



PROVINCE UPDATE

A Newsletter for Jesuits of the Detroit Province

October, 2008



Provincial Calendar

October 2008

- 3 Keynote at NEN gathering of Secondary Education personnel
- 5 Jesuit Benefit in Grosse Pointe, MI
- 6-7 John Carroll Board meeting
- 8 Provincial Assistants meet, 9 a.m.
- 10-16 Jesuit Conference Board meeting, Portland, OR
- 19 Companions' Mass and brunch:
U of D Jesuit High School, 10 a.m.
- 20 Chicago Province Office
- 21 JVC donor's reception at Manresa Jesuit Retreat House
- 26-27 Detroit Province High School Presidents, Principals and Mission officers (PPM) meet at Maumee Bay, Ohio

Province Consultors

In a choice that highlights the eventual joining of the Chicago, Detroit and Wisconsin Provinces, Fr. General has appointed **Fr. Theodore G. Munz** (CHG) as Detroit Province Consultor to replace Fr. Jared Wicks and **Fr. Joseph G. Mueller** as Detroit Province Consultant to fill the place formerly held of Fr. Tim Kesicki. Ted Munz serves as President of Loyola Academy, Wilmette, IL, and Joe Mueller is Associate Dean at Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI. They will join the other Detroit Consultors: Jim Prehn, Jim Riley, Gary Wright and Denis Weber (consultant) at the next province consultation on November 1 at the Detroit Provincial Office. Fr. General thanks **Fr. Jared Wicks** for his service to the Society as a consultor since 2005. As his 80th birthday approaches in June, Jared will devote even more energy to research and writing in his historical theology.

A.M.D.G.

Mark Your Calendars

Companions' Mass and brunch: Detroit

October 19, 2008, 10 a.m.

U of D Jesuit High School

Fall Area Days: *Praesidium* presentation

(*REQUIRED Attendance*)

Saturday, November 8, 2008, St. Ignatius High School, Cleveland

Sunday, November 9, 2008, Manresa Retreat House, Bloomfield Hills

1:00 pm - 6:00 pm dinner

Detroit Province Superiors meet

November 23, 2008, 11 am - 6 pm

St. John's Jesuit, Toledo

Tri-Province Formation Gathering

December 29-31, 2008

Colombiere Center, Clarkston

Companions' Mass and brunch: Toledo

January 11, 2009, 10:00 a.m.

St. John's Jesuit High School, Toledo

Companions' Mass and brunch: Cleveland

March 1, 2009 10 a.m.

St. Ignatius High School, Cleveland

Area Day

March 15, 2009, 1-6 p.m.

St. John's Jesuit High School, Toledo

Chicago-Detroit Bi-Province Days

June 12-13, 2009

John Carroll University

Ordinations

June 13, 2009, 1:00 pm

Gesu, University Heights, Ohio

Province Retreat

June 14-23, 2009

Jesuit Retreat House of Cleveland



Society News

Hurricane Relief for Bihar, Haiti, and Cuba

Reports from several parts of the Society regarding the devastation caused by recent hurricanes, has moved Father General to send financial help from FACSI to the state of Bihar (Patna Province), Haiti and Cuba. In the state of Bihar the flooding left more than 2 million people homeless. For Haiti it has been estimated that 100 million \$USD will be needed for the reconstruction. An official announcement in La Habana reported that all the reserves of the country to help people were exhausted.

[Source: Electronic News Service, from the Curia in Rome, September 23, 2008 | Vol. 12, N. 8, www.sjweb.info]

Jesuits at the Synod of Bishops

L'Osservatore Romano of September 7 carried the names of the members of the Synod of Bishops to be held October 5-26 on the topic *The Word of God in the life and mission of the Church*. Among the 32 Father Synodales appointed by the Pope there are two Jesuits: Cardinal Albert Vanhoye and Fr. General Adolfo Nicolás. With the approval of the Holy Father, among the "experts" appointed by the Secretary of the Synod, there are six other Jesuits: Johan M. Herman Konings (Brazil), Fiorello Mascarenhas (India), Stephen Pisano (USA-Rome), Marko Ivan Rupnik (Slovenia-Rome), Klemens Stock (Germany-Rome) and Cyril Vasil (Slovakia-Rome). Twenty four women will attend the conference: five in the group of experts and 19 among the auditors.

[Source: Electronic News Service, from the Curia in Rome, September 10, 2008 | Vol. 12, N. 7, www.sjweb.info]

Australian Jesuit named to head Asian Catholic News Agency

Australian Jesuit Fr Michael Kelly has been appointed as director of the Bangkok-based Asian Catholic news agency, UCAN. UCAN was launched in 1979 to provide information on the Catholic Church and Catholic concerns in the Asian region. It is the largest Catholic news service in Asia and one of the biggest in the world.

"There's a lot we can learn from the fastest changing region in our world, and there's a lot we can bring to it, given Australia's technological developments over the last decade particularly in relation to the web" said Fr Kelly.

As well as his experience in traditional media, Fr Kelly will bring to UCAN extensive experience in harnessing new technologies.

"The Church's mission is to reach out to people where they are with the message of Jesus, in a way that's relevant and applied to their lives. The access to the web for many people across Asia is through hand-held devices. That represents a completely new challenge in communications, and it's one that I look forward to exploring and responding to in coming years," Fr Kelly said.

[Source: SJ Curia website: www.sjweb.info]

Katrina Relief Office Closes

After 2 ½ years of operation, the Jesuits of the New Orleans Province have closed the Katrina Relief Office. The Office, opened 6 months after Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans, was intended to be a short-term solution to get the Province Office through the initial confusion of helping Jesuit related groups who wanted to come to the region for service and immersion trips. (N.B.: In the first six months after Katrina, it was very difficult to find service opportunities, housing and transportation.)

During the time that the office has been open, volunteers have gutted 240 homes and helped rebuild 140 others, giving a total of 132,669 hours of manual labor over the past two years. By summer, 2008, 22 of 26 Jesuit colleges and universities and 22 of 48 Jesuit secondary schools have come to serve the people of the New Orleans area 125 times. This is not counting the number of trips made by former Jesuit volunteers, novices, scholastics, and members of the Ignatian Family. There is now a cadre of Katrina rebuilding experts and a much better infrastructure in the New Orleans area through which trip coordinators can work, making this a good time to discontinue the kinds of intensive services the province has provided over the last 30 months.

For information on opportunities to assist hurricane victims in the New Orleans area, please visit the New Orleans province website <www.norprov.org> where you will find information on service sites, housing, transportation, educational and reflection materials that you need to plan your trip. The New Orleans province will continue to coordinate joint prayer services or liturgies and social analysis sessions for Jesuit groups that are in the New Orleans area, so please let them know when you will be in town by contacting Mary Baudouin, New Orleans Province Assistant for Social Ministries at mbaudouin@norprov.org or at (504) 571-1055.

Midwest Master's Programs

Five Jesuit universities made it on the list of top 25 University Master's Programs in the Midwest USA in the 2009 edition of U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Colleges," a leading comprehensive source of college and university profiles.

Creighton University was ranked #1, Xavier University was ranked #2, John Carroll University was ranked #7, University of Detroit Mercy was ranked #21, and Rockhurst University was ranked #22.

To see the complete ranking list, please visit:

<http://colleges.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/college/masters-midwest-search>

Papal Appointments

Pope Benedict XVI appointed Cosme Hoang Van Dat, S.J., 60 years old, Bishop of Back Ninh in Vietnam. Fr. Hoang Van Dat is the first Jesuit Bishop in Vietnam.

Pope Benedict XVI also approved the appointment of José M. Abrego de Lacy, S.J., 63 years old, as Rector of the Pontifical Biblical Institute. Fr. Abrego belongs to the Loyola Province.

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Correction

The Wisconsin members of the tri-province novitiate commission were incorrectly identified in the September Update. The Wisconsin Jesuits on the commission are: John Fitzgibbons and James Holub. Sorry for the mistake.

Project 100

The University of Detroit began the Office of Special Projects and Project 100 program in 1968 to recruit and enroll "inner city students" from Detroit public and parochial schools, who otherwise would not be able to attend the University.

The program's objective was "to serve as a demonstration model of the positive accomplishments that can be achieved by a private institution through the expenditure of intelligent, sincere and conscientious effort." Project 100, which continued for six years, and the other Office of Special Projects programs helped to shape the richly diverse institution that is now University of Detroit Mercy.

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the U of D Office of Special Projects and the Project 100 program, a commemorative gathering and reflection will be held Oct. 16 and 17, 2008.

[Source: UDMercy website:
<http://www.udmercy.edu/project100/>]

P&P Warming Center

The Ss. Peter and Paul Warming Center celebrated the start of its 19th year of Gospel Hospitality with "KICKOFF 2008" on September 14, 2008. The event included Mass, a light luncheon, and presentations by staff and guests on an Ignatian (Jesuit) ministry of formation, hygiene care, and refreshments to the addicted, indigent, and mentally impaired of the greater downtown Detroit area. Fr. Kesicki presided at the Mass and also offered brief remarks after the luncheon.

New Websites

The Patna and New England Provinces both have new websites. Check them out: Patna
<http://www.patnajesuits.org/>

New England
www.sjnen.org

Province Retreat Possibilities

Already thinking about your retreat next summer? The Wisconsin Province is offering a directed retreat in Oshkosh from May 31, 2009 through June 9, 2009.

The Wisconsin Province will underwrite the director's cost, including their transportation, so each Jesuit retreatant will have to pay only \$380. There will be a \$40 deposit with registration with the balance to be paid on arrival (checks only).

Registration will be limited to Jesuits up to March 1. Beyond that date registration will be open to everyone, to make sure all rooms are used.

The Chicago and Detroit Bi-Province preached retreat will be held at Jesuit Retreat House, Cleveland, from June 14-23, 2009.



Apostleship of Prayer

General: That the Synod of Bishops may help all those engaged in the service of the Word of God to transmit the truth of faith courageously in communion with the entire Church.

Mission: That in this month dedicated to the missions, every Christian community may feel the need to participate in the universal mission with prayer, sacrifice, and concrete help.



Fiscal Norms

by Norm Dickson, S.J.

In September our long-standing province controller, Brian Nitkiewicz, and I participated in the semi-annual meeting of the Treasurers and Assistant Treasurers of our ten US provinces and the province of Upper Canada. Because this particular meeting was held in Rome we all had one or two opportunities to meet our new Superior General, Fr. Nicolás. The two principal topics for our meeting agenda were: 1) how to proceed with the reconfiguration/integration of the treasuries of multiple provinces; 2) how to determine a fair and easily understood formula for assessing provinces for support of the operating budget and apostolic projects of the Jesuit Conference. We are inching along on both issues. We expect to have the assessment formula ready to submit to the provincials for their consideration and approval at their May '09 meeting.

The Detroit Province awarded \$30,000 of Leunis grants and \$12,000 of Apostolic grants for the current fiscal year. Leunis grants went to Jesuit Retreat House, the Ignatian Spirituality Institute at JCU, Manresa Jesuit Retreat House, Loyola High School, University of Detroit Jesuit High School, St. Ignatius High School, St. Mary Student Parish, Walsh Jesuit High School, Ss. Peter and Paul Warming Center, and the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley. **Apostolic** grants went to Manresa Jesuit Retreat House, St. John's Jesuit High School, Loyola High School, Walsh Jesuit High School, St. Ignatius High School and Gesu Church Cleveland.

In July a grant of \$400,000 was made by Fr. Scullin from our province formation area to the formation area of the province of Eastern Africa.

Each year the provincial office receives solicitations from dozens of non-profit charitable organizations. We have a modest \$8,000 budget to accommodate such requests. Provincial Assistant for Social and International Ministries, Carrie Monnette, and I make awards ranging from \$100 to \$ 1,000 to these organizations, spending about \$4,000 of the budget at both the beginning and the end of the fiscal year. This past July we supported the following non-profits: Alaska Radio Mission, Bread for the World, Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Christians for Peace in El Salvador, FINCH International, Gleaners, Interfaith Worker Justice, Natural Resources Defense Council, Pace e Bene, PNCEA Prison Ministries, SOA Watch, St. Stephen's Indian Mission Foundation, STITCH, Union of Concerned Scientists, USLEAP and Witness for Peace.

The Detroit Province has been able to be generous in its support of multiple apostolic works, using to good end the monies it receives from our faithful benefactors, as well as from the province community taxes and community surpluses—all of this during the time of a not so encouraging economic market.

Province Facts

As we continue to think of a tri-province merger of the Chicago, Detroit, and Wisconsin provinces, it might be helpful to know some facts about the three provinces.

Number of Jesuits in the province:				Scholastics
	Total	Priests	Brothers	(including novices)
Chicago	209	175	12	22
Detroit	154	118	16	20
Wisconsin	279	236	12	31

Number of novices in the Province:		
Chicago	6	(2 second year, 4 first year)
Detroit	4	(1 second year, 3 first year)
Wisconsin	7	(4 second year, 3 first year)

Oldest member of the Province:		
Chicago	Lothar L. Nurnberger	98 years old
Detroit	Stephen A. Meder	97 years old
Wisconsin	William M. Kegel	97 years old

Youngest member of the Province:		
Chicago	Hung T. Nguyen	20 years old
Detroit	John H. Simmons	22 years old
Wisconsin	Michael A. Rossmann	23 years old

Average Age of Jesuits in the Province	
Chicago	63.6
Detroit	63.1
Wisconsin	63.7



Secondary Education News

by Donald Petkash, S.J.

News from Walsh Jesuit

Jack White, at a young 79 years of age, has initiated a *Companions I* program, bringing Ignatian spirituality and traditions to a group of faculty and staff. The group meets once a month to discuss assigned readings. Participants commit to daily prayer and bi-weekly spiritual direction. Jack hopes to lead the group on an 8-week experience of the *Spiritual Exercises* during Lent.

Jack has also introduced the *Spirituality Program for Adults (SPA)*, meeting on Wednesday evenings with current and alumni parents, as well as with alumni. Over 20 are involved in this 8-week experience of the *Spiritual Exercises*. The weekly evenings begin with Mass and a homily, followed by an input session centered on the current material from the *Exercises*. Participants break into small groups of five or six who meet with a director to share their prayer experiences and journaling.

The Walsh Jesuit community was happy to welcome **Tim Shepard** back in August. Following his lengthy recovery from health problems, Tim is providing spiritual direction to faculty and staff, while assisting in the *Companion I* and *SPA* programs.

On Friday, September 19, about 50 of his closest friends and family members gathered at the Jesuit Residence for a tail-gate party to commemorate **Emmett Holmes'** 80th birthday. Afterwards, they moved over to the football field to cheer their favorite team. At halftime, the entire crowd sang Happy Birthday while a cake was brought out.



Emmett Holmes at his 80th birthday party.



Emmett Holmes and the "Mobile Holmes."

Why was this birthday party given for Emmett at a football game? As you may know, Emmett is the chaplain for the Walsh athletic teams – a ministry that requires a lot of traveling around the hundred or so acres of property which is the Walsh campus. To help in this ministry and to “top off the birthday celebration,” the Walsh School community presented Emmett with a golf cart to make it easier for him to attend all Walsh sporting events. Needless to say, the golf cart has been christened “Mobile Holmes.”



Social and International Ministries News

by Carrie Monnette

“I sit on a man’s back, choking him and making him carry me, and yet assure myself and others that I am very sorry for him and wish to ease his lot by any means possible, except getting off his back.”

Leo Tolstoy

Election 2008

Along with *Faithful Citizenship* (www.faithfulcitizenship.org), another resource to aid your discernment for the best candidates for political office is *Campaign 2008: Redefining “National Security”*. In each community packet this month, you will receive a copy of this 12 page document and an “awareness card.” This document was co-written by my counterparts in other religious orders for the Midwest and myself. We chose to focus on four main issues that are of concern for each of our orders: Militarism, Immigration, Global Climate Change and Peace. It also provides multiple resources to be used in the classroom, parish or small group conversation. You can download these directly at: www.cscsisters.org/justice/campaign_2008.pdf.

Torture is a MORAL ISSUE – Get involved!

The Detroit Province is a member of the National Religious Coalition Against Torture (NRCAT)! Here are some ways to get involved:

** Attend the lecture/discussion by Patricia Isasa on Thursday, October 9, 2008 (UDM) or Monday, October 13, 2008 (St. Mary’s Student Parish, Ann Arbor). She was abducted at the age of 16, tortured and disappeared for more than two years during the “Dirty War” in Argentina. She is trying to bring her perpetrators to justice and raise awareness about state-sponsored terror and torture.

** Sign on to the “Declaration of Principles for a Presidential Executive Order on Prisoner Treatment, Torture and Cruelty” at www.nrnat.org

** Host a community movie night to show *Ghosts of Abu Ghraib*, a documentary by Rory Kennedy that looks at what happened in Iraq’s most notorious prison. I have a copy – reserve it today!

** Display a banner (free of charge) for your high school, parish, retreat house, university classroom, or community that says “Torture is a Moral Issue!” Please contact me at sim@jesuits-det.org for more information.

Prayer Resources: Petitions for Community Mass to Pray for Workers

The rate of unemployment in both Michigan and Ohio is much higher than the national average. In Ohio, the rate in August 2008 was 7.4%, up from 7.2% in July 2008 and 5.7% in August 2007. In Michigan, the rate in August 2008 was 8.9%, up from 8.5% in July 2008 and 7.2% in August 2007. The number of jobs affected by declining industries has affected the Detroit Province: In some ways, it affects all of our institutions as parents struggle to pay for tuition, offer a gift to the church every Sunday or join in gifts of charity to local agencies and non-profits.

In an action of solidarity, please pray for workers and their rights at a community liturgy during the month of October. I have put a copy of possible petitions in each community’s packet, courtesy of the Interfaith Worker Justice.

As John Paul II wrote so eloquently in *Laborem Exercens (On Human Work)* in 1981, “In order to achieve social justice in the various parts of the world, in the various countries and in the relationships between them, there is a need for ever new movements of solidarity of the workers and with the workers. This solidarity must be present whenever it is called for by the social degrading of the subject of work, by exploitation of the workers and by the growing areas of poverty and even hunger. The Church is firmly committed to this cause for she considers it her mission, her service, a proof of her fidelity to Christ, so that she can truly be the ‘Church of the poor.’ And the ‘poor’ appear under various forms; they appear in various places and at various times; in many cases they appear as a result of the violation of the dignity of human work: either because the opportunities for human work are limited as a result of the scourge of unemployment or because a low value is put on work and the

rights that flow from it, especially the right to a just wage and to the personal security of the worker and his or her family.”

Join us in Cleveland to advocate for comprehensive immigration reform

Jill Gerschutz, Outreach Coordinator for Social and International Ministries at the Jesuit Conference, will be joining me either October 15th or October 16th, in the greater Cleveland area to bring Jesuits and our colleagues together to implement a plan for greater awareness and advocacy on behalf of immigration reform. We will be joined by our colleagues in the Justice for Immigrants Campaign (www.justiceforimmigrants.org), the USCCB’s official action in this area. If you are interested in attending or receiving more information, please contact me at: sim@jesuits-det.org

Upcoming Dates

October 9, 2008 – Patricia Isasa and “Human Rights in Argentina” (see description above), 7:00pm at the University of Detroit Mercy

October 20, 2008 – Rev. Robin Hoover, founder and spokesperson of Humane Borders, a social welfare organization that provides assistance each year to thousands of illegal immigrants crossing into the United State, will give a lecture on issues related to the treatment of undocumented immigrants; 7:00pm, John Carroll University

Missioning Mass

On September 6, 2008, **Joaquin (“Boom”) Martinez (CFN)** was missioned as the 8th president of St. John’s Jesuit High School in Toledo, Ohio by Fr. Tim Kesicki. In addition to the students, faculty, and alumni who attended, there were about twenty Jesuits (including four California scholastics who are studying at Loyola, Chicago).

Diaconate Ordination

On October 18, 2008, **Martin Schreiber** will be ordained a deacon by Bishop Allen H. Vigneron in the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland, California. Congratulations, Martin!

Spring Hill College President

On September 26, Jack Schuessler, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Spring Hill College, Mobile, Alabama, announced the election of **Richard P. Salmi, S.J.**, as the 38th President of Spring Hill College. Richie will begin his term on June 1, 2009, when the current President, Gregory F. Lucey, S.J. (WIS) officially retires. In the meantime, Richie

continues to serve as Vice President for Student Affairs at Loyola University, Chicago. Fr. Provincial Tim Kesicki gladly made Richie available for this important mission in the New Orleans Province. His Jesuit mission as Spring Hill President will be given to him by the New Orleans Provincial, Fr. Mark A. Lewis. Congratulations, Richie!

ICLM

On August 23, **Tom Florek’s Instituto Cultural de Liderazgo en el Medio Oeste (ICLM)** marked ten years of service to the Church in the Midwest, in which hundreds of lives are richer for the leadership training in Hispanic ministry that ICLM’s programs provide. The celebration included a grand Eucharist, complete with an Aztec dancer, lively music, and former Detroit provincial Bob Scullin presiding. A great festive dinner followed, and finally a full review of the success of the past ten years. Participants came from several dioceses in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois. Congratulations to Tom and to his collaborators!

[Source: Fr. Ed Schmidt, S.J., Chicago Province Electronic New, CPen, September 4, 2008]

Uwem Akpan

Fr. Uwem Akpan, S.J. (ANW), spoke at John Carroll University on September 30, 2008 as part of his “book tour” promoting his new book: *Say You’re One of Them*, a collection of short stories (two of which appeared in the *New Yorker*). Released in June, 2008, by Little, Brown and Company, the book can be purchased at Barnes and Noble, Border, and Amazon.com, among other places.

Uwem received an MFA in creative writing from the University of Michigan in 2006 and belonged to the Ann Arbor Jesuit Community.



Happy Autumn!



Please Pray for Those Who Have Died

Vincent J. Duminuco, S.J. (NYK), past JSEA president, September 6.

Thomas V. Angott, friend of Jesuits in Detroit, September 11.

Steven Goudreau, the brother of Fr. William Goudreau, S.J. (PAT), September 15.

Joseph F. O'Connell, S.J. (MAR), past JSEA president, September 25.

Please Pray for

Frank Houdek, S.J., who has been hospitalized in California recently.

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

Joseph Kruszyna, brother-in-law of Joe Shubitowski, who has inoperable cancer.

Frank Lihvar, S.J., who is contending with cancer.

Auxilliary Bishop Francis Reiss of Detroit who will undergo radiation treatments for cancer in the near future.

Candidates who are discerning their call.
The men who took first vows in August.

The men who entered the Society of Jesus recently.

And for our men at Colombiere, especially **Derm Rabaut, S.J.**, who was recently hospitalized for heart concerns;

Dick Conroy, S.J., who recently spent time in the hospital to deal with breathing problems.

Thank you from Judy

I give praise to the Lord and many thanks to all of you who have offered prayers for my recovery. As of today, I am cancer free and feeling well. Again, thanks so much.

Judy Kubelis (bookkeeper in the Detroit Province office)



History of Jesuits Coming to North America

You are invited to attend a gathering of Jesuit brothers, scholastics and priests living in the United States on the History of Jesuits Coming to North America.

June 27 - July 2, 2009 Santa Clara University

Scheduled Speakers:

James Boynton, S.J. (DET) – Provincial Assistant for Vocation Promotion, will present a history of Jesuits in New France

Allan Deck, S.J. (CFN) – Executive Director of the USCCB Office for Cultural Diversity, will present a history of Jesuits in Mexico and the Southwest

Gerald Fogarty, S.J. (MAR) – Professor of Religious Studies and History at the University of Virginia, will present a history of Jesuits in Maryland

Donald Hawkins, S.J. (NOR) – Pastor and Historian will present a history of Jesuits in the South

Gerald McKeivitt, S.J. (CFN) – Professor of History at Santa Clara University, will present a history of Jesuits in the Pacific Northwest and California

Raymond Schroth, S.J. (NYK) – Professor of Humanities at St. Peter's College, will present an overview of the history of Jesuits Coming to North America

David Suwalsky, S.J. (MIS) – Director of the Saint Louis University Museums and Galleries, will present a history of Jesuits in Missouri and the Midwest

Questions: Please call *Jeff Allen, S.J.* at 213-381-5121 ext. 148 or email at jalLEN@calprov.org

Keepers of the Fire

There will be a conference for all "middle generation" Jesuits at Santa Clara University from June 24-27, 2009. The Conference is entitled "Keepers of the Fire: Middle Generation Jesuits Reflect on the Call of Christ." This gathering will allow Jesuit priests and brothers, primarily 40-60 years old who have been Jesuits ten years or more, to reflect on their ministry, Jesuit life, and their future with others of their generation. The cutoff for those who can attend the meeting is: men born after December 31, 1949, who have been Jesuits for ten years, and scholastics who were ordained by June 2008.