



PROVINCE UPDATE

A Newsletter for Jesuits of the Detroit Province

September, 2008



Provincial Calendar

September 2008

- 1 LABOR DAY: Office Closed
- 4 Finance Committee dinner at Shepherd's Hollow
- 6 St. John's Jesuit High School, Toledo:
Installation of new President, 4 p.m.
- 12-13 Province Consultors meet
- 14-30 Retreat

Check the Calendar

Included with this Update is a copy of Fr. Provincial Kesicki's annual calendar. Please check it for the dates when he plans to visit your Jesuit community or, if you live out of province, your geographic area.

Mailings

Towards the end of August, 2 booklets were sent by media mail to all members of the Detroit Province and those from other provinces who reside in the Detroit Province. The 2 booklets were:

1. *Assistancy Strategic Discernment: Decisions and Commitments of the United States Provincials*; and
 2. *The Decrees of General Congregation 35*
- Father Kesicki refers to these 2 sets of documents in his first letter to the province of September 6, 2008.

New Province E-Mails

If you are trying to contact Fr. Provincial, Fr. Socius, or the rest of the Provincial staff, you **MUST** use their new e-mail addresses:

Fr. Tim Kesicki: DetProvincial@jesuits-det.org

Fr. Jim Riley: DetSocius@jesuits-det.org

Br. John Moriconi: ProvSec@jesuits-det.org

General Province E-Mail: DetProv@jesuits-det.org

Check out the throw-away catalog included in this mailing for more e-mail changes.

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, in Cleveland

Sunday, November 9, 2008, in Detroit

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

STATUS CHANGES OVER THE SUMMER

Fr. Provincial Scullin approved these new missions

	From	To
Fr. Agostino	parochial vicar St. Augustine parish, Barberton, OH seeking incardination in CLE	parochial vicar St. Rita parish, Girard, OH <i>ad experimentum</i> in diocese of Youngstown [leave of absence]
Mr. Carlton	Chicago Province	Loyola House – 1 st year novice
Fr. Creighton, M.	Chicago Province	Colombiere
Fr. Farrell	[Manresa] – Director	[Manresa Jesuit Retreat House]
Fr. Gannon	Chicago Province	Colombiere
Fr. Hyde	Province of China	Manresa Retreat House - Executive Director
Fr. Kurtz	Leave of absence	Colombiere – Subminister
Mr. MacLennan	Detroit Province	Loyola House – 1 st year novice
Mr. Masterson	Chicago Province	Loyola House – 1 st year novice
Mr. Norton	Detroit Province	Loyola House – 1 st year novice
Fr. O’Shaughnessy	Chicago Province	Colombiere
Fr. Reilly, John	Chicago Province	Colombiere
Mr. Sand	Chicago Province	Loyola House – 1 st year novice
Fr. Shepard	Colombiere	Walsh Jesuit High School
Br. Shubitowski	Eastern Africa Province	JRH, Cleveland
Mr. Simmons	Detroit Province	Loyola House – 1 st year novice
Mr. Spotts	Chicago Province	Loyola House – 1 st year novice

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Departure

Edgar Sanchez (CHG) left the novitiate August 21, 2008

First Vows

Matt Dunch (CHG), Hung Nguyen (CHG), Cyril Pinchak (DET), and Chris Wagner (CHG) pronounced their first vows on August 16, 2008 in the student chapel at the University of Detroit Jesuit High School. Matt, Hung, and Cyril are now in the First Studies program at Loyola in Chicago, and Chris is in the First Studies program at Fordham.



Hung Nguyen (CHG), Matt Dunch (CHG), Chris Wagner (CHG), and Cyril Pinchak (DET)
photo by John Moriconi, S.J.

Omena Work Crew

Thirteen Chicago and Detroit province Jesuits worked at Villa Marquette (Omena) July 23-30, 2008, cleaning, repairing, and painting various parts of the villa. What was accomplished?

The 2nd floor of the Hallett House received a lot of work:

The carpeting was removed; the closets were demolished; each room and the hallway was painted; new shelving units and clothes rods were put in each room; the water valve in the shower was repaired.

50 night stands were sanded and painted.

The showers in the basement of the Rock House were removed.

The urinal in the bathroom on the 2nd floor of the Rock House was removed.

The walls in the Rock House 1st floor room under the bathroom were repaired and painted.

Old mattresses were replaced with box springs and mattresses from Loyola University, Chicago's Jesuit Residence.

Junk/garbage (broken refrigerators, furniture, etc.) was removed from the property.

2nd floor of the barracks was cleaned.

Screen doors were repaired.

13 adironack chairs were fixed and painted.

The banister behind the Rock House was replaced.

Shelves were put in the back porch of the Hallett House and in the beach bath house.

The beach bath house was gutted and cleaned.

The fuel/boat house on the beach was demolished.

A cement slab was poured on the beach (and a new boat house may appear in the future).

A sink was installed on the porch of the rec house.

The pews were returned to their original positions in the chapel.

An ambo was made for the chapel.

Who did all this work? The intrepid work crew included: Richard Beebe, Jim Collins, Matt Dunch, Andi Hlabse, Rick Millbourn, John Moriconi, Bill Murphy, Hung Nguyen, Cyril Pinchak, Jim Riordan, Eric Sundrup, Chris Wagner, and Denis Weber. In addition to the Chicago and Detroit provinces, the New England province was represented: Bret Stockdale, a New England province regent worked with the Chicago and Detroit Jesuits (and personally made the ambo for the chapel). Thanks for the great work!

New Novices

Seven new novices entered Loyola House Jesuit novitiate on August 23, 2008. This year, Jesuit institutions played an important role in the formation of these new novices. All of the entrants attended at least one Jesuit school: four attended both a Jesuit high school and a Jesuit university; two attended a Jesuit high school and a non-Jesuit university; and one attended only a Jesuit University.

Which Jesuit institutions did the new novices attend?

Robert Carlton (CHG) attended Loyola Academy and Georgetown.

Sean MacLennan (DET) attended the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and St. Louis University.

Ryan Masterson (CHG) attended Xavier University.

Bryan Norton (DET) attended St. Ignatius High School, Cleveland.

James Sand (CHG) attended St. Xavier, Cincinnati.

John Simmons (DET) attended the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and John Carroll University.

Matthew Spotts (CHG) attended St. Xavier, Cincinnati and Fordham University.

What is the age range for these new novices? The youngest novice is 22 years old and the oldest novice is 25 years old.



Left to right: James Sand (CHG), John Simmons (DET), Matthew Spotts (CHG), Ryan Masterson (CHG), Robert Carlton (CHG), Sean MacLennan (DET), Bryan Norton (DET) photo by John Moriconi, S.J.

Three men entered the Wisconsin Province Jesuit Novitiate in St. Paul Minnesota on August 23, 2008. Joseph Fleischman, Daniel Napolitano, and Nathaniel Romano are the new Wisconsin first year novices. Two of these men attended Marquette University before entry. What is the age range of the Wisconsin novices? The youngest novice is 24 years old and the oldest novice is 30 years old.



Tri-Province Novitiate Commission

The provincials of the Chicago, Detroit, and Wisconsin provinces have created a commission to explore the issues needed to be addressed regarding the creation of a tri-province novitiate. The commission includes the following Jesuits: Francis Daly (CHG), Robert Fitzgerald (WIS), Howard Gray (DET), Paul Harman (NEN), Brian Lehane (DET), Theodore Munz (CHG), and Michael Wilmot (WIS). Their initial meeting will be September 5, 2008, at Loyola Academy, Wilmette, IL.



Secondary Education News

by Donald Petkash, S.J.

Congratulations to Fr. Joaquin (“Boom”) Martinez (CFN), who will be formally missioned as eighth president of St. John’s Jesuit High School by Provincial Fr. Tim Kesicki on Saturday, September 6. The Mass, celebrated in the St. John Berchmans Chapel, will be followed by a reception in the student Commons.

Over 45 teachers, counselors, and administrators from the five province high schools will be offering presentations at the very first Detroit Province Teachers’ Fair to be held on Monday, September 22, at St. John’s Jesuit High School. On that day, all five schools will be closed to allow all teachers, counselors, and administrators to spend the day in Toledo, each attending three presentations of his or her choice and an additional session with counterparts from all five schools. Barb Bauer at St. John’s Jesuit, a member of the organizational committee, has been instrumental in handling all the local arrangements. Other committee members assisting in planning this first-ever event are Liz Duarte (Walsh Jesuit), John Libens (St. Ignatius), Wyatt Jones III (Loyola), and Basel Pio (U of D Jesuit).

Thirty-five teachers, spouses, administrators, and office personnel from the province high schools participated in the second Ignatian Educators’ Pilgrimage to Spain and Rome, June 19 to July 2. Fr. Larry Ober provided delightful background information as the group visited sites significant to the life and journey of St. Ignatius. In addition, this year, an overnight stop in Assisi gave due recognition to St. Francis and his influence on Ignatius. Highlights included a visit to the Jesuit Curia and a photo op with Fr. General Nicolàs and attendance at the Papal Mass on the feast of Ss. Peter and Paul.

Church Councils

This summer John O’Malley, S.J., had an audio course released by Now You Know Media. *For Christ Assembled: The Church’s Ecumenical Councils* is designed to take the listener through the fascinating history of the Ecumenical Councils, from the first appearance in Nicaea (325) through Vatican Council II (1962-1965). For more information about this course, please visit: http://www.nowyouknowmedia.com/products/Ecumenical_Councils.html

John’s latest book, *What Happened at Vatican II*, was published by The Belknap Press of Harvard University. Congratulations, John!

Change of address

Army chaplain **Tim Meier**’s unit was mobilized to Iraq on June 30. His mailing address is:

Rev. Timothy J. Meier, S.J.
A CO, STB, 41D
Attn: Div Chaplain, Unit 43119
APO AE 09344-3119



Frs. Dave Mastrangelo, Don Petkash, Fr. General Adolfo Nicolàs, Frs. Brian Lehane, Bill Oulvey (MIS), and Larry Ober in front of the Jesuit Curia in Rome.



Social and International Ministries News

by Carrie Monnette

“Rejoice in the Lord always! I say it again, Rejoice! Everyone should see how unselfish you are. Jesus is near. Dismiss all anxiety from your minds. Present your needs to God in every form of prayer and in petitions full of gratitude. Then God’s own peace, which is beyond all understanding, will stand guard over your heart and minds, in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:4-7

Welcome Back!

September brings another round of beginnings in our provincial office and schools and also a change of season! As we enter into all of these changes and the hectic pace of fall 2008, I encourage you to take heart from the passage above in its counsel to present all of “your needs to God.” With the state of our country and our world, we all can identify needs. I join in this action and present below some areas for your awareness during the month of September.

Social Ministries Gathering

Over 200 attended the Social Ministries Gathering: ‘Solidarity in Christ’s Mission’, June 18-22, 2008. From the Detroit Province, over 18 members gathered with national and international counterparts to reflect on their experience of doing social ministry, renew a commitment to the needs of the poor and marginalized and take steps towards building a stronger, connected response to these needs.

Many ideas surfaced from the Detroit Regional group (including men and women from all across the Province). I look forward to sharing these movements with you in the coming months.

For more information, visit: www.jesuit.org and stay posted for further updates! All video links, presentations and talks (including a special address by Fr. General Adolfo Nicolás) will be made available in the coming weeks.

Election 2008

We are all aware, especially in contested states such as Michigan and Ohio, that the Presidential race is under way, but so are many state and local elections. As always, I will share as much information as possible in the coming months to help in your discernment of the issues. I’m also willing to come to each community to share in a conversation and provide materials that will further your engagement in the issues. A resource to begin reviewing, if you have not already, is *Faithful Citizenship*, recently reviewed and updated by the USCCB. It is long but offers a firm grounding that “participation in political life is a moral obligation” (No. 13). Please visit: www.faithfulcitizenship.org for more information and resources on this document.

JCU Student named as ‘Coordinator of National Fair Trade’ Campaign

Natalie Terry, JCU Class of 2010, was recently elected national coordinator of United Students for Fair Trade’s “Full Monty” campaign. United Students for Fair Trade (USFT) is a student-led organization that supports an economic system that empowers producers to have access to economic, social and environmental sustainability. Part of Natalie’s training will include a two-week trip to Nicaragua to learn about fair trade coffee production through visits with farmers and producers. Natalie is a religious studies and sociology major at JCU and a member of the Arrupe Scholar Program, dedicated to help students with a strong desire to develop their interests and skills related to service. For more information, visit: www.jcu.edu

FREE Tickets available: Sabeel Conference, September 2008!!

Attend the ‘Peace, Palestine and US Policy 1948-2008’ Conference sponsored by Detroit/Ann Arbor Friends of Sabeel N.A., September 25-27, 2008. The conference will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, MI and both the New York and Detroit Provinces of the Society of Jesus have offered sponsorship for this conference. Over 10 different speakers will address the group, including Anna Baltzer, a young Jewish-American activist who has made it her mission to inform Americans about the reality of the occupation in Palestine. Tickets include reservations for a banquet on Friday, September 26, 2008. Please email: SIM@jesuits-det.org for more information or to reserve a spot.

Upcoming Dates

September 13, 2008 – “Immigrants in our Midst: An Interfaith, Biligual Conference”: Keynote speaker: Monsignor Alvaro Ramazzini, Bishop of the Diocese of San Marcos; President of the Guatemalan Catholic Bishops’ Conference, international spokesperson on human rights. Bishop Ramazzini is outspoken in defense of rural, indigenous communities against corporate economic interests (mining, logging) and against “free” trade. 9:00am – 4:00pm, St. Ignatius High School, \$10.00 donation (includes lunch)

October 9, 2008 – Patricia Isasa and “Human Rights in Argentina.” Patricia was kidnapped at the age of 16 by members of the Argentinian military and is currently fighting for justice against her perpetrators, men who were trained at the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (formerly the SOA). 7:00pm, at the University of Detroit Mercy, McNichols Campus



Development News

by Jim Von Tobel, S.J.

Ruthann Deponio, the data base manager for Development for over 15 years, moved to Florida over the summer. She and her husband – much to their surprise – easily sold their home in the Detroit area, contrary to expectations. Due to the uncertainties of our future reconfiguration, she will remain an employee and work from her home, connected to our office computers and information systems. She will also assist in any reconfiguration issues when they occur in the near or distant future. This arrangement makes our transition issues more manageable and we are grateful we could make this arrangement with Ruthann.

The Development Office was able to meet the income goals set in the FY 2007-2008 budgeting process. Not

counting wills, we received a little over 9000 gifts. We received fewer gifts than in the last three years but with a higher amount on average per gift.

Our office is undertaking a study of our mail appeals, our main source of regular income. This includes the ratio of cost and income. We will consider also whether the cost of acquisitions (purchase of lists of names) generates enough long term income to justify the initial expense each year. This is being done in the light of contemporary fund raising approaches that target the group’s top 20% of their donors from whom 80% of their income is generated. Though mailings will for the foreseeable future have a place, just how much time, effort, and money they should absorb in the big picture is the issue.

Though it is still a small percentage of income, more people donated via our internet web page last year than ever before.

FACSI

On June 17, Father General wrote to Fr. Scullin: “Thank you so much for the check for US \$50,500 given as the contribution of the members and communities of the Detroit Province for FACSI [Apostolic and Charitable Fund of the Society of Jesus]. I am grateful both to the individual communities and to the Province for their generosity, and I know that you will communicate this to them.

“As you know, contributions to FACSI represent a conscious and free donation made by each Jesuit and by each community, not only from a surplus but even from what is necessary, in order to be able to alleviate greater wants of brothers and sisters around the world. Therefore, I appreciate this very concrete sign of support of Ours and for people in especially difficult situations, and I commend the spirit of self-sacrifice expressed in the contribution. It is precisely in this way that we give evidence that solidarity is a constituent part of our very being.

“May God richly bless the men and the ministries of the Detroit Province.”

Manresa Matters

Greg Hyde has been named the new Executive Director of Manresa Jesuit Retreat House.

Pat Kelly is on a medical leave from Seattle University this Fall Quarter. He will spend time at Manresa Jesuit Retreat House in Bloomfield Hills from September 12 to November 17.

A.M.D.G.



Please Pray for Those Who Have Died

Marilyn Johnston, sister of Emmett Holmes, June 18.

Deacon Wyatt Jones, Jr., former dean of students at Loyola High School, Detroit, June 19.

Richard Spittler, brother of Ernest Spittler, June 20.

Herman A. "Bud" Lipps, brother of Louis Lipps, S.J. (CHG), June 24.

Frances Lewandowski, mother-in-law of Betsy Lewandowski who works in the province office, June 30.

Fr. Hans Zwiefelhofer, S.J. (GER), Secretary of the Society from 1992 to 2001, July 3.

Dr. Joseph P. Fairbanks, III, father of Patrick Fairbanks, S.J. (CHG), July 17.

Maureen Hussey, the sister of the late Patrick Hussey, S.J., July 18.

Virginia Smith, sister of the late Fr. James "Guadalupe" Carney (former MIS Jesuit) and friend of many Detroit province Jesuits, July 19.

Lee A. McNamee, S.J., (WIS), July 23.

Fr. Gabriel Codina, S.J. (BOL), Secretary of the Society from 2001 to 2005, July 30.

Patrick F. Hussey, S.J., August 5.

Roy A. Drake, S.J. (NYK), August 21.



Apostleship of Prayer

General: That Christians may defend and protect refugees.

Mission: That every Christian family may be a small evangelizing community which is responsive to the needs of others.

Please Pray for

Casey Bukala, S.J., who is recovering well after a heart procedure.

Adam DeLeon, S.J., who is recovering well from an unexpected confinement in a Roman hospital following his summer work in Africa.

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.

Judy Kubelis, as she undergoes chemotherapy.

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

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

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 hospital to deal with breathing problems; and **Gerry Walling, S.J. (CHG)** who is recovering from an infection.

New Superior

Paul Campbell (NYK - applied to CHG) is the new superior of the Jesuit community at Clark Street.

Throw-Away Catalog

The throw-away catalog is included in this mailing. Please check your entry and report any corrections/changes to John Moriconi at ProvSec@jesuits-det.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 Chicago and Detroit Bi-Province preached retreat will be held at Jesuit Retreat House, Cleveland, from June 14-23, 2009.

More details about both retreats will be given in the future.

Assistants for Chicago and Detroit Provinces

Chicago and Detroit now are "sharing" two provincial assistants. Ray Guiao is now the Chicago and Detroit provincials' formation assistant and Jim Serrick is the Chicago and Detroit provincials' pastoral and retreat ministries assistant.

New Guestmaster

St. Ignatius Jesuit Community has a new guestmaster. If you need a room at St. Ignatius, please contact Michael Nusbaum at (216) 281-7382

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, have been Jesuits for ten years, and scholastics who were ordained by June 2008.