



PROVINCE UPDATE

A Newsletter for Jesuits of the Detroit Province

June, 2009



Provincial Calendar

June 2009

- 9 Detroit Provincial Assistants meet, 9 a.m.
- 11 Detroit Province Consultors meet at JCU, 1:00 p.m.
- 12 CHG-DET Provincials and consultors meet at JCU, 8:30 a.m.
- 12-13 Chicago-Detroit Bi-Province Days at John Carroll University
- 13 Ordinations: 1:00 p.m. at Gesu, University Heights, Ohio
- 18-19 Visit WIS novitiate in St. Paul, MN
- 20 JCU: 25th Reunion
- 24-27 Keepers of the Fire, Santa Clara U
- 28-7/7 U.S. Provincials' retreat, Orinda, CA

July

- 1-7 U.S. Provincials' retreat, Orinda, CA
- 7-11 U.S. Provincials' "Camp," Ben Lomond Villa, CA
- 14-8/13 Visit Patna, Nepal, Delhi

August

- 1-13 Visit Patna, Nepal, Delhi
- 15 First Vows at U of D Jesuit, 4:00 p.m.
- 16 Ignatian Volunteer Corps Mass at Ss. Peter & Paul, Detroit, 11:00 a.m.
- 21 St. John's High School, Toledo: 9:00 a.m. Mass of the Holy Spirit and Final Vows of Fr. Boom Martinez (CFN)
- 23 St. Ignatius H.S., Cleveland: Dedication of Breen Center
- 29 Colombiere Center: Jubilarian Liturgy and dinner; Loyola House, Berkeley, MI: Entrance Day for CHG-DET-WIS novices

Home Visit

Fr. Jerry Drinane will be visiting the Detroit Province from June 13, 2009, through the end of August. His "base of operations" while in the United States will be the Lansing-Reilly Jesuit Community.

Likewise, Fr. Ted Walters will be on a home visit from the Eastern Africa Province from July 24 until September 23.

Mark Your Calendars

Chicago-Detroit Bi-Province Day

June 12-13, 2009

John Carroll University

Ordinations

June 13, 2009, 1:00 p.m.

Gesu, University Heights, Ohio

Retreat for Jesuits

June 14-23, 2009

Jesuit Retreat House of Cleveland

Formation Villa

July 30 - August 13, 2009

Begins with dinner on July 30

Ends with cleanup on August 13

Superior: Michael Simone

Cook: Michael Baranek

First Vows

August 15, 2009

4:00 p.m.

UDJHS&A

Entrance Day

CHG-DET-WIS Novitiate

August 29, 2009

Fr. Kesicki and Br. Boynton in Delhi and Patna

This summer Tim Kesicki, accompanied by Jim Boynton, will be visiting the Jesuits of the Delhi and Patna Provinces, as well as the Nepal region. Both Detroit and Chicago Provinces have a long history with these areas of India and Nepal, and sent men there from the 1920's until the 1960's, when visas were no longer obtainable. Tim will be visiting the ministries of these provinces and meeting the Jesuits, including Detroit/Chicago men who continue to minister there.

Next Issue

The next issue of *Update* will be sent out at the beginning of September. Have a great summer!



Society News

News from the Pontifical Oriental Institute

On May 9, 2009, the Pontifical Oriental Institute celebrated a special religious and cultural event. On behalf of the Institute its Grand Chancellor, Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, received a relic of St. Andrew the Apostle from Archbishop Orazio Soricelli of Amalfi. The gift marks the foundation of a new chair and the inauguration of the first *Dies Amalfitana*, an annual day of exploration of the link between Oriental Christianity, of which St. Andrew is the patron, and the city of Amalfi. The relic was accompanied by an official delegation of the municipality headed its mayor. The relic was greeted with the chant *Christos Anesti* in the majestic library of the Institute where an altar had been prepared. An official ceremony followed, presided over by the rector, Fr. Cyril Vasil. Fr. Edward Farrugia, dean of the Faculty of Oriental Ecclesiastical Sciences and promoter of the new chair, described its goals and potentials. Cardinal Sandri said that he gratefully accepted the present for the Institute, a place where one breathes "the oriental soul of the only Church in Christ." The ceremony was also the occasion to announce that Fr. Vasil has been named Secretary for the Congregation for the Oriental Churches.

[Source: *Jesuits Around the World*, news service of the Jesuit Curia, www.sjweb.info, Vol. XIII, N. 10 May 20, 2009]

Convention on Galileo Galilei in Florence

From May 26-30, 2009, an international meeting on "The Galileo Case, an Historical, Philosophical, Theological Reading" was held. It was organized by the Stensen Institute of the Society of Jesus, directed by Fr. Ennio Brovedani. The meeting marks the 4th centenary of the great astronomical discoveries that

took place at the beginning of the scientific revolution. The following topics were discussed: the sentence against the Copernican doctrine in 1616 and the Galileo trial in 1633; the genesis of the "Galilei Case" in Italy, France and Britain in the seventeenth century; the history of the case during the Enlightenment, the nineteenth century (the period of positivism and the Italian Risorgimento); and finally in the twentieth century up to the present. The meeting was held in the Congress Palace with world-renowned scholars and experts in this field, theologians, historians and philosophers, in attendance. The opening of the meeting was held at Santa Croce Basilica in Florence, where Galileo is buried. The closing session, together with a discussion on "Galileo today", was held at Villa "Il Gioiello", in Arcetri, where Galileo lived the final years of his life. A total of eighteen national and international institutions, including the Vatican Observatory participated in the meeting.

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Bomb Blast in Catholic Church in Nepal

A bomb exploded at the Assumption Church in Dhobighat in Lalipur in Nepal's capital Kathmandu killing two and injuring dozen others. The explosion occurred at 9.15 a.m. on Saturday, May 24, 2009. According to sources, there were at least 500 people attending the church service when the blast went off. Since Sundays are working days, Christians usually attend church on Saturdays when schools and offices remain closed. For more information, please visit: <http://www.cbcsite.com/cbcinews2940.htm>.

[Source: Catholic Bishops' Conference of India website, <http://www.cbcsite.com/cbcinews2940.htm>]

Jesuit Social Apostolate Website

The Wisconsin Province has created a Jesuit Social Apostolate Website to "encourage the first step of building our awareness and facilitating contact between the social justice efforts now un-

derway by the Society of Jesus and the wider Ignatian family." Visit the site at: www.jesuitsocialapostolate.org. If you have suggestions for edits or updates, please send them to the Wisconsin Province Social and International Ministry Provincial Assistant, John Sealey at : jsealey@jesuitswisprov.org.

JST in Berkeley and SCU

The Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley will become The Jesuit School of Theology (JST) of Santa Clara University (SCU) under a new arrangement, approved by the Boards of Trustees of Santa Clara University, the Jesuit School of Theology, and the U.S. Jesuit provincials. The school will remain in Berkeley when it joins Santa Clara University. "This partnership solidifies and fortifies SCU and JST in their shared goal of engaging in global theological study, contextual education, and justice-oriented ministry," said Fr. Michael Engh, S.J., Santa Clara's president. "It will also help ensure a continued, strong Jesuit presence at SCU," he added. For details regarding the change, visit: www.scu.edu [Source: *Jesuits Around the World*, news service of the Jesuit Curia, www.sjweb.info, Vol. XIII, N. 10 May 20, 2009]

National Award for Company and Gary Smith

"Lights in the Darkness," an article in Company's Winter 2008/09 issue that excerpts Fr. Gary Smith S.J.'s book *They Come Back Singing*, won a national award from the Pontifical Mission Societies. The article won first place for "best promotion of world mission news by a Catholic magazine" in the 2009 Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara journalism competition.

The award was presented by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith on May 28, 2009, at the Catholic Media Convention in Anaheim, California. To read the article on line, visit: www.companymagazine.org/v262/lights-in-darkness.html. [Source: JesuitUSA News, May 26, 2009, <http://www.companysj.com/sjusa/index.html>]

Month-long Spiritual Exercises

The Jesuit Community at the Cave of St. Ignatius in Manresa (Spain) would like to offer their “holy place”, the birth-place of Ignatian spirituality - where Ignatius wrote the core of the Exercises, as a location for the Spiritual Exercises for a full month.



Spiritual Exercises for a month 2009 (Spanish and English)

August (1 to 30) - Carlos Marcet, S.J. (talks in Spanish; personal guidance in Spanish and Portuguese)

September (1 to 30) - Francesc Riera and Josep Sugrañes, S.J. (talks in Spanish; personal guidance in Spanish, French and Italian)

November (1 to 30) - Josep Giménez, S.J. (talks in English; personal guidance in Spanish, French and German)

November (1 to 30) — J. M. Bullich, S.J. (talks in Spanish; personal guidance in Spanish, English)

For more information, please visit the Cova St. Ignasi website:

www.covamanresa.cat or send an e-mail to: recepció@covamanresa.cat

SJJ Academy Lights the Way

After studying alternative energy and global climate change through St. John's Jesuit's (SJJ) Green Light Project, students at the Toledo high school started a program called “Schools Lighting the Way.” The program partners with a company that produces solar-powered flashlights: every time a flashlight is purchased, another is donated to someone in a Third World country who is not on an electrical grid.

Students designed a blue and gold flashlight with the SJJ crest that can be seen at: www.schoolsightingtheway.com. The site provides information for high schools interested in joining the program.

[Source: JesuitUSA News, May 26, 2009, <http://www.companysj.com/sjusa/index.html>]

Province Day 2009

The Chicago and Detroit Province Day will be held June 12 - 13, 2009, at John Carroll University (JCU) in University Heights (a suburb of Cleveland). The ordination Mass will take place at 1:00 p.m. on June 13, 2009, at Gesu Parish.

During this Province Day, in addition to the Jubilarian and Ordination Masses, Tim Kesicki and Ed Schmidt will be explaining how the Chicago and Detroit Provinces will function with one provincial. This meeting, though short, is important so everyone can understand the direction and changes that will occur in the Chicago and Detroit Provinces in the coming years. We strongly encourage you to participate in this gathering of provinces.

For those wishing to stay until Sunday, June 14, 2009, the first Mass of Cyril Whitaker will take place at 9:00 a.m. at Gesu Church, University Heights. The first Mass of Martin Schreiber will take place at 10:30 a.m. at Gesu Church, University Heights. There will be a reception immediately following each Mass in the Gesu Family Center.

Some Directions/Information:

If you are traveling to JCU by car, please visit the university's website for driving directions. <http://www.jcu.edu/about/map.htm>

If you indicated that you will be arriving by airplane, John Moriconi will coordinate airport pickups with the information you provided.

Park in the parking lot off South Belvoir Blvd (number 1 on the campus map). To view the campus map, please go to: <http://www.jcu.edu/admission/visit/forms/MapofCampus2008.pdf>

You may check-in anytime between 1 - 4 p.m. on the first floor of the D.J. Lombardo Student Center located near the South Belvoir Blvd parking lot (number 23 on the campus map). View the campus map at: <http://www.jcu.edu/admission/visit/forms/MapofCampus2008.pdf>

(For those of you who are arriving on Thursday, June 11, 2009, John Moriconi will send you information by e-mail on where to check in when you arrive.)

Jesuits will be staying in Millor Residence Hall (number 15 on the map) and Bernet Residence Hall (number 14 on the map). You will find out which dorm you are staying in when you arrive and check-in.

Wisconsin Appointments

Fr. Pat Burns has been named the Director of Planning and Implementation for the Wisconsin Province Reconfiguration. In this position, Pat will work with the current members of the Wisconsin Province staff, as well as their counterparts on the Chicago and Detroit Province staffs to help formulate and structure the move toward reconfiguration. Pat will also serve as the Wisconsin Province Liaison for Ocer/Campion-East Africa. Pat will take office on July 20, 2009.

Fr. Frank Majka will serve as the Wisconsin Provincial Assistant for Secondary Education. He will take office on August 10, 2009.



Social and International Ministries News

by Carrie Nantais

“Reconciliation belongs to God; not to us. This is the vocation of the Church... so God’s reconciling work can be made known to a broken world. Mission, as our Orthodox brothers and sisters have so helpfully reminded us, is the liturgy after the liturgy. Our action is not just political action or action for justice (although it is also all of these). It is participation in something much larger than ourselves: the work of the Triune God in bringing about the healing of the world.”

Robert Schreiter, C.P.P.S.,

“Reconciliation as a New Paradigm of Mission”

Since this is the last *Update* before the summer break, I share with you how I have tried to bring the Detroit Province into the reconciling “work of the Triune God in bringing about the healing of the world.” Stay tuned throughout the summer by checking in with my blog: www.contemplativesinaction.blogspot.com... even post a comment, if you like! Most of all, please accept my gratitude for the opportunity to work with you another year “on the frontiers.”

Reconciling with our Jesuit brothers in tragedy

On Saturday, May 23, 2009, the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption was bombed in Kathmandu, Nepal. It is the only Roman Catholic Church in the area. I sent out an e-mail to the entire province of a narrative written by their Socius, Jomon Jose Kanniattukunnel, S.J. Please continue to pray for the wounded and for the entire region experiencing political and civil upheaval. More updates will be found on the SIM blog throughout the summer.

Early in the morning on Thursday, May 28, 2009, a 7.1 earthquake struck Honduras on its Atlantic coast. Several Jesuits (Dick Perl and Jack Warner) living in the surrounding areas wrote short narratives on the damage. I’ve posted them on the SIM blog listed above.

Reconciling with our planet and society

Catholic Coalition on Climate Change

On behalf of the Province, I have taken the St. Francis Pledge to show our care for creation and the poor. As such, we promise to: (1) pray, (2) learn, (3) assess, (4) act and (5) advocate to live our faith by protecting creation on behalf of people in poverty who face the harshest impacts of global climate change. Over 70 Jesuit institutions and groups across the US did the same—as part of the Ignatian PeaceAction from Easter to Pentecost. It’s not too late for your community or work to do the same. Visit www.catholicclimatecovenant.org for more information. FYI – I hope to be offering more resources to communities in the Fall 2009 to assess our carbon footprints and ways we can become more “green” at home.

National Religious Coalition Against Torture (NRCAT)

We are members of NRCAT and are being called upon to do what we can during the month of June, “Torture Awareness Month.” NRCAT is sponsoring a major event at the White House on June 11, 2009. This will be a solemn, interfaith witness in which religious leaders call upon President Obama to create an independent, non-partisan Commission of Inquiry to investigate how the U.S. came to adopt the interrogation and detention practices that it did – practices that we now know included torture. Recognizing “Torture Awareness Month” doesn’t require large efforts to act on an important issue. Parishes can simply offer a prayer in the Prayers of the Faithful for an end to torture.... Community masses can include the same! An email to a list of friends encouraging them to sign on to this movement as well... a prayer for the healing of victims of torture... The NRCAT website (www.nrcat.org) offers a number of ideas as to what can be done.

Immigration

We are hearing more and more about the return of legislation to address immigration reform this coming fall. So, take a moment to remember 3 things that will be helpful preparation for you and for the cause:

- Comprehensive immigration reform is supported by the USCCB and an entire coalition of concerned Catholic groups through the Justice for immigrants campaign: www.justiceforimmigrants.org
- On June 8th, President Obama will be hosting an Immigration Summit with leaders of Congress—keep their deliberations in your prayer intentions.
- EVERY e-mail, phone call, conversation, letter, effort helps. Thank you for continuing to have hope that we can reflect our biblical mandate to “care for the stranger” in our legal system.

Upcoming Conferences

Ignatian Solidarity Network Leadership Conference, July 17-19, 2009

Hosted by Loyola University Chicago and is open to all Jesuits and colleagues from the Detroit, Chicago and Wisconsin provinces. The focus this year is on issues of “economic justice” and how our institutions are experiencing the vise of tighter budgets and lesser financial resources while being asked to do more. How do we respond as the Ignatian Family? What are the particular concerns of the upper-midwest states? A number of scholars and justice promoters are scheduled to present, including Dan Hartnett, S.J., Mary Jo Bane, PhD, John Neafsey, PhD and Kim Bobo of the Interfaith Worker Justice.

Please visit the following link to REGISTER NOW!

http://www.ignatiansolidarity.net/isn_view/servlet/EventItem?eventID=59

Justice in Higher Education Conference, June 18-22, 2009

This is the 3rd conference of its kind: Santa Clara University (2000) and John Carroll University (2005). The next national conference will be convened at Fairfield University, June 18-21, 2009. Fairfield University is now offering registration online. Please also see conference logistics information from the link below, and if you have any additional questions, please contact us at justiceconference@loyola.edu.

<http://www.loyola.edu/Justice/commitment/index.html>

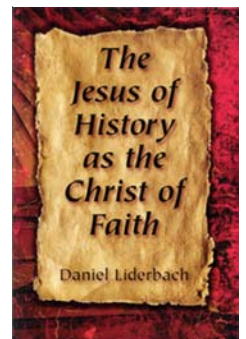
New Orleans Province “Ministry of Management Seminar”, June 15-20, 2009

Hosted by Loyola University New Orleans. This year’s cycle will focus on ‘Managing People in Organizations’. Recognizing the Provincials’ commitment in their strategic discernment to strengthen the US Assistancy’s program of formation for leadership, the seminar will be open this year to Jesuits at all stages of formation who could benefit and would bring an appropriate level of experience and maturity. The program is also open to lay partners in ministry who are (or will be) exercising leadership or management in their work. This year the program is being co-sponsored by the New Orleans Province and the Jesuit Conference. Please visit the following link for more information! <http://norprov.org/news/momseminar/2009MinistryOfManagementPacket.pdf>

Dan Liderbach’s New Book

Congratulations to Dan Liderbach whose book entitled: *The Jesus of History as the Christ of Faith* was published by Paulist Press in 2009. In the book, Dan “demonstrates openness to historical arguments about the Christ of faith, confronts the skepticism articulated by Rudolf Bultmann (and the Jesus Seminar), and offers a balanced perspective and consideration of the quest for the historical Jesus, based on the two key aspects of this important discussion: the ‘Jesus of history’ and the ‘Christ of Faith.’

You can order the book at: <http://www.paulistpress.com/bookView.cgi?isbn=978-0-8091-4542-3>

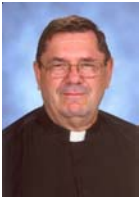


Secondary Education News

by Donald Petkash, S.J.

Twenty-five teachers who have completed their first year at a Detroit Province high school will assemble at St. John’s Center (the former archdiocesan seminary) in Plymouth, Michigan, for an *Ignatian Themes Workshop* June 15-17. Presenters at the workshop will be Greg Richard from St. John’s Jesuit, Brian Lehane from U of D Jesuit, and myself. This workshop replaces the one-day New Teachers’ Workshop held in past years at Maumee Bay State Park. The new format follows the one that the Chicago Province has used for several years, introducing participants to the main themes of the *Spiritual Exercises* while deepening their appreciation for the mission of Jesuit education and their role in it.

This marks the final column that I will write as Provincial Assistant for Secondary Education. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving in this role and working with our high schools and the excellent folks who staff them. It has been a privilege to come to know our many dedicated colleagues and the terrific contributions they make to the apostolate of secondary education in the Detroit Province. I am grateful to all for the enthusiasm, encouragement and support shown me. At the Bi-Province Days, Frs. Kesicki and Schmidt will announce who will serve in the PASE position for both the Chicago and Detroit Provinces as the reconfiguration process moves forward.



Development News

by Jim Von Tobel, S.J.

There is one month left in the fiscal year and is it a surprise to say we share in the pain of a poor economy? We expect donations to be down somewhere between 20 and 25%. It is of interest to me that our direct mail is generating close to the same amount of income as before. The major loss is in smaller gifts from our major donors. We will probably receive about 900 fewer gifts this year than last. About 8000 people contribute regularly to the support of Province works and responsibilities.

Our most successful mail appeal was to help fund two community wells, one in Rerua, India and the other in Bedoue, Haiti. We received a gift of \$30,000 for this project and we were able to match it from our other donors. It seems that a concrete project appeals to more people as worthy of a generous contribution. Also, we can follow up in our literature to help foster their continued interest.

Issues such as our Universities hosting the “Vagina Monologues,” Obama at Notre Dame, and Obama at Georgetown, generate an increase in mail or phone calls either venting or wanting their names removed from our mailing list. Some donors perceive “the Jesuits” as disobedient to the teaching of the Magisterium or as no longer Catholic. Without attempting to change their minds, I try to respond to each person, sending them some literature on our efforts to retain Jesuit and Catholic identity in our universities and high schools along with a few reflections of my own. I find that many complaints combine religious concerns with political points of view, mixing the two indiscriminately. I avoid pointing out Notre Dame is not run by the Jesuits.

The reconfiguration process re: development continues. The Chicago and Detroit Offices have determined the questions that need answering but now await the authority structure to implement them. This includes the appointment of one director for both offices and the public identification of the person to whom this director will report for purposes of implementation and on-going business. Most likely Detroit will remain as a “branch office” for the immediate future, reporting to the main office in Chicago. This will allow for a more gradual transfer of functions to one office and location. A major gifts officer will certainly remain in the major cities of our province. Such must still be hired for the Detroit area.

The current director will soon receive a new mission, guided of course by the steady hand of the Provincial and the Holy Spirit.

Murdock Grant

Mr. John Shea (DET) received a \$44,000 Murdock Grant to study larval trematode diversity in the Coeur d’Alene Lake system for two summers. The grant funds three undergraduate researchers each summer and their supplies.



Detroit Province Status

June 3, 2009

Unless otherwise noted, new missions generally begin in mid-August 2009.

Brackets [] indicate a continuing mission.

	From	To
Fr. Connell	CFN Prov: Loyola-Marymount U.	Eastern Africa Province
Fr. Dillon	Sabbatical: Colombiere	St. Mary’s Student Parish, Ann Arbor
Br. Nusbaum	Walsh – Minister	[St. Ignatius, Cleveland – Minister] Volunteer at St. Martin de Porres H.S.
Fr. Petkash	Prov. Assistant for Sec. Ed. U of D Jesuit - Superior	Walsh Jesuit

America Magazine Podcast

Dave Nantais, former member of the Detroit Province, was interviewed about Detroit for an America Magazine podcast. Listen to Dave’s thoughts about Detroit at: www.americamagazine.org/content/podcast/podcast-index.cfm?series_id=1110

Final Vows of Ray Guiao

On May 31, 2009, Fr. Ray Guiao professed final vows at St. Mary's Chapel on the campus of St. Ignatius High School, Cleveland. Many Jesuits attended the liturgy: About 17 Jesuits were concelebrants; Martin Schreiber was the deacon for the liturgy; and there were novices and other Jesuits in the pews. The 70 member choir was composed primarily of St. Ignatius alumni who worked with Ray when he was choir director at St. Ignatius. After communion, Ray directed the choir in a rendition of Ave Maria.

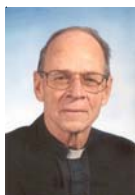


Fr. Kesicki (center) receives Ray's final vows.



Ray directing the choir.

photos by John Moriconi, S.J.



Fiscal Norms

by Norm Dickson, S.J.

A major move in the ongoing reconfiguration process has been Fr. General's naming Fr. Ted Munz, S.J., the next Treasurer of the Detroit and Chicago provinces. Ted will first assume responsibility for our Detroit Province Treasurer's office; that will happen this summer on the first day of July. Sometime later in this calendar year he will assume the same responsibility for the Chicago office. I am confident that our Detroit office will be in very good hands with Ted's leadership. As I did, he will have the full and expert support of our faithful full-time and part-time Treasurer's Office staff, Brian Nitkiewicz, Judy Kubelis, Theresa Kubelis, and Cecilia O'Keefe.

Since the beginning of the current fiscal year we have received royalty payments for published works by the following living and deceased* members of our Detroit Province:

John O'Malley, Harry Gensler, Jerry Cavanagh, John Hardon*, Jules Toner*, Richard McCormick*, Dan Liderbach, Jack Dister, Ray Guiao, Jared Wicks, Tim Meier, Louis Puhl*, Bernie Streicher and Kevin Flannery. Kudos and thanks to these print and electronic media authors of ours.

The Detroit Province has awarded \$16,000 of Leunis grants and \$6,100 of small Apostolic grants for the coming fiscal year. Leunis grants were given to Jesuit Retreat House, Campus Ministry at JCU, Manresa Jesuit Retreat House, Loyola High School, St. Ignatius High School, St. John's High School, St. Mary Student Parish, Walsh Jesuit High School, Ss. Peter and Paul Warming Center, and Gesu Church in Cleveland. Apostolic grants were given to Manresa Jesuit Retreat House, Loyola High School, Gesu Church in Detroit, St. Mary Student Parish, and UD Jesuit High School and Academy. The level of grant monies given is lower than in previous years, yet another mark of the current economic condition facing all of us.

As I take leave of this office I am grateful for the loyal daily support given to me by Brian, Judy, Theresa, and Cecilia. I am also grateful for the steady cooperation shown by our Detroit Province superiors, who oversee the budget responsibilities of our local communities. Such work isn't usually our forte, and certainly isn't a task we ordinarily relish. I appreciate their efforts to submit honest annual reports of their income and expenses, an integral piece of our province's responsibility to render a transparent account both to our Roman Curia and to our benefactors of how we have used our entrusted resources in the service of Christ's poor.

Some Information on the Merger of the Maryland, New York, and New England Provinces

The Maryland and New York Provinces will move toward a goal of uniting withing the next six years. The New England Province will move toward joining the new province as soon as possible after the merger of Maryland and New York. The existing offices of the New York Province in Manhattan will serve as the central location for the new province unless further developments indicate that the number of offices there would be inadequate. There will be regional assistants in certain major urban areas for health care, advancement, and other apostolic works and aspects of Jesuit life that require regional presence. A common formation office for all three provinces will be implemented beginning July 31, 2009. The common novitiate is already in place.



Please Pray for Those Who Have Died

Mary Ellen Agostino, the mother of Fr. Steve Agostino, May 1st. Steve is in the process of incardinating into the Youngstown diocese.

Joseph Rodriguez, teacher at UDJHS from 1962-1992, May 16.

Robert C. O'Connor, S.J. (CHG), May 23.

Zacharias Varikamakil, S.J. (DEL), May 27.

Sr. Judy Dutka, IHM, college counselor at Loyola High School, Detroit, died May 30th of brain cancer.

Albert G. Lennon, Jr., brother of the Most Reverend Richard G. Lennon, Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland, June 1.

Please Pray for

Don Patrick, former CHG Jesuit, who is dealing with Alzheimers.

Richard VandeVelde, S.J. (CHG), who is undergoing treatment for cancer.

Candidates who are discerning their call. For all **novices**.

For all men who will be ordained priests this summer.

And for our men at Colombiere

Omena Reservations

Have you made your summer vacation reservations for Omena yet? If not, make them soon! To reserve a room at Omena, please contact Agnes Hale at: 313-861-7500.

Please Note: Because of the work that will be done by the men in formation this summer and the formation villa, only Weavers will be available from July 24 - August 13, 2009.



Omena Work Crew

After the wonderful success of the Omena Work Crew last summer, another work crew is being planned for this summer. The crew will begin working on July 24, 2009, and finish on July 29, 2009. If you are in formation and interested in working on this crew, please contact Denis Weber by e-mail at <dwebernsj@yahoo.com> or by phone at 216-397-4510.

Because of the work that will be done by this crew, only Weavers will be available from July 24 - 29, 2009.

Conference Retreat at JRH in Cleveland

June 14 – June 23, 2009

A conference retreat for Jesuits of the Chicago, Detroit, and Wisconsin Provinces will be held at Jesuit Retreat House (JRH) in Cleveland, Ohio, beginning with dinner at 6:00 p.m. on June 14, 2009, and ending with breakfast on June 23, 2009. The presenters are Fr. Jim Serrick, S.J. (DET) and Fr. Pat McGrath, S.J. (CHG). Each day there will be one morning presentation, Mass in the afternoon, and an optional event each evening. The presentations will follow the basic dynamic of the Spiritual Exercises with a particular focus on our common apostolic mission in light of the documents of General Congregation 35. Contact JRH at 440-884-9300 for more information.

Returning Missionary

Paul Besanceney, S.J., is returning from the Eastern Africa Province to Colombiere on June 15, 2009.

Have a safe and relaxing Summer!



Apostleship of Prayer

June 2009

General: That international efforts to help poorer nations bring prompt, concrete results to relieve the crushing burden of foreign debt.

Mission: That local Church communities serving areas torn by violence may be supported through the love and help offered by Catholics around the world.

July 2009

General: That Christians in the Middle East may live their faith in complete freedom and become instruments of reconciliation and peace.

Mission: Through the witness of the faithful, may the Church be the seed and soil of a humanity reconciled to be God's one true family on earth.

August 2009

General: That the world may become aware of the plight of the millions of displaced persons and find solutions to their tragic conditions.

Mission: That Christians who suffer persecution and discrimination may be granted human rights, equality, and freedom to live their faith.