

# PROVINCE UPDATE

*A Newsletter for Jesuits of the Chicago and Detroit Provinces*

October, 2009



## Chicago and Detroit Provincial's Calendar

October 2009

- 1 Chicago, Companions Dinner, Union League Club
- 4 Grosse Pointe, MI: Jesuit Benefit
- 5 Washington, DC; JRS/USA Board meeting
- 6 Detroit Provincial Office
- 7 Bloomfield Hills: Manresa Jesuit Retreat House:  
Visitation
- 11-15 Washington, DC: Jesuit Conference Board meeting
- 16 Chicago Provincial Office
- 18 Cincinnati, St. Francis Xavier Church: Mass
- 18-22 Cincinnati, Xavier University: Visitation
- 22 Cincinnati, Companions Dinner, Kenwood Country  
Club
- 23 Mobile, Spring Hill College: Installation of President  
Fr. Richard P. Salmi, S.J.
- 24 CHG & DET Province Consultors meet at Chicago  
Provincial Office
- 25-30 Chicago, Loyola U: Visitation of Jesuits who are not  
in Formation

### *Spring and Fall*

Have you read Gerard Manley Hopkins' poem *Spring and Fall* recently? If you have not, you can find this poem (as well as the rest of Hopkins' poetry) online on many websites. Two of these sites are: [www.bartleby.com/122/31.html](http://www.bartleby.com/122/31.html) and [www.sparknotes.com/poetry/hopkins/section4.rhtml](http://www.sparknotes.com/poetry/hopkins/section4.rhtml)

*Margaret, are you grieving, Over Goldengrove unleaving?...*

## Chicago Province Area Days Cancelled

Because of Tim Kesicki's priority of visiting Chicago Jesuit communities and works between now and Christmas, the Chicago Province Area Days scheduled for November 7, 2009 (Cincinnati) and November 14, 2009, (Chicago) have been canceled.

## Mark Your Calendars

### Chicago-Detroit-Wisconsin Tri-Province Formation Gathering

December 29, 2009 - January 1, 2010  
Colombiere Center, Clarkston, MI

### Chicago-Detroit-Wisconsin Tri-Province Formation Retreat

June 1-9, 2010  
Siena Spirituality Center, Milwaukee, WI

### Chicago-Detroit-Wisconsin Tri-Province Days

June 10-12, 2010  
Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI

### Ordinations

June 11, 2010  
Gesu, Milwaukee

### New Superiors' Colloquium

June 26-July 3, 2010  
Santa Clara University



## Deaconate Ordinations

October 24, 2009 at 10 a.m., Jim Ackerman (CHG), Paul O'Connor (DET), and Mark Luedtke (CHG) will be ordained deacons by Bishop John S. Cummins, retired Bishop of Oakland, in St. Ignatius Church, San Francisco.

On October 10, 2009 at 10 a.m., Michael Christiana (CHG) and Richard Ross (DET) will be ordained deacons by Cardinal Seán Patrick O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap., in St. Ignatius Church in Chestnut Nut Hill on the campus of Boston College.

Please keep all of these men in your prayers.



## Society News

### Fr. General's Travels

Fr. General visited Croatia and Hungary from September 4-9, 2009, to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of these two Provinces. In Croatia he visited Zagreb where he met young Jesuits in formation (in their new building blessed by Fr. General), the Jesuits who are sick and elderly, and the Jesuit professors of our Philosophical Faculty and those of our School of Economics and Business Administration.

The visit to Hungary was centered in Budapest and Miskolc. Fr. General met the members of the Hungarian province (as well as a number of Jesuits from Slovakia, Slovenia, Rumania and Croatia) and celebrated Mass with them in the church of the Sacred Heart with a large number of the faithful participating. September 7<sup>th</sup> was devoted to a Province Assembly celebrating the anniversary of the province's foundation. The topics discussed included: the present reality of the province, its apostolic commitments, and future commitments.

Fr. General then traveled to the Irish Province from September 10-14, 2009. Most of the trip was devoted to the celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Crescent College Comprehensive* in Limerick. Fr. General also participated in an evening meeting in Dublin with the "Strategic Committee" that is carrying on negotiations with *Trinity College* of Dublin about setting up an Institute of Catholic Theology within the state university. He finished his visit to Ireland by visiting Belfast (in Northern Ireland) to meet the local Jesuit community and an invited group from the *University of Ulster*.

### Presidents of Provincials' Conference

The Meeting of the Presidents of Provincials' Conferences was held from September 21-24, 2009, at the Jesuit Curia in Rome. The aim of the gathering was threefold, as described in decree 21 n. 25 of General Congregation 34: "to heighten the Presidents' sense of the universal character of the Society; to gain a better understanding of the global priorities of the Society; to work with Fr. General in overseeing and encouraging the further development of regional and global cooperation." This year's meeting focused on: the role of the Presidents of Provincials' Conferences (theory and practice vis à vis the Provinces, the Conferences, the Assistants, Fr. General and the universal Society) and the changing face of the Church, in particular how we can consciously anticipate and form, in all regions of the Society, an international body that looks and acts differently than it did thirty years ago.

### Papal Visit to the Vatican Observatory

Pope Benedict XVI visited the new headquarters of the Vatican Observatory at Castelgandolfo on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Fr. General and the Observatory staff were there to welcome the Pope, who was accompanied by Cardinal Lajolo and other Vatican officials. His Holiness blessed the new offices and Jesuit residence which the Vatican recently renovated for the Observatory in the papal gardens of Castelgandolfo, replacing its offices which were previously located in the papal palace.

If you would like to watch video of this visit [and see two graduates of the University of Detroit High School: Br. Guy Consolmagno (MAR) and Fr. Joe Daoust (DET)], please go to: <http://www.jesuit.org/PublicationsMedia/video/1099.aspx>

### St. Aloysius' College, Glasgow

*St. Aloysius' College* in Glasgow began a year of celebrations with a Mass in honor of its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The main celebrant was Right Reverend Peter Moran, Bishop of Aberdeen and former pupil of *St. Aloysius' College*. He was joined by the British Jesuit Provincial, Fr. Michael Holman. Many past and present students and parents attended the liturgy, during which the college choir gave the first performance of *Serenity*, the anthem written especially for the anniversary by the world renowned composer James MacMillan. In his homily Bishop Moran spoke about the history of the college and mentioned its motto "I am born for greater things," remarking that a Jesuit education focuses on the whole human person and instills values for life, developing talents to be used for the common good. A challenge for education still remains: to form men and women of faith, "especially nowadays that the present pupils have to face challenges and risks we never had to face." In his address to the congregation Fr. Holman thanked Bishop Moran and underlined the particular attention given by the college to the formation of men and women of faith who are men and women for others. During the year a prayer book for use in school and by families and individuals will be published. It will consist of a selection of scripture readings, prayers, reflections and poetry/prose passages.

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## Homage to James Donnelly, S.J.

“He has been my teacher and my icon,” said Ranjeet Baral, one of the first students to speak about Fr. James Donnelly. Fr. Donnelly recently died in Nepal at age 80. Forty of those years were spent at the foot of Himalayan mountains. Another student added: “Now that he has left us, I hope to be able to transmit to my children what I have learned from him.” The funeral was held at the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption in Kathmandu on August 17<sup>th</sup>; the church was filled with alumni, friends and brother Jesuits. Fr. Augustine Thomas, himself a Jesuit and a teacher, said: “I have lost a great friend who made Nepal his home and took the Nepalese people as his folk. He contributed greatly to education in the country, and his students will always remember him as an astounding teacher and a devoted friend.” According to *AsiaNews*, Fr. Donnelly is remembered by his students with gratitude and devotion. He was born in Cincinnati in 1929 and went to Nepal as a young priest shortly after ordination. In addition to teaching English to young Nepalese students in the Jesuit run schools in Godavari and Jawalakhel, he also contributed to the country’s 1970 *National Education System Plan*.

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## The Example of Fr. Alberto Hurtado

The Archbishop of Santiago, Chile, Cardinal Francisco Javier Errázuriz, told the priests of his diocese at the end of August: “God calls us to be the first on the path to holiness,” an attitude that was ‘essential’ to Fr. Alberto Hurtado, the 20<sup>th</sup> century Chilean Jesuit who was canonized by Pope John Paul II. The occasion was the Eucharistic Adoration before the tomb of the saint, organized for the “Year for Priest.” The cardinal invited priests to seek “a deep encounter with Jesus Christ, who is the source of our vocation, of the mystery of the love of God for us. May the people notice that the one who is preaching, is a disciple of Christ.”

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## Multimedia on the Jesuit Conference Website

The Jesuit Conference is posting multimedia (i.e. audio and video) content on its website: [www.jesuit.org](http://www.jesuit.org). A few of the videos you can watch are: Tom Lucas (CFN), discussing the lessons learned while working on the Shanghai Cathedral renovation; the papal visit to the Vatican Observatory; Michael Schultheis (ORE), vice chancellor of The Catholic University of The Sudan, discussing the progress of the school since its opening a year ago; and the winners of the video competition *Migration, My Home, My Story*. Watch these videos at: <http://www.jesuit.org/PublicationsMedia/video/default.aspx>

Some of the audio segments you can listen to are: Robert Geisinger (CHG), talking about his journey of becoming a Jesuit and his work in the Jesuit Curia in Rome; Matt Farley (CFN) talking with Robert Harrison of Stanford University Radio about the Jesuit order on the show "Entitled Opinions"; and Joseph Spieler (CFN) and John Moriconi (DET) reflecting upon lessons learned through the lives of past Jesuits. Listen to these at: <http://www.jesuit.org/PublicationsMedia/audio/default.aspx>

## New Jesuit Social Ministry Database Goes Live

“To respond today to the pressing needs of our complex and fragile world, many hands are surely needed. Collaboration in mission is the way we respond to this situation...”  
(GC 35 D6 n30).

With many hands in many locations across the United States, how does one go about finding any of them? Iggy now makes the task of connecting with colleagues easier – just visit <http://iggy.jesuit.org>. Sponsored by the Jesuit Commission on Social and International Ministries, Iggy provides a comprehensive on-line listing of Jesuit and Ignatian inspired social ministries in the United States.

An interactive map offers access to direct service ministries, university social research institutes, social outreach staff at Jesuit parishes, schools, provinces and many more resources. The centralized information encourages greater collaboration across the Ignatian family as you can now search for people working on social justice issues, search ministries by topic or search for institutions in a particular geographic area. Visit <http://iggy.jesuit.org> today.



## Social and International Ministries News

by Carrie Nantais

Recently, I returned from 5 days on two Native American reservations in southwestern South Dakota on which Jesuit missions operate – Pine Ridge Reservation and Rosebud Reservation. As we look to the future affiliation of the Chicago and Detroit provinces with the Wisconsin province, I was particularly heartened to witness the great work going on in various ministries (pastoral, social, schools, counseling, spiritual center) in these remote areas. I received a warm welcome and strong encouragement to ‘return’ to these lands and the proud people of our First Nations who live there. If you are interested in more information on how to get involved, either during your formation or for a future ministry, please contact me at <SIM@jesuits-chgdet.org>!

### If you do one thing this month, consider...

Joining the Jesuit Advocates list serve and action alert at <http://capwiz.com/jesuit/home>

This is the official Action Alert for the US Jesuit Assistancy on advocacy opportunities related to its focus areas: immigration, poverty, war & violence and Africa. **PLEASE** consider signing up so that you may share your concerns with those in power. **EMAILS** and responses to ‘alerts’ **DO matter**... don’t let this opportunity pass you by! No need to worry about getting too many – Jesuit Advocates are very selective with the materials that it sends out and will not flood your inbox.

### Jesuits and a Voice for Healthcare Reform

What do our Church leaders say about this important social issue consuming the national debate?

“In our Catholic tradition, health care is a basic human right. Access to health care should not depend on where a person works, how much a family earns, or where a person lives. Instead, every person, created in the image and likeness of God, has a right to life and to those things necessary to sustain life, including affordable, quality health care. This teaching is rooted in the biblical call to heal the sick and to serve ‘the least of these,’ our concern for human life and dignity, and the principle of the common good.” ([www.usccb.org/healthcare/position.shtml](http://www.usccb.org/healthcare/position.shtml))

Working with People Improving Communities through Organizing (PICO), the Jesuit Commission for Social and International Ministries (JCSIM) has been discussing whether there is a place for our collective voices in this important debate. Unequivocally, the answer is “YES!” and we encourage you to engage this issue, **especially on behalf of low-income families**. They are the ones most impacted by this legislation and the ones least likely to have a voice at the table. Let’s stand with low-income families by advocating “coverage for all” with two basic points: **(1) affordability** – how much one pays in premiums and **(2) fiscal sustainability**.

If you want to make a positive change for the many men and women with whom we work, take a stand FOR healthcare reform for ALL! I’ll continue to keep you posted on possible advocacy actions in the coming weeks.

### Inner-City Poor and Spiritual Care Programs

You may be aware of the many Jesuit retreat houses throughout the US where you’ve gotten away for a weekend, or undertaken a 5-day or 8-day silent retreat. I hope it excites you to know that a recent national meeting of Retreat Directors focused on several innovative programs by which Jesuit ministries are responding to the spiritual needs of the inner-city poor. Two programs were highlighted at this past meeting, the Ignatian Spirituality Project ([www.ignatianspiritualityproject.org](http://www.ignatianspiritualityproject.org)) and the Casa Romero Renewal Center ([www.casaromero.org](http://www.casaromero.org)). In different ways, these two centers were able to share with other retreat houses from across the US how they, too, might engage this mission. St. Ignatius desired the Spiritual Exercises to be distributed widely, and the inner-city poor no exception. Let us learn more about these ministries and how we might support them, financially, prayerfully or through our labor.



## Development News

by Tim Freeman

Rachel Brennan, former Detroit Province Development Director, returns to province development in a new role as Director of Major Gifts for the Detroit region. Rachel will begin her part-time work in January.

Province development is most effective in sharing the mission of the Society of Jesus and news of Jesuits and Jesuit ministries when Jesuits are involved in the process. Jesuits and Jesuit ministries have been an integral part of province development activities in the past month. Many thanks to:

- The 29 Jesuits who will be present at the October 1<sup>st</sup> Chicago Companions dinner.
- Over 30 Jesuits who will participate in the October 4<sup>th</sup> Jesuit Benefit in Grosse Pointe Shores, MI.
- Terry Charlton, S.J. (AOR formerly CHG) for his recent important connections and cultivation with donors

## Prayer and the Electronic World

The Fall 2009 edition of the National Religious Retirement Office's *Engaging Aging* focuses on the use of technology and elder religious. In this edition, John Staudenmaier (WIS working in DET) writes about the relationship of prayer and the electronic world. To read John's article, please go to: [www.usccb.org/nrro/fall2009.pdf](http://www.usccb.org/nrro/fall2009.pdf)

If you would like to read past issues of *Engaging Aging*, please go to: [www.usccb.org/nrro/engagingaging.shtml](http://www.usccb.org/nrro/engagingaging.shtml)



## Vocation News

by Pat Fairbanks, S.J.

### Candidates Discernment Retreat

The Vocations Team is planning a silent, individually-directed **Discernment Retreat**, which will be held at Loyola House novitiate in Berkley, MI, from Monday, January 4, 2010 to Sunday, January 10, 2010. If you know of a man who would benefit from this time away for reflection and some input about Jesuit life, please pass his name to Fr. Pat Fairbanks at <[vocations@jesuits-chgdet.org](mailto:vocations@jesuits-chgdet.org)>. Space is very limited. There will be no cost for the retreat except transportation.

### Candidate Meetings

Some communities in the Chicago area are already planning for events to host local candidates. Some of them include:

- Saturday evening October 31, 2009 – 5pm to 9pm at Arrupe House, Loyola University Chicago
- Saturday morning December 12, 2009 – 10am to 1pm at Jesuit House, Hyde Park, Chicago
- Thursday February 25, 2010 – an evening to “Meet the Novices”

The dates for upcoming “Come and See” weekends are:

- October 30-November 1, 2009 Loyola University, Chicago
- February 19 – 21, 2010 Cincinnati, OH

### National Jesuit Vocation Promotion Day

**National Jesuit Vocation Promotion Day** is Thursday November 5, 2009, the feast of All Saints and Blessed of the Society of Jesus. The Vocations Team encourages all communities and apostolates to prepare a recognition or celebration of this day with some events, prayer services, fairs, displays, intentions, parties, announcements, fliers, web sites, or excursions! We encourage creativity in your promotion. For help with these types of activities, please contact Fr. Glen Chun, the Vocation promoter for Chicago and Detroit provinces at <[VocCin@jesuits-chgdet.org](mailto:VocCin@jesuits-chgdet.org)>.

# The Chicago and Detroit Province Consultors

Have you ever wondered why the Provincial has consultors? Do you wonder what they talk about?

## *Why they are needed*

The provincial superiors ... ought to have their aids, more or fewer in number according to the necessity and importance of the affairs entrusted to them. In particular they should have persons designated to give counsel, with whom they should consult on the matters of importance which arise. But after these consultors have been heard, the decision should remain with the superiors. Const. [810]

In order that they may more easily discover the will of God, all superiors should have their own consultors and should often hear their opinions, ordinarily when all are gathered for a common consultation. They should also use the service of experts in reaching decisions on complex matters. CN 355.1

In the Society the consent or advice of Consultors is never required in order to act validly, apart from those particular cases specified in the law; but Superiors should not act against the unanimous advice of their Consultors without the approval of their major Superior. CPISJ 273.2

## *By whom they are appointed*

... Consultors and admonitors to other [than the superior general] are appointed by the immediate higher superior of the one whose consultors and admonitors they are. CN 356.1; cf. CPISJ 272 (*i.e. Fr. General appoints the consultors for a provincial*)

To Provincials four [consultors] are assigned by the General, unless in a special case the General wishes to assign more than four. CPISJ 273.1

Now that you know what the consultors role is, do you know who the consultors for the Provincial of the Chicago and Detroit Provinces are?

### *Chicago Province Consultors*

David Godleski  
Richard Millbourn (until December 31, 2009)  
Sean O'Sullivan  
Kenneth Overberg  
Walter Deye (after January 1, 2010)

Warren Sazama (WIS) Consultant

### *Detroit Province Consultors*

Joseph Mueller  
James Riley (until December 31, 2009)  
Martin Schreiber  
Gary Wright  
Walter Deye (after January 1, 2010)

You may ask yourself: "How often do the consultors meet with Tim Kesicki?" They usually meet with Tim every six weeks. Since Tim has become the Provincial of the Chicago and Detroit Provinces, he meets jointly with the consultors of the Chicago and Detroit Provinces. At the beginning and end of each joint session, the Detroit consultors and Chicago consultors meet separately to handle business specific to each province. The joint meetings (except for the February meeting which will convene at the Detroit provincial office) are held at the Chicago provincial office. The dates for the meetings this year are:

October 24, 2009

February 26-27, 2010

December 4-5, 2009

April 23-24, 2010

January 15-16, 2010

June 9-10, 2010



## Vocation Promotion

by Glen Chun, S.J.

## Vocation promotion and vocation prayer cards

We have begun an ongoing process of evaluating various processes for vocation promotion in the Detroit and Chicago Provinces. One of these is the distribution of prayers for vocations. In the recent past, the members of the Chicago and the Detroit provinces have received these prayers in different forms: Chicago Jesuits have received a printed card monthly by mail; Detroit disseminated them with the monthly *Province Update*.

The intent of these monthly vocation prayers was to encourage and invite you to pray for vocations regularly. Yet, rather than just the monthly changeover of these prayers, we believe that most of us are reminded to pray for vocations by the placement of the prayers in places in which we will regularly encounter them: breviaries, prayer books, bulletin boards, on our nightstand, taped to our computer screen, etc.

Beginning this month, for both provinces, we will utilize a common process of disseminating and distributing prayers for vocations.

- Each month, there will be a freshly written vocation prayer — disseminated within the Chicago and Detroit *Province Update*. Feel free to cut it out and place it in your breviaries if you like.
- November 5<sup>th</sup> is designated National Vocation Promotion Day — each Jesuit will receive a printed copy of a vocation prayer card created by the Jesuit Conference.
- Periodically, once or twice during the year, Chicago and Detroit Province Jesuits (and those residing within) will receive a new (printed) vocation prayer card.

The bottom line: we encourage you to place prayer cards for vocations where they will be used — wherever you will encounter them daily as an invitation to pray for vocations.

If you have any questions or comments, or if you would like to submit drafts of prayers for vocations, please feel free to contact me at [VocCin@Jesuits-ChgDet.org](mailto:VocCin@Jesuits-ChgDet.org)

Gratefully, Glen Chun, S.J., Chicago and Detroit Provinces Vocation Promoter.

## The Healthcare Debate and Catholic Social Teaching Information

Are you looking for information on the Healthcare Debate and Catholic Social Teaching? The USA Jesuit Conference has created a webpage that contains links to articles and websites that will help inform you about the questions involved in this issue. Visit the site at: [www.jesuit.org/newsannouncements/news/1105.aspx](http://www.jesuit.org/newsannouncements/news/1105.aspx)

## Phishing Scams

If you receive an e-mail stating that a Jesuit (or anyone else you know) is stranded in England, Africa, etc., and would like you to send/wire money to them, it is a phishing scam. Not-so-nice people are taking over people's e-mails accounts and sending out e-mails asking for money. If a Jesuit is in need of money, he will contact his superior or someone at the provincial office...NOT you.

Don Petkash and Denis Weber recently had their e-mail accounts "hacked." Everyone in Don's and Denis' address books received a message asking for money. Both Don and Denis had to get new e-mail addresses. Their new e-mail addresses are:

Don Petkash:  
[donpetk@yahoo.com](mailto:donpetk@yahoo.com)

Denis Weber:  
[denis.weber508@gmail.com](mailto:denis.weber508@gmail.com)



## Please Pray for Those Who Have Died

**Karl Stockhausen**, Gerry Stockhausen's (WIS) cousin's son and graduate of UDJHS, September 13.

**Dorothy Loveley Sweeney**, a longtime friend of the Detroit Province, September 13.

**Kevin Le**, student at St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati, September 17.

**Daniel Murphy**, son of Paul Murphy (former Jesuit of the New England Province from 1979-1988; currently director of the Institute of Catholic Studies at John Carroll University in Cleveland) and student at St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland, September 19.

**Jim Fleck**, former Detroit Province Jesuit (1956-1981), September 20.

**Catherine "Katie" Howe**, the sister of Joe Shubitowski (DET), September 26.

## Please Pray for

**Meerle Carter**, sister of the late Edward J. Carter, S.J. (CHG), who recently suffered a stroke.

**Don Patrick**, former CHG Jesuit (1959-1968), who is dealing with Alzheimers.

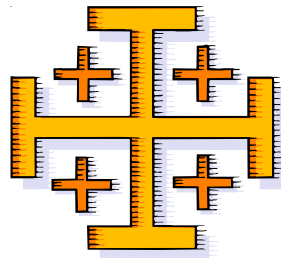
**Eduardo Pinzon, S.J. (CHG)**, who is recovering from congestive heart failure and a pulmonary embolism.

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

For all men who will be ordained deacons this month.

Our Jesuit brothers suffering illness.

And for our men at Colombiere



## Apostleship of Prayer

October 2009

**General:** That Sundays may be lived as the day on which Christians gather to celebrate the Risen Lord in the table of the Eucharist.

**Mission:** That all the people of God, whom Christ has commanded to go and preach the Gospel to every creature, may diligently fulfill their missionary responsibility.



## North America Martyrs

The stained glass window above is titled "St. Isaac Jogues at Peace Conference with Iroquois Indians" and is in the North American Martyrs Chapel (i.e. the student chapel) at the University of Detroit Jesuit High School & Academy. There are 20 windows depicting various scenes from the ministry and martyrdom of Sts. Jean de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, and the other North American martyrs.

## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

October 2009

Loving God, you call us to serve all people – the great and powerful, the simple and poor, and everyone else. We are grateful for the gift of your saints to guide us in this call: St. Francis Borgia, 3<sup>rd</sup> Superior General of the Society of Jesus; St. Alphonsus Rodriguez, faithful and beloved porter of Majorca; and Sts. Jean de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues and the North American martyrs.



Through the witness and example of their lives, they manifested the great love for You, by which they were dedicated to the end of their lives, to helping souls find God in all things, all ways and all times.



Give us courage and generosity in serving you, so that the faith-filled witness and example of our lives may attract more men to labor with us in the Society of Jesus. Amen.