. John's, was quoted in the February 27, 2004, issue of the Toledo Catholic Chronicle "This academy model, although new to northwest Ohio, is operating successfully in more than 160 Catholic schools in the United States. It is envisioned to be academically challenging, socially responsive and developmentally appropriate." The academy will be smaller than the high school and will be housed in a separate wing scheduled for completion in the fall.

Hospital Chaplaincy Opportunity

Sinai-Grace Hospital is looking for priest(s) to help in the Catholic chaplaincy coverage that has suffered greatly since the death of Ken Noetzel. This could be part-time coverage in conjunction with others also helping in the tasks. If interested, contact Jack Dister at the Province Office: 313-861-7500.



New UDM President

Fr. Gerard L. Stockhausen, S.J., has been named the next president of the University of Detroit Mercy and will begin his presidency this summer.

Gerry has been the University's Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost since 2000.

New VP for Loyola Chicago's Hospital

Martin Massiello, former member of the Detroit Province, has been appointed Executive Vice President for Loyola University (Chicago) Health System.

Marty will be responsible for all aspects of hospital operations including nursing, clinical service lines, the Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center, and the hospital-based ancillary services. Marty's appointment to this newly created position will take effect March 1, 2004.

The Detroit Province of the Society of Jesus

Invites You

to attend a lecture on

Christian and Muslim dialogue

This free lecture will cover the following topics:

- **What Everyone Needs to Know About Islam**
- **Christian-Muslim Relations in the 21st Century**

The lecture will be given by:
Dr. John L. Esposito
University Professor and Director
of Muslim-Christian Understanding
at Georgetown University

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John Carroll University,
Cleveland, Ohio
1:00-4:00 pm

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Sunday, March 21, 2004
University of Detroit Mercy
1:00-4:00 pm

Please RSVP by Friday, March 12, 2004, if you will be attending the lecture.
Contact Agnes at 313-861-7500 or e-mail SJDETweb@aol.com

Change of Address

Richard Hittle, S.J.

Beginning Monday, March 1, 2004, Dick will be working for Guest House as a Residential House Manager. His new address is:

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Lake Orion, MI 48362
248-693-4877
private line: 248-693-8973

Joseph Mulligan, S.J.

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P.O. Box 286
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Don Petkash, S.J.

home phone number:
510-841-4988

Eddie Siebert, S.J.

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310-338-2341

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Bob Welsh, S.J.

e-mail address:
rjwsj@sbcglobal.net

Jesuit Hall in St. Louis

Any Jesuit who would like to stay at Jesuit Hall at St. Louis University should contact Don Rauscher, S.J. at:

Guestmaster
Jesuit Hall
3601 Lindell Boulevard
Saint Louis, MO 63108-3393
or e-mail him at:
guestslu@slu.edu

First Vows

First Vows for Chicago and Detroit novices will be held at Colombiere on August 15, 2004, at 2:00 pm.

The Theology of the Body

All Jesuits are invited to attend the Eighth Biennial Jesuit Conference on the Thought of Pope John Paul II at Marquette University June 18-20, 2004. The conference's theme, "The Theology of the Body", focuses on the Pope's Wednesday catechesis, 1979-1984, that has been published in one volume.

The program consists of four main talks, a round-table discussion of Ecclesia de Eucharistia and two sessions of small group discussions on four main sections of The Theology of the Body. The four main talks are:

1. A. Cardinal Dulles, "The Church as Body of Christ"; respondent: J. Mueller
2. C. Cullen, "Between God and Nothingness: Matter in *The Theology of the Body*"; respondent: D. Jamros
3. W. Kurz, "The Scriptural Foundations of *The Theology of the Body*"; respondent: T. Stegman
4. E. Muller, "The Nuptial Meaning of the Body in the Theology of John Paul II"; respondent: J. Gavin

Please contact John McDermott, S.J., at <jmcdermo@pcj.edu> or 614-885-5585 for further information.

Interesting Facts:

42 men have become brothers in the Detroit Province since 1955 (when the Province split off from the Chicago Province). Here is the breakdown:

years	# of men who became brothers
1955-1959	12
1960-1969	23
1970-1979	3
1980-1989	1
1990-1999	2
2000-2003	1

The Detroit Province started with 50 brothers.

Summer Language Courses

A French Language Course is being offered in Paris this summer from June 27, 2004, through July 23, 2004. This program is devised especially for young Jesuit scholastics, brothers, and priests who have at least basic knowledge of French grammar and vocabulary. The cost of the program is 1000 euros. For more information, please contact: Fr. Jean-Yves Grenet, S.J., rector of Communauté Pierre Favre at: jean-yves.grenet@jesuites.com

A Spanish Language Course is being offered in Salamanca this summer from August 1, 2004, through August 30, 2004. This program is devised especially for young Jesuit scholastics, brothers, and priests who have at least basic knowledge of Spanish grammar and vocabulary. The cost of the program is 1020 euros. For more information, please contact: Fr. Jaime Álvarez, S.J., Socius of the Province of Castile at: Socio@jesuitas.es

Vocation Article

Jim Boynton, S.J., wrote an article in the February 20, 2004, issue of *The Michigan Catholic* about his vocation as a Jesuit Brother. Jim mentions how "the Jesuits" kept appearing in his life—growing up in St. Ignace, Michigan, his great uncle - Bill Goudreau, S.J., his job as a tour guide at Marquette's gravesite, re-enacting the history of Mackinac Island, and finally when he went to college and studied history. When asked "Who is Jesus for you?", Jim responds: "a brother." To read Jim's article, go to:
<http://www.aodonline.org/ODOnline/Vocations+2234/Religious+Men+2253/Men+Religious++Article%3a+Brother%3a+Jesus+accompanied+me+through+life.htm>



Please Pray for Those Who Have Died

Isabelle Kehoe, aunt of Fr. Bob Schmidt (PAT), Cleveland, OH, Jan 31
Br. John (Edward) Foy, S.J., Clarkston, MI, February 12
Br. Neville Burrows, S.J. (PAT), Patna, February 18
Fr. Eugene L. Watrin, S.J. (NEP), Patna, February 29

And For

Br. Joe La Mielle, S.J. (PAT), who had double bypass heart surgery and a heart valve replacement on February 26
Bob Dietrich, S.J., who is undergoing treatment for myeloid leukemia. He will be in the Cleveland Clinic until Easter.
Allen Vjecha, brother of Michael Vjecha, S.J., who is hospitalized with a staph infection
Brian Nitkiewicz, Province Controller, who is recovering from back surgery
Virginia Smith, a friend of the Society, who is recovering from a broken hip
 For our men at **Colombiere**.
 The lay initiative at **St. Martin de Porres High School** in Cleveland.
 For **peaceful** settlement of differences between nations.



Apostleship of Prayer March Intentions

General: That the rights of the indigenous of the world are respected, so that true harmony between them and those among whom they live may be attained.

Mission: In Africa, cooperation between missionary Institutes and local Churches.

Have a Blessed Lent



From the Vault

by Walt Farrell, S.J.

You may recall the positive investment returns that I reported last month along with the expression of some scepticism (something learned from our Finance Committee professionals) about the longer term continuance of such returns. Well, an instance that justifies scepticism is one that happened this month: in ten days, February 14 to 24, the market shift made for a 6.7% change in the bottom line of our province portfolio.

In that connection it is worth reporting that, at our recent (Feb. 17) meeting of the Province Finance Committee, we took a hard look at the managers of our international investments. We have been watching their performance, but at this last meeting it was the unanimous decision of the group to initiate a search for new managers to replace three of four in the international area that have not been meeting our investment criteria.

Our office, as well as some of you, continue to feel the absence of Brian. The latest response of the medical people to his inquiry about returning to the office was “no, you cannot travel that far in a car until at least six weeks after surgery.” So for at least another week we continue to do business by phone with him and he continues to handle some business by phone and e-mail. There is hope, too, that his home computer can be tied into the one in his office so that he can access more data and thus be able to do such things as bank reconciliations.

Ministry of Management Workshop

Jesuits actually or potentially involved in various kinds of management will be interested in the workshop being held from May 30 to June 4th in New Orleans. Please see the brochure accompanying this issue of *Update*.



Development News

from Rachel Brennan

As I write this on Monday, February 23, I am in sunny, warm Bonita Springs with the temperature in the low 80's. Tough work but back to reality on Tuesday.

The Florida events went very well in both Palm Beach and Naples. On Saturday evening, Feb. 21, we shared Liturgy and a reception with Jesuit Companions in West Palm Beach. Representatives of UDM, JVC, Loyola High School, St. Ignatius, JCU and the Province gave short presentations on the highlights of their works.

On Sunday morning over 110 people joined us at the Naples Beach Hotel for Liturgy and a breakfast and to hear presentations from Bob Scullin, Gary Wright, Tom Schubeck, Tim Kesicki, Dave Mastrangelo, Tim McCabe and Mike Evans. From the comments I received, people enjoy coming to this gathering each year and look forward to seeing the Jesuits and their friends. These types of events are important not just from a fundraising component, but also to educate on how the Province Apostolates share in the same Mission.

If you haven't checked out the Province website lately, please do. We have added a charitable-giving link which shortly will be interactive. In the meantime, share it with family and friends. Valuable information on charitable giving brochures can be obtained by simply clicking on a link to my email address.

Mark your calendars: Mrs. Art Van Elslander has graciously agreed to open her home for the Jesuit Benefit on Sunday, October. 3. Also, believe or not, we will soon begin to gear up for the Ignatian Invitational on Monday, Sept. 13. St. Ignatius High School will host our next Companions event on Sunday, March 7. Please join us if you can.