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Fall 2018



Jesuits West Deacons (1st row, left) Deacon Travis Russell, SJ and (1st row, 2nd from right) Deacon Stephanus Hendrianto, SJ.

DIACONATE ORDINATIONS BOSTON AND OAKLAND

In a festive ceremony for families, benefactors and friends, 11 Jesuits were ordained to the Transitional Diaconate by The Most Reverend Seán P. Cardinal Malley, OFM, Cap., Archbishop of Boston, on September 15 at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts. Two Deacons from Jesuits West were in the group: Deacon Stephanus Hendrianto, SJ, and Deacon Travis Russell, SJ, who are completing their third year of Theology Studies at the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry. They will be ordained to the Priesthood on June 9, 2019, in Portland, Oregon.

Deacon Russell commented on his ordination, "The overwhelming feeling I have is one of gratitude, especially for all those who had a hand in getting me here—and by this, I mean what is aptly called 'the people of God.' I am humbled

by the privilege to serve and hope to do it with the integrity it deserves. Thank you all!" Deacon Hendrianto reflected, "I hope that the diaconate will help me with a gradual insertion into the pastoral activity and structures of the Church. Apart from service, I want also to fill my diaconate year with interior silence, unceasing prayer, and continuing study." Deacons can baptize, officiate at weddings, proclaim the gospel and preach, and conduct graveside services.

The Very Reverend Michael Barber, SJ, Bishop of Oakland, ordained Andrew Laguna, SJ, and Francis Nguyen, SJ, of Jesuits West on October 20 at Christ the Light Cathedral, Oakland. Andrew and Francis are completing their third year of Theology Studies at the Berkeley campus of the Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University.

Francis Nguyen, SJ, anticipating his pastoral internship, said, "This coming year, I will serve as a deacon at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Community in San Jose. I am looking forward to sharing my life with them compassionately and authentically through services and sacraments as a diverse family of faith." In a similar vein, Andrew Laguna, SJ, remarks, "As I approach ordination, I am consoled by Christ's invitation to offer my whole self in service to the People of God. My heart is filled with deep gratitude for those who have loved and

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– Diaconate Ordination Rite

supported me the past ten years as a Jesuit. I am especially thankful for all the benefactors who have made my formation possible."

Deacon Robert Van Alstyne, SJ, in his final year of studies at The Regis College of Jesuit School of Theology at the University of Toronto, Canada, writes, "Serving as a Deacon at our local Newman Center has allowed me opportunities to meet many of the university students who are eager to grow in their Christian faith. I am tremendously grateful for all our

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PROVINCIAL'S LETTER

A MESSAGE OF RECONCILIATION AND HOPE



Dear Friends,

Since the release of the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report in August, which detailed horrific cases of sexual abuse of minors by priests, the Church has been reeling. While the vast majority of these offenses occurred in the past, the People of God rightly demand and deserve transparency on the part of Church leadership. Such transparency is important to support victims in their healing and to rebuild trust in the Church.

In this spirit of transparency, the Jesuits West Province will release the names of those Jesuits with credible allegations of sexual abuse of minors next month. In addition, we will engage an external review of files to ensure that our list is complete and that we appropriately handled previous cases of abuse. If the review identifies additional names of Jesuits with credible allegations of abuse, we will release those names as well.

On behalf of the Society of Jesus, I apologize to victims and their families. There is no greater betrayal of pastoral care than the abuse of a minor by someone with a sacred duty to protect and care for the People of God. While the Church in the U.S. has experienced significant reform in this area, we are now called to deepen that reform by becoming more transparent.

Since 2002, Jesuits have enforced stringent policies to ensure the safety of minors. Jesuits undergo ongoing professional development to help create safe environments for everyone. I encourage anyone who has felt victimized by a Jesuit to contact both Mary Pat Panighetti, Advocacy Coordinator for Jesuits West, at 408-893-8398 or mpanighetti@jesuits.org, and appropriate law enforcement and child-protective agencies.

Transformation and reconciliation are never easy, and no one recognized that more than Oscar Romero. An outspoken defender of the rights of the poor and oppressed in El Salvador, Archbishop Romero was gunned down by a right-wing death squad while celebrating Mass on March 24, 1980. Thirty-eight years after he was martyred, Pope Francis canonized Romero last month while wearing the martyr's blood-stained rope belt.

One of my most cherished possessions is a large framed image of Oscar Romero that hangs in my office. I have been blessed to pray at the chapel where he was murdered and at his tomb. Since the first days of my vocation, Oscar Romero has been a hero of mine.

Just a month before his assassination, Oscar Romero said in a homily, "At a time of so much confusion and anguish, I want to be a messenger of hope. In the midst of tragedy...there is hope."

During these challenging days, I am consoled by that message.

Saint Oscar Romero, pray for us.

Gratefully yours,

Fr. Scott Santarosa, SJ
Provincial

NEWS FROM THE PROVINCE

DELEGATE FOR FORMATION APPOINTMENT



Fr. Tony Sholander, SJ, who previously served as Jesuits West Provincial Assistant for Formation, has now expanded responsibilities as

Delegate for Formation. Fr. General Arturo Sosa, SJ, has granted Fr. Scott Santarosa, SJ, Jesuits West Provincial, permission to add this increased responsibility to Fr. Sholander's office. Fr. Sholander will now receive the annual account of conscience of Jesuits in formation in addition to directing the *cura personalis* [overseeing of total personal care] of all Jesuits in formation, which includes those moving toward priesthood as well as those who are brothers.

Fr. Santarosa, SJ, as Provincial, remains ultimately responsible for the admission of novices to First Vows, those starting regency, the promotion of Jesuits to theology, the granting of permission for ordination and the invitation to Final Vows. Fr. Santarosa, SJ, will still receive the account of conscience of Jesuits at certain critical junctures along their formation journey. Currently, there are over 90 Jesuits West men in different stages of Formation from 1st Studies, Regency, Theology, Ordination, Advanced Studies to Final Vows.

JESUIT VOLUNTEER CORPS ANNOUNCES TOM CHABOLLA AS NEW PRESIDENT



Jesuit Volunteer Corps recently announced the appointment of Tom Chabolla as the new President of the Jesuit Volunteer

Corps. Tom brings more than 30 years of experience leading large organizations committed to social change.

Tom is a proud alumnus of Loyola Marymount University, where he went on to serve as Campus Ministry-Chaplain in the late eighties. He received his Master of Arts in Theology from the Franciscan School of Theology, a member of the Graduate Theological Union.

While working at Loyola Marymount University, he and his wife served as support people for a local JVC community in Southern California, meeting with the brave young believers in life-changing service and teaching them about the core Jesuit values that underpin their work.

Tom also brings extensive experience serving with the Catholic Church. He worked at the Archdiocese of Los Angeles from 1988-2002 as Director of the Office of Justice and Peace, among other roles. He later worked at the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, where he gained experience resourcing communities organizing for social change.

Most recently, Tom worked as COO and Executive Vice President at NeighborWorks America, overseeing

four divisions and more than 200 staff. Prior to his time with NeighborWorks, he worked as Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff at SEIU, where he gained a deep knowledge of civil society institutions and unions.

Tom, who is Mexican-American, brings concrete experience in promoting diversity and inclusion, having led an organization-wide effort to creatively confront the realities of racism and prejudice within our society and its organizations.

To fill this role, the JVC search committee reached out to more than 200 applicants – after an exhaustive process, Tom was found to be the best candidate because of his extensive experience leading complex organizations and the knowledge he has gained working with decentralized programs all over the United States. This, combined with his history with JVC and his proven commitment to the Ignatian tradition, made him the ideal person to fill the role.

Tom is the embodiment of the JVC mission: to engage passionate young people to promote social justice by providing vital services to communities in need and fostering the growth of leaders committed to faith in action through a framework of Catholic, Ignatian values.

We hope you will join us in welcoming Tom to JVC. He is looking forward to listening and learning about our important partners who make JVC the extraordinary community that it is. We are lucky to have him on board.

ANNOUNCING UWE NEW COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR



Our new Director of Communications for the Jesuits West Province comes from our own Jesuit family. Tracey Primrose, who served for the

last six and ½ years as the Secretary for Communications for the Jesuit Conference, is joining our team at Jesuits West.

During her tenure at the Conference, Tracey and her team produced a tremendous amount of outstanding content for Jesuits.org and for all our province websites and publications. While she worked for the Jesuit Conference, Tracey served the entire Assistancy, including lending her talents recently to the communications team supporting the General's visit to Canada and her work several years ago for GC 36.

Tracey helped spearhead the effort to bring individual province and vocation websites into one common content management system, an effort that is currently underway again as the communications directors reimagine our websites. I know they will be happy to have Tracey's help on this important project.

A proud mother of four Jesuit-educated sons (Georgetown Prep, Gonzaga College High School and Boston College), Tracey first met the Jesuits as a student at Georgetown.

**ORDINATION IN SACRAMENTO
NOVEMBER 24**

Deacon Alex Llanera, SJ, will be ordained to the priesthood at St. Ignatius Loyola Church by the Very Reverend Jaime Soto, Bishop of Sacramento, Saturday, November 24 at a 1:00 p.m. Mass. Jesuits West Provincial, Fr. Scott Santarosa, SJ, has granted permission for an earlier ordination date for Alex because of special family circumstances.

In December 2017, Alex's mother, Jesa Llanera was diagnosed with stage four kidney cancer. She is currently undergoing observation and treatment. Her doctors expressed that this diagnosis is treatable but not curable. To ensure that Alex's mother would be able to fully participate in Alex's ordination, this special date has been arranged for the family.

During this past summer, Deacon Llanera served at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church in Sacramento. He joyfully writes, "I am very grateful and excited for the opportunity to celebrate my priestly ordination at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish—a place where the people taught me a great deal about ministry and service. My vocation began at Jesuit High School Sacramento and the opportunity to return to my hometown for this joyful occasion is simply wonderful. Above all, the blessing for my family to be present and to share in this moment is by far a great gift of consolation and grace. For me, the priesthood is an expression of love, which



Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, SJ, Jessica Llanera, Deacon Alex Llanera, SJ, Fr. General Arturo Sosa, SJ, Jesa Llanera, Alex Llanera.

God has given in abundance throughout my life. In return, I am humbled and open to answer the call of Christ, and to participate in the great work of so many faithful Jesuits on behalf of the Church. It is their work and prayers and the support of so many good and holy benefactors that inspires me to preach the Gospel of reconciliation and hope."

Fr. Michael Moynahan, SJ, Pastor of St. Ignatius Loyola, who watched Deacon Alex grow in pastoral ministry during his internship, commented, "This past summer, St. Ignatius Parish was blessed by the ministry of Deacon Alex Llanera, SJ. We experienced first-hand the wonderful pastoral presence and gifts with which God has blessed him. He

shared those generously with us through his preaching, baptisms, bringing Holy Communion to the sick, hospital visits, and his engaging pastoral presence. We are extremely honored that Alex will be ordained at St. Ignatius Loyola Church the Saturday after Thanksgiving. We are excited about his priestly ministry and the ways he will continue to embody God's presence and love through it."

Friends and benefactors of Jesuits West are invited to the 1:00 pm priestly ordination Mass of Alex Llanera, SJ, on November 24. St. Ignatius Loyola Church is located at 3235 Arden Way, Sacramento, 95835.

**U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT RANKS
3 JESUITS WEST UNIVERSITIES:
SANTA CLARA #1, LMU #3, GONZAGA #4**

Santa Clara University was named the top-ranked regional university in the western United States in the 2019 *U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges* rankings. SCU earned a perfect overall score of 100 out of 100. Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles is ranked #3 with a score of 92. Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington, ranked #4 with a score of 89.

U.S. News "2019 Best Colleges" rankings analyzes 646 "regional" universities. Regional universities

are defined as offering a full range of undergraduate programs and master's degrees, but few doctoral programs. The western region covers 140 master's level universities from Colorado to the West Coast, including those in Texas.

The graduation rate of SCU students who entered in 2011 was 90%. LMU was 80% and GU was 84%. The percentage of classes at SCU with fewer than 20 students jumped to 47%. LMU came in at 52.9%, with GU at 33%. In the category of undergraduate teaching, SCU

ranked #6, LMU tied at #8, and Gonzaga University ranked #1.

Santa Clara University President Michael E. Engh, SJ, commented, "Our students, faculty, and staff are highly dedicated individuals, all with a shared tenacity for thriving. As we celebrate this accolade, we remain diligent in graduating citizens of the world—those intent on measuring their own success by their ability to help others succeed."

LOYOLA INSTITUTE NAMES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

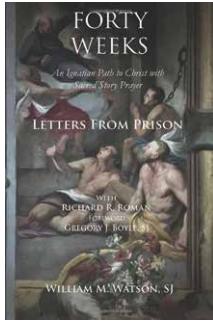


On behalf of the Board of Directors of Loyola Institute for Spirituality, we are pleased to announce that Mrs. Lori Stanley has been selected as the new Executive Director of the Institute.

She officially began her new role as Executive Director on September 17, 2018. The selection was made after an extensive national and local search and selection process.

Lori comes from Servite High School, where she worked in the advancement office. She joins LIS with many years of experience in pastoral ministry, organizational leadership, marketing, and development.

SACRED STORY INSTITUTE SERVING THE INCARCERATED



Forty Weeks: Letters from Prison

Fr. Bill Watson, SJ, Founder and President of Sacred Story Institute, has released *Forty Weeks: Letters from Prison*, in English and Spanish, available in paperback (Sacred Story Press, 2018).

This Ignatian resource incorporates themes from the Spiritual Exercises and the Examen especially adapted for the incarcerated, their families and those who offer them pastoral guidance.

Ritchie Roman was starting his nineteenth-year of a twenty-five-year sentence for armed bank robbery

when he contacted Fr. Watson. They corresponded for over a month before Fr. Watson suggested that Ritchie go through the Sacred Story Forty Weeks program by responding to weekly questions of the Ignatian formation course. This rich, transforming correspondence is the core of the book.

Fr. Watson is convinced that *Letters from Prison* empowers the incarcerated be reconciled with Christ as their center point allowing Jesus to validate their Sacred Story of conversion and renewal.

The Sacred Story Institute is dedicated to revitalizing the classic 15-minute Ignatian Examination of Conscience. Sacred Story's mission is to help adults, teens and youth encounter Christ, who healing us in body, mind and spirit, transforms our lives into a Sacred Story. For more information, visit: www.sacredstory.net

JESUITS CHAPLAINS AT SANTA CLARA VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER



Fr. Kevin Ballard, SJ, and Fr. Tom Splain, SJ, residents of Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in Los Gatos, serve as volunteer chaplains at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center.

They assist the multi-faith chaplains by reaching out to Catholic patients, bringing Holy Communion, praying with them and their visitors, and celebrating the Sacrament of the Sick.

They carry on a long tradition of Jesuit Hospital Chaplains at SCVMC since 1876 and as full time chaplains since 1955. As a tribute to Fr. William Stout, SJ, and the Jesuits who have ministered at SCVMC, a multipurpose room for religious services have been dedicated in their memory.

Today, Fr. Ballard and Fr. Splain continue this important Jesuit ministry of visiting and anointing the sick.



In memory of Fr. William J. Stout, S.J.

Fr. William Stout, S.J. Chaplain at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center and the San Jose Fire Department, passed away on March 18, 2018 at the age of 85. Santa Clara Valley Medical Center honors his memory and recognizes the Jesuits of the Western Province for their long time service and continued commitment to the poorest and most vulnerable among us.

Jesuit priests at St. Clare's provided pastoral care to patients from the time of the founding of Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in 1876. When St. Martin of Tours Church was built in 1912, pastoral responsibility for the hospital was shared between the jesuits of St. Clare's and diocesan priests at St. Martin of Tours. On July 15, 1955, Fr. Francis Franchi, S.J. was appointed full-time chaplain at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center and Jesuit priests have been assigned here ever since.

Jesuits Chaplains at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center

- Francis J. Franchi, 1955 - 1965
- James E. Tupy, 1965 - 1975
- William F. Lester, 1965 - 1975
- Carrol J. Keating, 1975 - 1977
- Alfred G. Playoust, 1977 - 1996

- Lenox C. Day, 1987 - 1999
- George E. Krivanek, 1999 - 2000
- Leo P. Prengaaman, 1999 - 2005
- Eugene J. Corbett, 1990 - 2014
- William J. Stout, 2004 - 2018

DIACONATE ORDINATION continued

benefactors who have made the last decade of formation possible and for the way this has prepared me to engage these students and accompany them as they seek to discover and respond to the Lord's call in their lives."

During the Diaconate Ordination Mass, the ordaining bishop prays over each deacon, "Receive the Gospel of Christ whose herald you now are. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, practice what you teach."

What are the next steps for the newly ordained deacons? Prior to



Archbishop O'Malley of Boston commissions Travis Russell, SJ, to preach the Word of God.

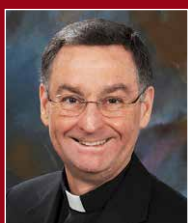
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Andrew Laguna, SJ

their ordination as priests, they assist in parishes and Neuman Centers honing their preaching skills so that their homilies will be compelling and grounded. Their preaching style is refined in the liturgical school of ministering at weekday Masses and Sunday parish

settings. For a homily to be effective, it must explicate and appropriate. First, explain the scriptures. What does the Word mean? Second, how do we live the Word today? As the Diaconate Ordination Rite emphasizes: "Teach what you believe, practice what you preach."

SUPPORT JESUITS WEST THROUGH PLANNED GIVING



For information about designating Jesuits West in your estate plan or utilizing potential

tax-savings instruments such as Charitable Gift Annuities, Charitable Remainder Trusts or other devices, please contact Director of Legacy Planning Father Samuel Bellino, SJ, at (408) 884-1639 or sbellino@jesuits.org.

SAVE THE DATES

UPCOMING JESUITS WEST EVENTS

November 24, 2018

Alex Llanera, SJ Ordination
Sacramento, CA

December 16, 2018

Advent Mass
Los Gatos, CA

March 10, 2019

Lenten Day of Reflection
Scottsdale, AZ

April 23 – May 2, 2019

April in Paris Pilgrimage

May 12, 2019

Mother's Day Carnation Mass
Spokane, WA

June 9, 2019

Jesuit Ordinations
Portland, OR

August 10, 2019

First Vows
Los Angeles, CA

September 3-6, 2019

Annual Leadership Meeting
Santa Clara, CA

SERVING SENIOR JESUITS WHO SERVED OTHERS

By Joe Kraemer, SJ



Cheryl French and Fr. James Conyard, SJ

Cheryl French, Director of Recreations Services at Sacred Heart Jesuit Center (SHJC) in Los Gatos, radiates an infectious enthusiasm about her unique ministry. Cheryl, with the team assistance of Julie Johnson and Armando Reyes, Jr., is responsible for a wide range of recreational activities serving the senior Jesuits at this assisted living residence.

The Recreations team sees their job as an opportunity to enliven minds and lift the spirits of Jesuits who have served others their entire lives. Cheryl observes, "All these men have had long careers of active service. It's not easy to leave that behind. That independence has been an important part of their lives."

When Cheryl began her job thirteen years ago, she met many Jesuits who weren't thrilled with their retirement or eager to come out of their rooms, much less participate in group functions. Her task became how to engage these men in stimulating activities.

While many of the Jesuits at SHJC enjoy visiting with each other at meals and participating at daily Mass, Cheryl remembers the challenges of finding new things that would interest such a diverse group of men. The schedule of weekly activities has grown to be quite impressive: musical concerts, art classes, film and lecture series, prayer and discussion groups, cooking classes and food demonstrations as well as an assortment of fitness courses from stretch class to "eye yoga."

Bingo is a hit on Thursday nights, as is poker night on Tuesdays. "Pups & Poetry" is another favorite consisting of a consoling gathering of eager Jesuits, friendly canines and beloved poems. Along with all these activities are festive patio parties from Cinco de Mayo, "a Father's Day" celebration, Fourth of July BBQ, end-of-the-summer luau, costumed Halloween party and high tea samplings.

Plenty of adventures occur away from SHJC also, including trips to museums, baseball games, a day at the races, multiplexes and live theater. I asked Cheryl if the Jesuits had a favorite destination? "They love the sea!" she exclaimed, getting a little misty-eyed as she recalled a recent Monterey Bay cruise: "There's something about being with the men on the water, sitting on a sailboat at sunset, watching for a whale about to breach. Spirits are high with everyone in the moment. These are some of the best times I have in my job."

"The men have given so much to so many through the years," Cheryl says, her eyes still a little wet with feeling for this subject. "Now it feels like our chance to give back. Thirteen years ago, I may have felt a little out of place here, but not now. The Jesuits have been so welcoming. They've really made this house a home for each other and for us. Plus, I've made such great friendships and memories here."

I'm curious if Cheryl has ever programmed an activity that wasn't a hit with Jesuits in the house. She smiles as she considers the question. "Aroma therapy!" she blurts out. "I seem to recall a lot of preparation and set-up for that one!" How many Jesuits showed up to investigate the world of new fragrances and scent sticks? "Just one or two!" she laughs, but adds, "I think Julie, Mando and I have all been impressed with the increasing involvement of the men, even in small groups. Whether you're in the mood for the Superbowl or Shakespeare, I think there's something for everyone in Recreations!"



Clockwise from top left: Fr. Joe Morris, SJ, and Fr. George Dumais, SJ, at Bingo; Fr. Tom Franxman, SJ, at Luau; Fr. Paul Bernadico, SJ and Fr. Drew Maddock, SJ exercising; and Dominic Chai, nSJ, Fr. Fred Tollini, SJ, and Fr. Tom Connolly, SJ, on an outing.

IN MEMORIAM

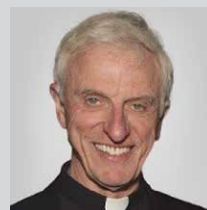
LORD,
WE ENTRUST
THOSE WHO
HAVE DIED TO
YOUR MERCY.
WELCOME THEM
INTO YOUR
PRESENCE.



**Fr. Walter G.
Brennan, SJ**

September 24, 1939
June 11, 2018

Father Walter G. Brennan, SJ, who spent most of his Jesuit life in Japan, died in Tokyo on June 11, 2018. He was 90 years of age, a Jesuit for 72 years. He was born in Oakland, California in 1927, entered the Jesuit novitiate in Los Gatos, California, in 1945, and went to Japan in 1955, where he was ordained a priest in 1960. He was a long-time teacher of chemistry at Jesuit schools in Hiroshima and Fukuoka, superior of the Jesuit communities at Kamakura and Hiroshima, head of Elizabeth University in Hiroshima, and pastor of churches in various localities. In 1982 he became a Japanese citizen, taking the name Kozaki Jirō. He was an avid gardener who got his students and their parents involved in vegetable growing and landscaping. Born into a restaurant-owning family, he loved to cook, and did so until incapacitated by a stroke.



**Fr. Michael
Mandala, SJ**

December 7, 1946
September 9, 2018

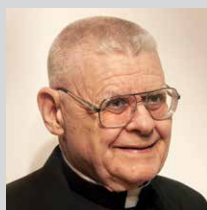
Father Michael J. Mandala, S.J., emeritus president of Verbum Dei High School, Los Angeles, died September 9, 2018 at Sacred Heart Jesuit Center, Los Gatos, California. He suffered from pancreatic cancer. He was 71 years of age and had been a member of the Jesuit Order for 54 years, 41 years a priest. Mike was born in Los Angeles on December 7, 1946, the son of Samuel Mandala and Rose Criscione Mandala. He entered the Jesuit Novitiate at Los Gatos in 1964. He was ordained a priest at St. Anne's Church, Santa Ana, on March 26, 1977. His priestly ministry began as a community organizer at the Orange County branch of what later became the PICO National Network. He twice directed the Social and Pastoral Ministries for the California Jesuits. From 1988-1995 he was pastor of the African-American parish of Christ the King in San Diego and of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Hollywood, 1998-2011. In 2012 Fr. Mike, affectionately known as "Padre," joined Verbum Dei High School as Director of Community Relations and Social Outreach. His goal was simple – to open Verb's blue gates to Watts and the surrounding communities. In 2014, Padre was appointed President of Verbum Dei. He stepped down in April 2018 due to failing health.



**Fr. John J. (Hex)
Kindall, SJ**

January 11, 1935
August 25, 2018

Father John J. ("Hex") Kindall, S.J., longtime high school teacher / principal and pastor in schools and parishes throughout the Pacific Northwest, died August 25, 2018 at Sacred Heart Jesuit Center, Los Gatos, California. He was 91 years of age, a Jesuit for 74 years, and 61 years a priest. Universally known to his friends as "Hex" for his skill in composing Latin poetry in hexameters, John was born in Seattle, February 7, 1927, entered the Jesuit Novitiate at Sheridan, Oregon in 1944, and was ordained a priest in 1957. Hex's ministry was almost equally divided between the high school and the parish. He taught Latin and math at Jesuit High School, Portland, served as principal at Seattle Prep and Catholic Central High School, Billings, Montana, and as director of religious education at Regis Jesuit High in Colorado. From 1977 until the late 1990s, he was a dedicated pastor or administrator at churches in Vale, Oregon, Missoula, Montana, Lewiston, Idaho, Vancouver, Washington, and Yamhill, Oregon. In 1998 he moved to the Jesuit Novitiate in Portland, as senior priest. His last years were spent in a ministry of prayer.



**Fr. Robert J.
Schlim, SJ**

March 28, 1928
October 3, 2018

Father Robert (Bob) Joseph Schlim, SJ, longtime teacher in Spokane schools, died at Sacred Heart Jesuit Center, Los Gatos, California, October 3, 2018. He was 90 years of age, 68 years a Jesuit, and 56 years a priest. Fr. Bob was born March 28, 1928 on the family farm in Howard, South Dakota, the son of Joseph and Cora Erfman Schlim. His schooling ranged from a one-room school on land carved from his grandfather's homestead, to the local St. Agatha's Catholic school run by the School Sisters of St. Francis, who inspired his love of learning and desire to be a Jesuit teacher, to Creighton University, Gonzaga University, Regis College, Toronto, and Eastern Washington State. He entered the Jesuit novitiate in Sheridan, Oregon, in 1950 and was ordained a priest in Spokane in 1962. Fr. Bob's ministry centered on teaching: physics and math at Gonzaga Prep and Bellarmine Prep, San Jose, California, metal shop in Spokane junior high schools, a high school completion program for the Community Colleges of Spokane, and adult education for the incarcerated. He retired to Sacred Heart Jesuit Center, Los Gatos, California, in 2017 for a ministry of prayer.



**Fr. Eugene J.
Corbett, SJ**

June 19, 1924
July 17, 2018

Born in San Francisco on June 11, 1930 and growing up there, he attended St Ignatius High School. In August of 1949 he entered the Society of Jesus at Sacred Heart Novitiate in Los Gatos. After formation in spirituality, college studies, philosophy, practical ministry in teaching, and theology; he was ordained a priest on June 8, 1962. He began a career in priestly ministry at St Ignatius High School in 1964. Gene spent his priestly ministry serving in the secondary schools of the California Province. He filled the rolls of teacher, chaplain, and coach. He served the Jesuit community sometimes as the one in charge of physical needs of the members of the community. In 1990 he changed direction and became the chaplain at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center. He served there full time for 10 years and then part time for a few years more. He gave full commitment to whatever ministry he was asked to perform.

FR. EDWARD REESE - SENATOR JOHN McCAIN STORY

By Paul Totah

Last April, Cindy McCain called SI President Edward Reese, SJ, regarding her husband's terminal illness. Given their close ties, ones that grew during Fr. Reese's 20-year service as president of Brophy College Preparatory in Phoenix, both she and John McCain asked that Fr. Reese be part of the senator's funeral services when the time came.

Three days after Sen. McCain died on Aug. 25 at the age of 81, Fr. Reese flew to Arizona to be with the McCain family and speak at four separate services in Phoenix, Washington, D.C., and Annapolis, blessing the casket and offering homilies that were televised around the world and heard in person by three former presidents and vice presidents, as well the senator's family and friends, military service members and Washington insiders.

Fr. Reese first met the McCains in 1997 while staying near Cottonwood, Ariz., at the Hidden Valley cabin of a close friend.

That first meeting was the start of a long friendship that included Cindy serving on Brophy's Board of Trustees and the McCains sending their two sons, Jack and Jim, to Brophy in the early 2000s.

Fr. Reese often attended parties at the McCain home, including legendary Fourth of July gatherings and celebrations around Christmas. "John's younger son, Jim, as a boy loved to hide in the bushes wearing camouflage and toss snowballs at the guests. He was just like his father — full of energy and a force of nature."

Fr. Reese grew to love and respect both John and Cindy, and learned of Cindy's work with Operation Smile, helping to send medical missions around the world. He also found himself part of John's desire to have "organized fun," as Fr. Reese put it. "During one Fourth of July party, he had team t-shirts made. This was during a time when he was fighting



Fr. Reese at the Arizona State Capitol blessing the casket of his friend, the late Sen. John McCain. Photo by Ross Franklin.

for campaign finance reform. I ended up, along with Cindy, on Team Special Interest. Both John and Cindy made sure every visitor felt at home on their ranch."

John's respect for Fr. Reese led to an invitation to offer the opening prayer of the Republic National Convention in 2008 and a prayer on election night, when Sen. McCain conceded the election to Barack Obama. "Even though neither John nor Cindy were Catholic, I think they considered me their family priest."

Following John's death, Cindy called Fr. Reese to arrange for his travels, first to Phoenix for the Aug. 29 viewing in the Arizona State Capitol, and then for the Aug. 30 service at North Phoenix Baptist Church. Fr. Reese flew on the same plane as the McCains to Washington, D.C., for the Sept. 1 service at the National Cathedral, and he said a blessing over the coffin at a private burial at the Naval Academy in Annapolis Sept. 2.

Despite the surroundings and the important women and men in the congregation at the National Cathedral, Fr. Reese said he felt "no more nervous than when I preach at the SI Baccalaureate Mass. My friend Bill Rewak, SJ, former president of SCU, sent me a note saying that I was probably the only California Jesuit who had ever preached in front of three presidents. That never occurred to me at the time. Only afterwards, on the trip home, did it hit me."

For his homily, Fr. Reese recited the final six lines from "As kingfishers catch fire, dragonflies draw flame," a sonnet by Gerald Manley Hopkins, S.J. that included the line, "I say more: the just man justices." "That line just fit for John, and I couldn't think of anything better. I often told him that he was more Jesuit than most Jesuits, as he found God in all things."

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Lawrence Dacanay
La Puente, CA

Lawrence, 43 graduated from California State Polytech University in Pomona with a bachelor's degree in Psychology. He worked as a parish Youth Minister, then worked in Campus Ministry at Don Bosco Tech. Afterwards, Lawrence worked as a Theology and Psychology teacher at Bishop Amat Memorial High School which he enjoyed! Lawrence enjoys traveling, eating out, martial arts, coffee, wine, reading, and hanging out with family and friends.



Brett Helbling
Coeur D' Alene, ID

Brett, 28, met the Jesuits at Gonzaga Prep in Spokane, Washington and attended the University of Portland earning a BBA in accounting. Hoping there was more to life than financial statements and unqualified audit reports, Brett became a professional volunteer in the Peace Corps and the Jesuit Volunteer Corps where he respectively served in Costa Rica and at Dolores Mission Parish in Boyle Height, Los Angeles. Brett enjoys eating, running and sharks.



Brian Hunter
Bonney Lake, WA

Brian, 40, graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign with bachelor's degrees in history and political science, and earned a Juris Doctor degree from Northern Illinois University. Brian worked as a prosecutor for several years and has also worked as a Union electrician. Brian enjoys history, listening to a variety of music, and watching sports, particularly the Saint Louis Cardinals.



Travis Newman
Buckley, WA

Travis, 37, earned a bachelor's in history/social studies from Western Washington University, and most recently worked as a licensed practical nurse in Buckley, Washington. His first contact with the Jesuits was through the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Boston back in 20045. When not singing while passing meds to his patients, Travis volunteers in various roles at his parish, practices piano and explores day hikes near Mount Rainier.



Alexander Phan
Alhambra, CA

Alex, 32, earned a bachelor's in biomedical engineering from the University of California, Irvine and a master's in physician assistant (PA) practice from the University of Southern California. He completed additional training at the Norwalk Hospital/Yale University PA Surgical Residency. Afterward, he practiced as a cardiothoracic surgery PA. He was active in the Vietnamese Christian Life Community, serving in the young adult ministry and training leaders for youth retreats. Alex enjoys cooking, hiking, and camping.



Collin Price
Pasco, WA

Collin, 25, attended Tri-Cities Prep Catholic high school. He received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Gonzaga University in 2015 and worked in Spokane as a civil engineer for two years. His desire to become a Jesuit was sparked by a SEEL retreat through St. Aloysius parish, and he is attracted to the Jesuits' commitment to stand with people on the margins. He has traveled to Zambia and Kenya assisting with community development projects and has played in a rock band for five years. He enjoys traveling, cooking, nature, craft beer, and watching Gonzaga basketball.



Nicholas Russell
Long Beach, CA

Nick, 36, graduated with a bachelor's degree from Arizona State University and a master's degree from CSU, Long Beach. He has spent the last 14 years of his life teaching and coaching competitive speech and debate, first as a graduate assistant and then as a program director. A convert to Catholicism, Nick discovered the Jesuits through a Spiritual Exercises program at a local parish. His passions include reading, running, and learning to play the guitar.

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In Support of a Fruitful and Well-Aged Legacy

This fall, the historic Novitiate Winery of Los Gatos celebrated the 130th anniversary of its first harvest with a lovely reception attended by those who have helped keep the cherished local landmark thriving for more than a century. Established by Jesuit priests and brothers who built the winery and cultivated grapes to produce altar wines, Novitiate Winery produced upwards of 50,000 cases of wine by the 1950s. The proceeds of this booming business helped secure the training of Jesuits in formation at Sacred Heart Novitiate on the grounds of the winery overlooking Santa Clara Valley. When increased regulations and aging grapes caused the Jesuits to close the winery in 1986, family-run Testarossa Winery picked up the mantle, continuing the winemaking legacy on the very site where generations of Jesuit novices worked the fields picking grapes.

While Testarossa Winery thrives today, the days of Jesuits being able to support themselves and their ministries by producing wine have come and gone. It is now the responsibility of the Province to support Jesuit works, the 100 Jesuits currently in Formation and the 85 Jesuits who reside at Sacred Heart Jesuit Center, formerly the novitiate. Our senior and infirmed Jesuits now live in the very building where their Jesuit vocations began, and that is a special grace. I am most grateful that you are part of this vision and actively support Jesuits West.

While the 130th anniversary reception was one of the highlights of the fall, there were low moments as well following the release of the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report and other revelations about decades-old coverups of the abuse of minors. Since 2002, Jesuits have followed strict protocols to protect minors and vulnerable adults. While many of us feel despair and anger, I personally never want to lose sight of the immense good that our Church has done and continues to do. Jesuit priests, brothers, scholastics and novices continue to hear the call of Christ in prayerful ministry and devoted service throughout the 10 western states of Jesuits West.

I hope the stories of Companions will inspire us with faith and hope: updates on Ordinations, new Jesuit Novices, life-giving activities at Sacred Heart Jesuit Center as well as exciting new appointments in the Province. In November, we welcomed Tracey Primrose as our new Director of Communications.

Please know that all of us at Jesuits West — from men just beginning their vocation as novices, to senior Jesuits, to dedicated lay colleagues —take seriously the trust you've placed in us. Thank you for your continued support.

Gratefully yours,



SIOBHÁN LAWLOR
Provincial Assistant for Advancement and Communication



Siobhán Lawlor with Fr. Terry Mahan and Fr. Barney Coughlin, the two oldest Jesuits in Jesuits West.



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