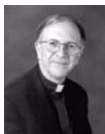




PROVINCE UPDATE

A Newsletter for Jesuits of the Detroit Province

May, 2008



Provincial Calendar

May 2008

- 1-2 Seattle U
- 3-4 Columbus, Holy Rosary/St. John parish
- 5 Cleveland: Companions' Gathering at 7:00 p.m. (JRH)
- 7 Provincial Assistants meet
- 8 Detroit: Companions' Gathering at 7:00 p.m. (Manresa)
- 16 Finance Committee Meeting
- 18-22 Baltimore: Jesuit Conference Board meets
- 28-30 Berkley, MI: Loyola House Visitation
- 29 Sensitive Incidents Review Board, 5:30 p.m.



Omena Reservations

Have you made your summer vacation reservations for Omena yet? If not, please call Agnes at 313-861-7500 to make them.

Please note: *Only Weavers will be available from July 23 through August 14th.*

Bi-Province Retreat

The Bi-Province retreat will be held from June 7-16, 2008, at Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House in Barrington, Illinois. Joseph Daoust and Jim Boynton will be the presenters and incorporate topics from General Congregation 35. The retreat will begin with dinner on Saturday, June 7th and end after breakfast on Monday, June 16th. The cost of the retreat (\$625) includes all meals.

To sign up for the retreat, please contact Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House at:

Phone: 847-381-1261

E-mail: bellarmine@bellarminehall.org

Online: <http://www.bellarmineshall.org/retreatreg.html>

Mark Your Calendars

Companion Days

Fr. Scullin reports on GC35 to companions and benefactors
Monday, May 5, 7:00 p.m. JRH
Thursday, May 8, 7:00 p.m. Manresa Jesuit Retreat House

Bi-Province Days

June 6-7, 2008
Chicago

Bi-Province Retreat

Presenters: Joe Daoust, S.J. and Jim Boynton, S.J.
June 7-16, 2008
Barrington Jesuit Retreat House

Bi-Province Formation Villa

July 30 - August 14, 2008
Omena, Michigan

First Vow Mass

August 16, 2008, 4:00 p.m.
University of Detroit Jesuit High School, Detroit

Fall Area Days

(REQUIRED Attendance)

Saturday, November 8, 2008, in Cleveland
Sunday, November 9, 2008, in Detroit

New Headnurse at Colombiere

Colombiere has a new head nurse. Jeanette Yaroach, R.N., B.S.N. (the "ch" at the end of the surname is not pronounced) began working at Colombiere on Tuesday, April 1. Elaine Hines will remain on the staff as the day shift Charge Nurse.



Society News

Venerable Francisco de Hoyos

The Medical Commission in the Congregation for the Cause of the Saints has unanimously agreed that the healing attributed to the intercession of Venerable Bernardo Francisco de Hoyos, S.J., cannot be explained by the present scientific knowledge. This decision opens the way for a theological evaluation by the appropriate Commission. Fr. Hoyos was born in Torrelobatón (Spain) in 1711 and died in Valladolid in 1735. Like Saint Claude de la Colombière of France, Fr. Hoyos is known as the apostle of the devotion to the Sacred Heart in Spain.

[Source: News from the Curia, April, 15 2008 n.2]

Appointments

Fr. Manuel Morujao, at present Assistant for the South Europe Assistency at the Curia Generalizia, has been elected General Secretary and Spokesperson for the Episcopal Conference of Portugal. He will take office at the end of September.

Fr. General Adolfo Nicolás has appointed Fr. Victor Assouad Provincial of Near East.

[Source: News from the Curia, April, 15 2008 n.2]

Patna E-Mail

The Patna Provincial Office has a new e-mail address: patjesuits@gmail.com. This e-mail does not replace the other two e-mail addresses (sjpat@vsnl.com and sjpat@sify.com) but, hopefully will overcome the intermittent difficulties that are being experienced with them.

JRS Website

The Jesuit Refugee Service USA has redesigned its website. The site includes: a quarterly magazine on critical refugee topics, reports from the field by JRS/USA staff members, a selected bibliography of Catholic social teaching and other ethical and socio-political works that address refugee, migrant and detainee issues, recommendations for further reading, and much more.

[Source: CPEN, April 17, 2008]

The Society in Numbers

The General Secretariat of the Society has compiled the statistics for the year 2007. As of January 1, 2008 there was a total of 18,815 Jesuits: 13,305 priests, 2,295 scholastics, 1,758 Brothers and 827 novices.

The average age of all the Jesuits is 57.53 years: 63.01 for the priests, 30.01 for the scholastics, and 65.06 for the Brothers.

The “youngest” Assistency is South Asia as the following table indicates:

	Average Age	
	Number of Jesuits	Average Age
South Asia	3.999	46.95
Africa and Madagascar	1.417	47.10
East Europe	1,079	51.48
East Asia-Oceania	1.669	54.05
Southern Latin America	1.448	56.34
Northern Latin America	1.336	57.78
Central Europe	709	63.11
United States of America	2.869	64.77
Southern Europe	2.377	67.77
Western Europe	1.912	67.92

Percentage of the total number of Jesuits in each Assistency

South Asia	21.3
United States of America	15.2
Southern Europe	12.6
Western Europe	10.2
East Asia – Oceania	8.9
Southern Latin America	7.7
África-Madagascar	7.5
Northern Latin America	7.1
East Europe	5.7
Central Europe	3.8

Novices

The largest number of novices is also located in the South Asia Assistency

South Asia	249
Africa and Madagascar	129
East Asia - Oceania	97
United States of America	66
Northern Latin America	64
Southern Latin America	62
Southern Europe	57
East Europe	50
Western Europe	34
Central Europe	19

[Source: News from the Curia, April, 15 2008 n.2]

Cambodia Mission

By a decree of February 2004, Father General Kolvenbach placed the Cambodia Mission under the full responsibility of the Conference of Major Superiors of the East Asia-Oceania Assistancy. As of May 2006 Cambodia will be a mission entrusted to the Province of Korea. In catalogs and other documents of the Society, Cambodia will appear with the **KAM** acronym. [Source: News from the Curia, April, 15 2008 n.2]

Jesuit Voices

The latest installment of *Jesuit Voices* is an interview with Greg Boyle, S.J. In the interview, Greg talks about his work with gang members and the enterprise *Homeboy Industries*. To listen to this podcast, please visit:

<http://www.sjweb.info/jesuitvoices/index.cfm>

Decrees of GC 35

On April 22, Fr. Ignacio Echarte, Secretary of the Society, wrote that work at the General Curia on the final editing of the decrees of GC 35 has progressed slower than expected. The Curia hopes that the whole process will be finished in a few weeks. Those in the Curia charged with the revision have decided to revise the texts in the language in which they were approved and then to prepare the decrees in three translations (Spanish, English, French). Work is also underway to prepare an historical introduction, to provide a narrative on the topics entrusted by the Congregation to ordinary governance, and to determine the documents that will appear in the official publication of *Acta Romana*.

Departure

Christopher J. Gagnon (CHG) left the novitiate on May 1, 2008.



Bi-Province Assistants

Father Raymond P. Guiao will serve as the Chicago-Detroit Provincial Assistant for Formation, replacing Fr. James S. Prehn of the Detroit Province and Fr. Robert J. Thesing of the Chicago Province.

Ray Guiao has just completed his tertianship in the Philippines. Before that, he served at St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland as teacher of theology and music and, from 2004-2006, as Vice President for Ignatian Mission. Ray has also done graduate studies in liturgical theology at the Catholic Theological Union from 1998-2000, so he is no stranger to Chicago.

James K. Serrick will serve as the Chicago-Detroit Provincial Assistant for for Pastoral Ministries. Jim has been the pastoral assistant for the Detroit province for the past year. When he assumes the joint position this summer, he will relieve Fr. Richard L. Millbourn of that responsibility.

Published

Jared Wicks brought out his second installment of a survey of recent scholarly works on Vatican II in the first number of the 2008 *Catholic Historical Review*. He also informed Lutherans about "Brother Martin, Augustinian Friar" in the Spring 2008 issue of *Lutheran Forum*. On the Catholic side of the sixteenth century religious scene he treated "Catholic Old Testament Interpretation," with accounts of works by several Jesuits, in vol. II of *Hebrew Bible / Old Testament. The History of Its Interpretation*, edited by Mange Saeboe.

Honorary Alumnus of the Year

R. Gerard Albright, professor of Biology, was named 2008 Honorary Alumnus of the Year by the UDMercy's School of Dentistry at its 2008 Alumni Recognition event, April 19. The honor is based in part on Fr. Albright's dedication to the integrated development of his UDMercy students over the past 48 years and on his role as a mentor to other UDMercy faculty.

Tim Meier, S.J.

Army chaplain Tim Meier's unit will be mobilized to Iraq on June 30, 2008. His parents are giving a farewell party for him on June 22, 2008, in Northville. If you would like to attend this farewell party, please contact John Moriconi at 313-861-7500.

Comings and Goings

Fr. Paul Besanceney returned to Detroit for a home visit. While in the U.S., he will be based at Colombiere.

Br. Joe Shubitowski has finished his construction work in Wau and will return to Detroit on May 2.

Martin Schreiber

Congratulations to Martin Schreiber who has been formally approved for ordination. His diaconate ordination will be on October 18, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. in Christ the Light Cathedral in Oakland, CA, by Bishop Allen Vigneron. His priesthood ordination will be at Gesu parish, University Heights, OH, at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 13, 2009. Cleveland Bishop Richard G. Lennon will celebrate the ordination.



Social and International Ministries News

by Carrie Monnette

“Our own history has taught us that preaching to the poor and to those who suffer injustice without concern for their plight and the systemic cause of their plight is to trivialize the Gospel and mock the cross. To preach to the powerful without denouncing oppression is to promise Easter without Calvary, forgiveness without conversion, and healing without cleansing the wound.”

What We Have Seen and Heard, Pastoral Letter of U.S. Catholic Black Bishops

Focus Issue of the Month: *Torture*

The Jesuit Conference Board has identified issues of ‘War and Violence’ as a social priority of the US Assistancy. Along with the *Ignatian PeaceAction* (prayer, fasting and action during the 6 weeks of Easter), we are working with the National Religious Campaign Against Torture (NRCAT), a “coalition of religious organizations to ensure that the US does not engage in torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment of anyone, without exception.” You will receive a copy of the NRCAT brochure and some background information in this month’s mailing. I encourage you to consider, either personally or as a Jesuit community, to act on these options. Always, I am here to help!

- 1) View the film, *Ghosts of Abu Ghraib*, and engage in discussion/reflection (contact Carrie for DVD)
- 2) Hang a banner to support their Banners Across America campaign

NRCAT is asking congregations of all sizes, from every state, and all faiths, to join in a public witness against torture by displaying a banner outside their place of worship during Torture Awareness Month (June 2008). Each banner will have the NRCAT logo and you may choose from one of two messages: “Torture is wrong” or “Torture is a Moral Issue.” The banners will have white lettering on a black background. The customized option will add the congregation’s name (“Gesu Parish says”) followed by one of the two messages.



- Sign the ‘Statement of Conscience’ on their website, www.nrcat.org;
- Let your Representative know what you think about his or her vote. Earlier this year Congress passed a bill, H.R. 2082 (the Intelligence Authorization bill), but President Bush vetoed it. The House’s attempts to override the President’s veto fell short of the required 2/3 majority. Please contact your Representative and tell them how you feel about his or her vote on the attempt to override the President’s veto of H.R. 2082. *Results of your Representatives are below:*

OHIO
 YEAS: Tubbs-Jones, Kaptur, Sutton
 NEAS: Kucinich, Tiberi
 Did not vote: Pryce

MICHIGAN
 YEAS: Levin, Conyers, Dingell
 Did not vote: Kilpatrick



Register today for "Solidarity in Christ's Mission"

Please visit the website: www.jesuit.org/solidarity2008. Some scholarship funds will be made available to attendees from the Detroit Province. If you are interested and have not yet received information about this additional funding, please contact me directly at (313) 861-7500 or <camonnette@hotmail.com>.

Upcoming Dates

May 4-5, 2008: SOAWatch Strategy/Advocacy Days in Washington DC; www.soawatch.org for more information; contact IRTF if interested in traveling from NE Ohio at <irtf@igc.org> or (216) 961-0003

Every Monday, 4:45 – 5:45pm: Peace Vigil/Anti-Occupation of Iraq Protest at Woodward and 9 Mile in Ferndale, MI; contact Peace Action Office for more information at (248) 548-3920.



Secondary Education News

by Donald Petkash, S.J.

Following nationwide searches, Walsh Jesuit and U of D Jesuit have both chosen their next principals from within their own faculties. Walsh Jesuit has named Mark Hassman principal; he has been a teacher of biology and assistant principal. U of D Jesuit named Gary Marando principal, longtime Spanish teacher.

Walsh Jesuit has appointed alumnus and faculty member Sean Lynch to the newly created position of Assistant Principal for Faculty and Student Formation. Moving to Walsh Jesuit is Fr. Jack White who will bring his experience of the SPA program at St. Ignatius to the parents and alumni of Walsh.

This summer Fr. John Libens will take over the helm as interim president at St. Ignatius, while the Board of Regents begins its search for a replacement for Fr. Tim Kesicki.

Representatives from each of the five high schools are planning a Teachers' Fair to be held at St. John's Jesuit on September 22. Over 40 faculty and staff members will make presentations on their area of expertise. The day will also provide the opportunity for those teaching the same subject material to meet and share ideas.

The second Ignatian Educators' Pilgrimage to Spain and Rome is scheduled for June 19 to July 2; thirty-five faculty members, board members and spouses have signed on. Fr. Larry Ober will accompany the group as "docent." Sites to be visited include Loyola, Montserrat, Manresa, Barcelona, Salamanca, Alcala, as well as Rome.

St. John's/Holy Rosary

With the completion early in July of Fr. Dennis Dillon's term as pastor at Holy Rosary/St. John's parish in Columbus, the Detroit Province is sadly returning the care of this parish and its adjacent Social Center to the Columbus Diocese. Over the 17 years that members of the Detroit and Chicago Provinces have worked at Holy Rosary/St. John's, many Jesuits were assigned to the community either for work in the parish or in the diocesan retreat center, St. Therese's. Among the Jesuits who worked there were: Fr. Bob Scullin, Fr. Henry Birkenhauer, Fr. Jim Hasse (CHG), Fr. Mark George, Br. Jim Gates, Fr. Jack Beez (PAT), Fr. Fred Benda, and Fr. Ed Flint.



Puppet Theatre at Xavier University

Madcap Productions Puppet Theatre and Xavier University's Department of Performing Arts have joined forces for a new residency that focuses on theater for young audiences.

It will bring performance, educational workshops and master classes, community outreach, internships and related academics to the campus beginning this fall.

Cincinnati-based Madcap Puppets is one of the nation's largest touring theatres for young audiences, seen yearly by as many as 500,000 nationally and 100,000 regionally. Madcap Puppets has toured the U.S. for more than 25 years, bringing original giant puppet theater productions to schools, libraries and theaters.

[Source: Xavier University website, www.xavier.edu and The Cincinnati Enquirer, <http://news.cincinnati.com>]

First Omaha Project Homeless Connect Serves 300 People

At least 300 homeless citizens living on the streets or in homeless shelters in the greater Omaha area received help, hope, and housing during Omaha's Project Homeless Connect. This special one-day event on Friday, April 11, 2008, provided "one-stop shopping" to connect the homeless with important services in a supportive setting in the Kiewit Center on the Creighton University campus.

Homeless individuals had access to immediate benefits, and information on employment, housing, healthcare, education, legal resources, clothing for job interviews, food stamps, and Social Security. Event coordinator Ed Shada said the goal was simple: "To end homelessness, through the involvement of the entire community."

Area agencies identified homeless citizens who were transported from area shelters to the Creighton University campus. Non-profit agencies, local businesses, volunteer groups, healthcare providers, legal experts, human resource professionals, government employees, translators, personal appearance specialists including hair stylists and clothing providers, and other service providers were on hand to offer immediate assistance and referrals.

[Source: Creighton University website, www.creighton.edu]

Loyola University, Chicago

Loyola was founded in 1870 when Arnold Damen, S.J., opened St. Ignatius College on Roosevelt Road. So why is the University getting ready to celebrate a 100 year anniversary in 2008-09? Excellent question, here's the answer.

On October 23, 1909, the State of Illinois granted a new charter for St. Ignatius College, which had recently opened a law school and would soon affiliate with a medical school. On that date, St. Ignatius College became Loyola University, with the power to award professional and graduate degrees. On that date, Loyola University Chicago was born.

To celebrate 100 years as a university, Loyola is hosting a series of academic conferences and events. To find out more about these events, please visit:

<http://www.luc.edu/100years/events.html>
[Source: Loyola University, Chicago's website: www.luc.edu]



Apostleship of Prayer

May Intentions

General: That, like the Virgin Mary, all Christians may be guided by the Word of God and remain attentive to the signs of the Lord in their own lives.

Mission: That in mission territories there may be good and enlightened teachers in the major seminaries and institutes of consecrated life.

Relay for Life at JCU

John Carroll University participated in its 2nd Annual American Cancer Society Relay For Life April 26 & 27.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life represents hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported and that one day cancer will be eliminated.

The Relay For Life is an 18-hour overnight event in which teams of 10-15 people take turns walking around a track, symbolic of the fact that cancer never sleeps. The event has a carnival-type atmosphere with food, fun, live performers, games, and music, while also pausing to remember those who have passed away from cancer and honor those who have survived the disease. All proceeds from the event benefit the American Cancer Society's research, education, advocacy, and service programs.

[Source: John Carroll University website: <http://www.jcu.edu/relay/>]

Marquette University Press publishes Dorothy Day diaries

In commemoration of the founding of the Catholic Worker movement on May 1, 1933, Marquette University Press has published *The Duty of Delight: The Diaries of Dorothy Day*, a 700-plus page, fully indexed compilation of the personal diaries of Dorothy Day, co-founder of the Catholic Worker movement.

The diaries, one of the largest volumes ever published by Marquette University Press, were edited by Robert Ellsberg,

publisher of Orbis Books, who knew Day during the last five years of her life.

[Source: Marquette University website, www.marquette.edu]

UDMercy Economic Education

The National Council on Economic Education and the Michigan Council on Economic Education have designated the University of Detroit Mercy at Macomb University Center as a Center for Economic Education.

UDM Economics Instructor, Joseph Weglarz, will serve as director of the new Center. "The goal of UDM's Center for Economic Education is to promote economic literacy in the schools through teacher professional development while increasing the number of economic education programs from kindergarten through grade 12 as well as on the university and adult levels," he said.

The UDM Center achieves these goals by offering teacher training activities, providing consulting services, performing community outreach such as the on-going symposia series, conducting research, and developing and disseminating standards focused curriculum materials to fit the needs and interests of the individual communities.

The National Council on Economic Education (NCEE) is a nationwide network that leads in promoting economic literacy with students and their teachers. NCEE's mission is to help students develop the real-life skills they need to succeed: to be able to think and choose responsibly as consumers, savers, investors, citizens, members of the workforce, and effective participants in a global economy.

[Source: UDMercy website, www.udmercy.edu]

UDMercy School of Dentistry

The University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry dedicated its new Corktown Campus on Friday April 18, 2008. The event included a building blessing and ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The Corktown Campus is located off I-96 at 2700 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The UDM School of Dentistry relocated to its new site in January 2008 from its previous location on Outer Drive in Northwest Detroit.

The dedication is part of the School of Dentistry's 75th Anniversary celebrations. Since 1933, the School has awarded degrees or certificates to approximately 5,000 dentists, 2,000 dental hygienists and about 400 dental assistants. Approximately 350 postgraduate students have received specialty certificates and/or master's degrees. Annually, the School's clinics and outreach programs serve about 15,000 people, totaling 83,000 patient visits. Nearly one-third of the dentists practicing in Michigan are UDM School of Dentistry graduates.

[Source: UDMercy website, www.udmercy.edu]



Please Pray for Those Who Have Died

George R. Follen, S.J., April 8.

Mary Agnes Hogue, sister of **Louis J. Lipps, S.J. (CHG)**, April 8.

John F. Kenney, former member of the Chicago and Nepal Provinces, April 10.

Helen Schimelfening, mother of **Marie Schimelfening** (who works in the Detroit Province office), April 12.

John T. Donnelly, brother of **James J. Donnelly, S.J. (NEP)**, April 14.

Joseph O. Schell, S.J., April 25.

Please Pray for

Joan H. Hyde, mother of Greg Hyde, S.J., who is battling cancer.

Wyatt Jones, deacon at St. Peter Claver Catholic Community and former dean at Loyola High School, Detroit, who is fighting brain cancer.

Tim Kesicki, S.J., as he prepares to take on the office of Provincial.

Leona Kieffer, the mother of **Jack Kieffer, S.J.**, who is seriously ill.

Judy Kubelis, as she undergoes chemotherapy.

Joe O'Connell, S.J. (MAR), and **Vin Duminuco, S.J. (NYK)**, past JSEA presidents, who have been diagnosed with cancer.

Tim Shepard, S.J., who is recovering.

Candidates who are discerning their call.

All our **men at Colombiere**.

Fr. Adolfo Nicolás as he begins his leadership of the universal body of the Society of Jesus



Fiscal Norms

by Norm Dickson, S.J.

Just as happened last year, each of our Jesuit communities made a generous contribution to Father General's 2008 FACSI campaign. The combined bottom-line amount of contributions was a bit more than \$25,000. Since the province matches these gifts, we will be sending a little more than \$50,000 to Fr. General to support apostolic initiatives in dozens of Jesuit provinces throughout the world. I thank all of our communities for your generous response to this annual appeal.

Applications for Leunis and Apostolic grants have been received from several apostolic works of our province. Responses will be sent out by the Treasurer's office in mid-May; checks will be cut and sent out in early July. Unfortunately, the current lackluster performance of the stock market requires that grant awards will be smaller than those that were given for the current fiscal year.

Fr. Bob Grimm completed his 10-day visit of our province in late April. He was able to have one-on-one conversations with almost all the superiors of our communities and the directors of our works. In addition he was able to have significant time with our province consultors, with some members of our province finance committee, as well as with our provincial, socius, development director, treasurer and assistant treasurer. Soon after returning to Rome Bob will write up and send to us a comprehensive report on our province's financial condition, which will suggest followup work to be done by us. Thanks to all for hosting Bob and helping him to better understand our financial world.

From April 22-25 Brian Nitkiewicz and I attended the semi-annual meeting of the Jesuit US and English Province of Canada treasurers and assistant treasurers in Baltimore. During one of the sessions Brian and I met with our counterparts from Wisconsin and Chicago to continue conversation about financial reconfiguration issues.

Detroit Province of the Society of Jesus

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<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Fr. Guiao	Tertianship	Bi-Prov. Asst. for Formation (CHG & DET Provinces)
Fr. Libens	(St. Ignatius H.S.)	Acting President (7/1/08)
Br. Nusbaum	JCU – Minister	St. Ignatius & Walsh Jesuit communities – Minister Res: St. Ignatius H.S.
Fr. Serrick	(Prov. Asst. for Pastoral Ministry)	Bi-Prov. Asst. for Pastoral Ministry (CHG & DET Provinces)
Fr. Simone	Theology – JSTB	Special Studies: Johns Hopkins U, Baltimore