



# PROVINCE UPDATE

A NEWSLETTER FOR JESUITS OF THE DETROIT PROVINCE

April, 2005



## Provincial's Calendar

April 2005

- 1-4 Dallas
- 5 Assistants' Meeting
- 7-10 Washington, DC: Visit Detroit men
- 11-12 Charlotte, North Carolina
- 13 Colombiere: 6:15 p.m. community meeting
- 14 Ann Arbor
- 15-16 Consultants' Meeting
- 17 Companions' Liturgy & Brunch,  
Saint Ignatius High School
- 17-18 Province High School Boards' Workshop,  
Maumee Bay Conference Center
- 18 Heartland Conference: Creighton U, Omaha, NE
- 19-21 Saint Ignatius High School: Visitation
- 22 UDM Board meeting;  
Final Vows Mass in Ann Arbor, 6:30 p.m.
- 24 Superiors' Meeting, St. John Jesuit High School,  
11:00 a.m.
- 25-May 3 California: Visit Detroit men

## Bi-Province Retreat

The Bi-Province Retreat will take place at Bellarmine Hall in Barrington, IL, June 12-19, 2005. The retreat master is **James Kubicki, S.J. (WIS)**, the national Director of the Apostleship of Prayer. Fr. Kubicki has long experience with giving the Spiritual Exercises and served as a retreat director at Jesuit Retreat House at Demontreville in Lake Elmo, Minnesota.

Please call Bellarmine Hall, (847) 381-1261, to make your reservation.

## Gathering of All Men in Formation

During the summer of 2006, the U.S. provincials wish to meet with all the men in formation, from first year novices to those being ordained the summer of 2006. The dates for this gathering are **June 12-16, 2006**. *Other summer plans for men in formation will need to work around these dates as this meeting is an expectation of the provincials.* The location is not yet set.

## Dates to Keep in Mind

**Final Vows of Dennis T. Glasgow and Daniel T. Reim**  
St. Mary Student Parish, Ann Arbor  
April 22, 2005 6:30 pm

**Detroit Province Retreat Days 2005**  
JCU - June 9-12, 2005

**Liturgy of Thanksgiving:  
50th Jubilee of Detroit Province**  
June 12, 2005, 12:00 pm  
Gesu Church, University Heights, OH  
A reception follows on the JCU campus

**Bi-Province Retreat for Jesuits**  
Bellarmine Hall in Barrington, IL - June 12-19, 2005

**Formation Villa**  
Begins with dinner on July 28, 2005  
Ends after morning cleanup on August 12, 2005  
Superior: Lorn Snow, S.J.

**Fall Area Day**  
Saturday, October 1, 2005 UD Jesuit High  
1:30-6:00 pm (dinner)

Sunday, October 2, 2005 Jesuit Retreat House  
1:30-6:00 pm (dinner)

**Province Gathering at St. John's Jesuit High School**  
Saturday, April 22, 2006  
1:30-6:00 pm (dinner)

On the feast of Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Society of Jesus, the whole Society will celebrate the jubilee of the first three companions, Ignatius, Xavier, and Favre. Following a presentation by Fr. John W. O'Malley, we will celebrate liturgy and a festive dinner.

**2006 Bi-Province Days in Cincinnati, Ohio**  
Friday-Saturday, June 9-10, 2006





## Society News

### Convocation of the Meeting of Major Superiors of the Society

The official convocation of the Meeting of Major Superiors to be held at Loyola, Spain, was signed by Father General on March 8. The first session will be on November 26 at 5:00 p.m., and the closing ceremony will take place at Javier, Pamplona (Spain), in the morning of December 3, the feast of St. Francis Xavier. The ceremony at Javier will inaugurate the Jubilee Year of the Society to commemorate 450 years from the death of St. Ignatius and 500 years from the birth of St. Francis Xavier and Blessed Pierre Favre. Together with the convocation Father General has sent the program of the meeting and the list of topics to be discussed. After the opening allocution concerning the state of the Society by Father General, the presentation of four topics will start: governance in the Society, apostolic preferences (Africa, China, the Intellectual Apostolate, Refugees and Migrants, Roman Houses), Formation of Ours, and Collaboration with Externs. The discussion of each of these themes in plenary and linguistic groups will be followed by the submission of proposals.

[Source: S.J. Electronic Information Service March 15, 2005

<http://www.sjweb.info/newslink.cfm>]

### The Number of Jesuits Worldwide

The Curia General Secretariat has compiled the statistics of the Society of Jesus for 2004. As of January 1, 2005, the number of Jesuits was 19,850 (13,966 priests; 3,051 scholastics; 1,921 brothers; and 909 novices). That is a decrease of 320 as compared with the previous year.

During the past year, 512 entered, 414 died, and 418 left the Society. The average age of the Jesuits at the beginning of this year was 53.18; 59.83 for priests, 62.37 for brothers, and 24.84 for scholastics.

Among the assistancies, South Asia continued to have the largest membership (4,003 or 20.2 percent of all Jesuits), fol-

lowed by the United States (3,217 or 16.7 percent). The Central Europe Assistancy is at the other end: 773 Jesuits or 3.9 percent. The number of Jesuits in all the European Assistancies is 6,639 (33.4 percent). [Source: [www.jesuits-europe.org](http://www.jesuits-europe.org) ]

### JRS Invites All Former Staff to Mark its 25th Anniversary

By November 2005 Jesuit Refugee Service International will have provided services for and learned from refugees for 25 years.

Throughout this year JRS plans to hold meetings on spirituality and advocacy and publish books on education and on the history of JRS.

All those who have worked or volunteered for JRS in the past and who have lost contact with the organization are invited to contact Ms. Hilda Serrano either by telephone: 0039 06 6897 7386, email: [Hilda.serrano@mail05.jrs.net](mailto:Hilda.serrano@mail05.jrs.net) or by post to Borgo S. Spirito 4, 00193 Roma, Italy. JRS would love to invite you to many of the events that will be taking place all over the world throughout the year. [Source: JRS Dispatches and JesuitUSA News March 06, 2005]

### Jesuit Bishop Elected President of Russian Catholic Bishop's Conference

Joseph Werth, S.J., the Bishop of Transfiguration Diocese of Novosibirsk, was elected as the new president of Russian Catholic Bishop's Conference (KKEP) at its annual General Body meeting, held recently in St Petersburg, Russia. He said in his message that the Catholic Church will do everything possible to collaborate with the Russian Orthodox Church in proclaiming the Gospel.

In the Russian Federation there are four Catholic dioceses, with four bishops including the Moscow Archdiocese. Bp. Werth succeeds Metropolitan Archbishop Thaddeus Kondrusiewicz as president of KKEP.

Bp. Werth was appointed as the Apostolic Administrator of Catholics in Siberia in 1991, and in 2002 he became bishop of

the newly created Diocese of Transfiguration. [Source: [www.jesuits-europe.org](http://www.jesuits-europe.org) and JesuitUSA News February 06, 2005]

### Jesuit Alberto Hurtado to be Canonized This Year

The Vatican has announced that Pope John Paul II will canonize on Sunday, October 23, 2005, five people including Fr. Alberto Hurtado Cruchaga, S.J.

Alberto Hurtado, SJ, born in Chile in 1901 to an impoverished family, earned a scholarship to the Jesuit college in Santiago and joined the Society of Jesus in 1923. This retreat director, teacher, author, and labor organizer is best known for founding "El Hogar de Cristo," a home, not just housing, for homeless children in Santiago (he once visited Boys Town in Omaha to study its operations). The project expanded to include hospices for men and women, rehab centers, trade schools, and homes for the aged, and is still a major social service in Chile. Fr. Hurtado, now the namesake of a Jesuit Chilean university, died in 1952 and was beatified in 1994.

[Source: Electronic Maryland Province News and JesuitUSA News March 22, 2005. The brief biographical sketch of Alberto Hurtado was published in Company Magazine and can be found on the web at:

<http://www.companymagazine.org/v222/beautifulmission.htm> ]



### Javier Castle Renovated

After one year of restoration work, the castle of Xavier will be ready to open its doors to visitors within a short time. Beyond the needed repairs of the old buildings, there was also the intention to restore and renovate, as far as possible, certain rooms of particular importance in the life of Saint Francis Xavier. The room where he was born was irretrievably lost at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century when the tower of the castle was demolished. But the chapel of the smiling Christ, perhaps the most significant corner of the castle

because it evokes the life of piety of Xavier during his infancy and youth, has been restored with great care and success. The work in the Museum, with sculptures and paintings of Xavier, is also a valuable contribution to the interest of the compound. The restoration of the castle aims at offering a space for prayer as well as a cultural and historical stimulus. [Source: S. J. Electronic Information Service March 1, 2005]

### Death of Antonio de Aldama, S.J.

Fr. Antonio M. de Aldama, of the Province of Bética, died in Rome at 97 years of age and 80 years in the Society.

Father Antonio M. de Aldama was Secretary of the Society from 1945 to 1950. His invaluable investigations and publications on the Institute and especially on the Constitutions filled a good part of his long life and have earned him the gratitude of the entire Society.

The American Assistancy and the English-speaking world of the Society of Jesus owe a special debt of gratitude to Father Antonio M. de Aldama. He was very influential in persuading Father General Janssens to allow Father George Ganss to translate and publish the Constitutions of the Society of Jesus in English and he assisted George at every stage of his work on that project.

### New US Provincials

Fr. General has named two new US provincials: Fr. C. Thomas Krettek, rector of the Jesuit community at Marquette University, will succeed Fr. James E. Grummer as provincial of Wisconsin; Fr. Peter J. Togni, professor of theology at the University of San Francisco, was named successor to Fr. Thomas H. Smolich as provincial of California.

Unfortunately, Fr. Togni will not be able to accept this position. In March he was admitted to the neurological ICU at the University of California San Francisco hospital. He is seriously ill, being treated for a brain infection. Prayers are appreciated.

### New Detroit Province Superiors

Dick Twohig, S.J., will succeed Joe Casey as superior of the Colombiere Jesuit Community this summer.

Don Petkash, S.J., will succeed Dick Twohig as superior of the Jesuit Community at UD Jesuit High School.

The Province is very grateful for Joe and Dick's years of excellent service. We are also thankful for the generosity and availability of Dick and Don. Please keep them, and their new communities, in your prayers.

### Priesthood Conference at Boston College

A Conference on Priesthood will be held at Boston College, June 15-18, 2005. Speakers include James Bacik, John Sgrynkowski, Thomas O'Meara and 7 other nationally known speakers. For information, fee and registration form, contact:

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Professor Donald Dietrich  
Dept. of Theology  
140 Commonwealth Ave  
Chestnut Hill, MA 02467  
617-552-4799  
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### 'Provoke' Radio

'Provoke' is a new radio program sponsored by St Ignatius Church and Radio Mass of Baltimore. Its mission is to engage the audience in reflection on important contemporary issues from a religious and ethical perspective as an illustration of how Catholic social principles can be lived out in every day life. You can listen to the program at <http://www.provokeradio.com/> [source: JesuitUSA News March 22, 2005]

### Jesuit High Schools to Remain Open in Detroit

With the upcoming closings of a number of Catholic schools in Detroit and its suburbs, which the Archdiocese of Detroit announced in March, University of Detroit Jesuit High and Academy and Loyola High School, will be the only Catholic high schools left in Detroit. Both of the schools are all-boys. "We are committed to the city of Detroit and Catholic education," com-

mented Fr Karl Kiser, University of Detroit High's president. [Sources: Canisius College, AJCU, Regis University, Detroit Free Press]

### Milestone for Institute of Jesuit Sources

The Institute of Jesuit Sources has published its 99<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> books. *Year by Year With the Early Jesuits* and a bilingual Latin and English edition of the *Ratio Studiorum*.

*Year by Year With the Early Jesuits* is a selection of material from the five-volumes of the *Chronicon* of Juan Polanco, S.J., secretary to the first three Jesuit Generals of the Society of Jesus, which presents a vivid picture of the early life of the Society.

The *Ratio Studiorum* was originally published in 1599. It came out of fifty years of experience of Jesuit education and reflection upon that experience. The *Ratio Studiorum* was the handbook for teachers in all of the more than seven hundred Jesuit schools around the world until the temporary suppression of the Society of Jesus in 1773.

Goto <http://www.jesuitsources.com/> for more information.

### Corrections

The Colombiere phone numbers listed in the March, 2005 Update were incorrect. The correct numbers are:

Br. Dick Conroy  
(248) 620-2503

Fr. Robert Dressman (CHG),  
(248) 620-2540

Fr. Paul A. Huber (CHG),  
(248) 620-2522

Br. Paul Mattingly (CHG),  
(248) 620-2533

Fr. P. J. Rice  
(248) 620-2529

Fr. Paul Woelfl  
(248) 620-2542



## Please Pray for Those Who Have Died

**Richard G. Moell**, brother of Carl Moell, S.J. (CHG), March 5

**Margaret Workman**, sister of Carl Moell, S.J. (CHG), March 10

**Edward J. Ronan**, brother of the late Charles Ronan, S.J. (CHG), March 14

**Norman Hipskind**, father of Timothy Hipskind, S.J. (CHG), March 22

**Miriam Ann Shannon**, mother of Tim Shannon, S.J., March 27

**Sr. Helen Libens, H.M.**, sister of John Libens, S.J., March 28

**Mary Elizabeth Nienaber**, mother of Paul Nienaber, S.J. (CHG), March 28

## And Pray for

**John Baggary, S.J. (CHG)**, who spent time in Genesys Hospital, Grand Blanc, MI.

**Bob Dietrich, S.J.**

**James J. Donnelly, S.J. (Nepal)**, who is receiving treatment for septicemia.

**Joe LaMielle, S.J. (PAT)**, who had knee surgery at St. Joseph Mercy, Pontiac on March 4th.

**Carl Moell, S.J. (CHG)**

**Jack White, S.J.**, who had heart bypass surgery at University Hospital, Cleveland, on Feb. 23.

Our men at **Colombiere**.

The lay initiative at **St. Martin de Porres High School** in Cleveland.

**Peaceful** settlement of differences between nations.

The **victims and survivors** of the Tsunami.



## Apostleship of Prayer

### April Intentions

General: That Christians may live Sundays as days dedicated in a special way to God and neighbor.

Mission: That Christians have a burning zeal for holiness, so as to kindle many missionary vocations.



## From the Vault

by *Walt Farrell, S.J.*

Yes, I'm back in the Vault and ready to report on the past month, which this time means drawing on reports made in the many meetings of the month.

First, at the monthly meeting of the Provincial and his Assistants, I was able to report that our investments are currently running at an annualized pace of some 13% and also to them in the budget that, despite a 13-14% increase of our healthcare costs, we are still running in the black to date...

Then, Brian Nitkiewicz and I have already met once (and plan a second meeting) with LCG Associates, our new investment-manager evaluation group. Officially they begin next month but it is refreshing to find these new people eager to learn more about who we are and how we operate so that, come April 1, they have a good background against which to develop recommendations regarding our investment policies, strategies, and tactics.

Third, like others we are facing increased costs in liability insurance and so, on the recommendation of an insurance professional on our finance committee, we have met twice with an insurance consultant. He is currently reviewing our insurance picture both for the adequacy of its coverage and for possible ways of lessening the effects of the cost increases.

Finally, wearing my hat as Consultant for Ignatian Values, I attended both the Cleveland and Detroit meetings in mid-March of the facilitators of the Year of Prayer groups. Suffice to say here that the facilitators reported people to be very pleased with the experience. There will be a letter coming (soon, if it is not already in the mail) to all participants giving more detail and also setting out some items from the groups that will have an impact on the shaping of the June retreat at John Carroll.

So much for the past. Looking out a week

or so we will be gearing up for the annual "push" to develop a budget for the new fiscal year, 2006. More on this anon.



## Development News

from *Rachel Brennan*

Invitations have been mailed to attorneys, accountants (including financial planners), and insurance professionals who are graduates of John Carroll, Walsh Jesuit and St. Ignatius to attend a CEU workshop in Cleveland.

Paul Schervish, Professor of Sociology and Director of the Center on Wealth and Philanthropy at Boston College, generously offered his time to conduct the workshop on Thursday, April 21. Matthew Mooney, a JCU and Ignatius grad, arranged for the space in North Point Tower in downtown Cleveland.

The topic for the workshop is "The Moral Biography of Wealth: The Cultural Horizon and Spiritual Prospect of Wealth and Philanthropy in the early 21<sup>st</sup> Century." After listening to Paul speak eloquently on the subject including how Ignatian Spirituality can and should be an integral part of development, my hope has been that Paul could share that message with those who work most closely with people in planning their estates and legacies.

If you know of an attorney, accountant or insurance professional that may not have attended a Jesuit school, but would be interested in the workshop, please contact Betsy or me. The Continuing Ed department of JCU is handling the reservations, but we can make sure they receive an invitation and reply card.

