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SUCCESSFUL WORKSHOP FOCUSES ON PROVINCE COLLABORATION

Approximately 230 Jesuits and apostolic partners of all Jesuits West works gathered for a two-day workshop in August to reflect and plan how individually and collaboratively each apostolate will embrace commitments that flow from the Jesuits West Vision, Mission, and Values statement.

Workshop participants included superiors of Jesuit communities, directors of works, apostolic partners invited by each director of work, board chairs, and advancement directors throughout the Jesuits West Province.

The workshop sought to galvanize leaders to implement the Vision, Mission, and Values of the new province and the outcomes of General Congregation 36

(GC36) in their regions, sectors, and individual works, provide opportunities for networking among people, individual works, and sectors, and launch collaboration among Province regions.

“I consider the leadership workshop a great success — far beyond my hopes,” said Jesuits West Provincial Father Scott Santarosa, SJ. “People came to the workshop ready to collaborate. One interpretation of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes was that people brought the food with them under their cloaks, and the real miracle was that Jesus got them to share. I think something similar happened with us.”

During the workshop, participants began to address the questions:

- Given the priorities we have set, what changes and initiatives do we envision in our work and our sector?
- How can these be linked to initiatives being planned by other ministries in our sector or region?
- What funding will be required, if any, to support collaborative initiatives?

Collaboration amongst Province works will play a critical role in bringing education, Ignatian Spirituality, social justice, and service to the poor and marginalized in the future. The willingness and spirit of collaboration was present with many who rolled up their sleeves to forge new bonds during the workshop sessions.

“An outcome I would point to are some of the plans I heard people mentioning

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PROVINCIAL'S LETTER

WELCOME TO *COMPANIONS*



How appropriate that our newly redesigned and renamed newsletter, *Companions*, makes its debut in the fall — a season of change. Going forward, you will receive *Companions* and *Mission* magazine each twice a year. Together, these will provide quarterly updates on what's going on in Jesuits West.

In *Companions*, you'll learn about our ministries, about the work we do, the people we serve, and the difference we make. We feel it important to share with you news about these many works which you so generously support.

It is through your generosity that the Province is able to provide education, Ignatian Spirituality, and needed services to the poor and marginalized. Together, we are a force for good.

As you can tell from our cover story, I'm excited about this summer's Province Workshop and what it means for collaboration amongst our works going forward. With more territory for us to cover, it is important more so than ever that we pool our resources and create innovative new ways of delivering the Jesuit charism to those we serve.

The need is great in today's changing world. We must be both nimble and creative in developing new ways of reaching people where they are. Our emphasis on collaboration will ultimately serve us and the people we minister to quite well. To that end, I have missioned Fr. Tony Sholander, SJ, to the position of provincial assistant for planning, a role in which he will support collaboration across our vast 10-state coverage area.

Thank you again for being part of our mission and ministry, whether that be education, Ignatian Spirituality or social service and justice. Today, the needs are so great. Together, we can do so much.

Thank you for your support in whatever form that takes. You are a valued member of our Jesuit family.

With warm regards,

Fr. Scott Santarosa, SJ
Provincial



NEWS FROM THE PROVINCE

GONZAGA SCHOOL OF LAW LAUNCHES CENTER FOR CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS

The Gonzaga University School of Law is launching a new Center for Civil and Human Rights to further its mission-based commitment to public service and social justice, and to advance understanding of the law surrounding civil rights and civil liberties.

Directed by Gonzaga Law Professor Jason Gillmer, the John J. Hemmingson Chair for Civil Liberties, the Center is made possible by a generous gift by Gonzaga Trustee John Hemmingson.

The Center will provide students and scholars with opportunities to explore and address issues relating to civil rights and civil liberties, social and criminal justice, public interest law, immigration, Native American law, and international human rights.

"The Center is central to our Jesuit mission in that it promotes access to justice by protecting and enforcing the rights of individuals and communities that are marginalized, subordinated, discriminated against, targeted, or otherwise disadvantaged," said Gonzaga Law Dean Jane Korn. "Its goals will be pursued through both civil and criminal law, criminal justice reform, and by serving underrepresented communities."

W. KAMAU BELL NAMED SCU'S FRANK SINATRA CHAIR FOR 2017-18

W. Kamau Bell was named the Frank Sinatra Chair in the Performing Arts at Santa Clara University for 2017-18. Hosted by the College of Arts and Sciences Center for the Arts and Humanities, Bell will kick off his residency with a program November 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Louis B. Mayer Theatre on campus. Tickets are free and are now available.



Bell is a critically acclaimed sociopolitical comedian and host of the Emmy Award-winning hit CNN documentary series "United Shades of America." With a post-modern perspective, Bell delivers provocative commentary on our country's biggest challenges, from race relations to cultural divides.

As Sinatra Artist-in-Residence, Bell will mentor and engage with students, faculty, and the Santa Clara University community. He will also continue his professional work, such as producing podcasts.

LMU EARNS TOP 10 SPOT IN SIERRA CLUB'S RANKING OF GREEN SCHOOLS



Loyola Marymount University ranks among the top schools nationwide for sustainability practices, landing a No. 6 spot on the Sierra Club's 2017 list of "Cool Schools."

The rankings are open to all four-year undergraduate colleges and universities in the United States and Canada, and consider factors such as campus energy use, transportation, and fossil fuel divestment.

"With almost 90,000 square feet of solar-powered rooftops, reclaimed-water irrigation systems, and a first-place medal from RecycleMania — an inter-university waste-management competition — LMU gained 137 points' worth of green bona fides, breaking into the top 10," reads LMU's ranking in *Sierra* magazine.

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PROVINCE WORKSHOP

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already: One Jesuit agreed to host lunch meetings of the local directors of works, so they could continue the collaborative conversations that they had begun," Fr. Santarosa said. "Another outcome is peoples' desire for support from the Province. They will get this support through the newly appointed Provincial Assistant for Planning Fr. Tony Sholander. His top priority will be to continue to support the regions in their collaborative efforts, and to be my 'eyes and ears' for what is happening locally. I am excited! This will help me in my discernment about possibilities in a given region.

"I learned that there is a lot of collaboration going on, and that people are quite hungry for this. I have always known

that people enjoy working together, and that when we come together special things happen. Asking the local regions to collaborate will get people together more regularly and on a scale that enables real work, not just good feelings."

The workshop, Leading and Collaborating for a New Epoch: Jesuits West Province Workshop 2017, took place at Loyola Marymount University August 10-11. The Province is grateful for the underwriting support of John M. Sobrato, Loyola Marymount University, and the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust for lead gifts for the workshop.

Jesuits West includes approximately 500 Jesuits and thousands of lay partners

in 10 states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington, serving an estimated 100,000 individuals yearly through its five universities, 18 secondary and pre-secondary schools, four social ministry apostolates, 14 parishes, two retreat centers, a novitiate, and a health care and retirement center for senior priests and brothers.

"Overall, I am thrilled with the workshop," Fr. Santarosa said. "God is doing new things with us, and I believe we are, in good faith, trying to respond. God is not finished with the work of the Society in the West. We are just beginning. It is a new era. We embrace it head-on."

JESUIT TO CHAIR NEW USCCB COMMITTEE AGAINST RACISM



The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) announced the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism. Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, president of the USCCB, appointed Bishop George V. Murry, SJ, of Youngstown, Ohio, chairman of the committee.

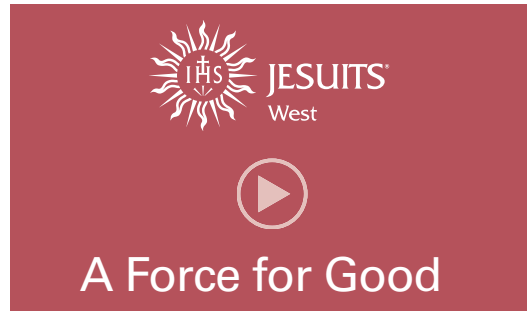
The committee will focus on addressing the sin of racism in both society and the Catholic Church and the urgent need to come together to find solutions. Bishop Murry said he looks forward to working with his fellow bishops as well as communities across the U.S., "to listen to the needs of individuals who have suffered under the sin of racism and together find solutions to this epidemic of hate that has plagued our nation for far too long.

"Through Jesus' example of love and mercy, we are called to be a better people than what we have witnessed over the past weeks and months as a nation. Through listening, prayer, and meaningful collaboration, I'm hopeful we can find lasting solutions and common ground where racism will no longer find a place in our hearts or in our society."

PROVINCE CELEBRATES ONE MISSION MASS

Approximately 200 guests came together for the Jesuits West Province annual One Mission Mass on September 10, this time held at Jesuit High School in Portland. The annual gathering included a Mass celebrating the many Jesuit ministries in the greater Portland area along with a lunch following the Liturgy, which included a homily by Jesuits West Provincial Father Scott Santarosa, SJ. Following Mass, Jesuits on hand administered personal blessings to those who requested this special gift.

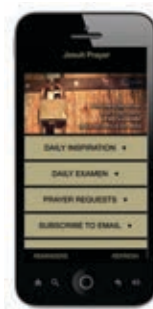
NEW PROVINCE VIDEO AVAILABLE



Who is Jesuits West? We are a force for a good. Watch our new video to find out how we are making a positive difference through education, Ignatian Spirituality, and social ministries to the poor and marginalized.

To view our video, go to www.jesuitswest.org/Video2017

JESUITPRAYER.ORG REACHES PEOPLE WHEREVER THEY ARE



Jesuits and lay colleagues from the Jesuits West Province have partnered with JesuitPrayer.org to provide Ignatian prayers, inspirational messages, and personal reflections based on Gospel and other daily readings — all delivered to subscribers' mobile phone, desktop, or email inbox.

Launched in 2012, the free service reaches nearly 11,000 daily email subscribers, along with thousands of weekly web visitors across the country, helping to forge stronger connections with Ignatian Spirituality. To date, the mobile app has had more than 82,000 downloads. JesuitPrayer.org lets users carry with them a comprehensive, portable prayer aid that accompanies them wherever and whenever they devote time to prayer.

The day's featured scripture reading, reflection, and suggested prayer are sent daily to email users, while mobile app users can opt to be automatically reminded to access the site or pray the Daily Examen. Desktop users are able to visit JesuitPrayer.org at any time to see the day's content, or browse through the archives.

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Facebook and Twitter where you get the latest news and events delivered to your computer or mobile device. Currently, more than 13,000 followers keep track of the Province on Facebook at www.facebook.com/jesuitswest while more than 2,000 follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/jesuitswest, where they receive the latest updates on things Jesuit.

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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.

DOLORES MISSION BREAKS GROUND ON NEW FACILITY, WILL INCREASE STUDENT POPULATION



Dolores Mission, a Jesuit parish and elementary school best known as the birthplace of Homeboy Industries, broke ground on August 7 for a new 6,500 sq. ft., two-story facility to better serve the Boyle Heights community.

“As the Jesuits and the church and school walk with our families in good times and bad, this building project becomes a beacon of hope,” said Pastor Father Ted Gabrielli, SJ (pictured above, left). “It underlines our belief in the children of this community. We’re committed to providing a quality education that not only transforms young people’s lives but the lives of their families. Serving more children from our community brings good news and hope to even more families.”

Dolores Mission announced its plans to build a new facility last year. The project will include two new classrooms

for transitional kindergarten and kindergarten, a playground, meeting space for the school, parents, and youth groups, and office space for program administrators. The decision to expand came at a time when many families in the community needed more access to high quality early education for young children. Dolores Mission School added a combined transitional kindergarten and kindergarten class in 2015, but enrollment was limited due to space constraints.

Construction of the new facility will allow the school to expand enrollment from 250 to 300 students and enroll 30 students in transitional kindergarten and kindergarten, respectively. Phase 2 of the project will include a renovation of the existing school building to create a library, a music classroom, and bring more technology into each classroom.

BELLARMINE (TACOMA) ROBOTICS TEAM RECEIVES \$10,000 GRANT

The Bellarmine Preparatory (Tacoma) School robotics team recently received a \$10,000 Best Buy Community Grant. The grant will be used to extend the team’s community outreach with local Boys and Girls Clubs.

“The goal for the grant was to be able to serve teens in underserved areas,” Robotics Co-Director Joy Taylor said. “The first year will be specifically geared towards working with Al Davies (Boys and Girls Club).”

Louis Peters of Best Buy was involved in selecting grant recipients. He shared that he was extremely impressed with the program, and that he believed that (the students) represented the school in the best way possible.

“This program is exactly the kind of program that Best Buy envisioned supporting when we came up with this Community Grants program,” Peters said.

Because the team will be working with additional youths, more equipment is needed. The grant will allow for the purchase of new robotics kits and laptops to accommodate this need.

“Our goal is for our students to become strong leaders.” Taylor said, “This grant process was a great opportunity for them to work on those skills.”



LOYOLA HIGH APPOINTS NEW VICE PRESIDENT FOR MISSION

Loyola High School of Los Angeles, the oldest continually operated educational

institution in Southern California, has promoted Ann Holmquist, EdD, to vice president for mission. Holmquist, the former assistant principal for ministry, will provide leadership in the design, development, implementation, evaluation, and coordination of programs and activities to sustain and promote the school’s Catholic identity, Ignatian

heritage, and Jesuit mission. She will continue her work as the co-director of the Office of Adult Spirituality at Loyola.

“Though the entire Loyola community works together to advance the Ignatian mission of the school, Dr. Holmquist will now coordinate and direct those efforts on campus as well as at the local, archdiocesan, provincial, and national levels,” said Loyola High President Father Gregory M. Goethals, SJ. “This type of work was initiated at the Jesuit university level and is now being pioneered at Jesuit high schools across the country. Lay leadership is pivotal in this rapidly changing world.”

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH IN MONTANA CELEBRATES 125TH ANNIVERSARY

More than 1,600 parishioners and friends were on hand for the 125th anniversary celebration of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Missoula, Mont., on September 16. “Extend the Table” included an incredible outdoor Mass celebrated by Bishop George Leo Thomas and priests from throughout the Missoula Deanery and Western Montana. After Mass, food trucks began serving and music began floating down Pine Street. Attendees enjoyed an extensive historical display of the parish and Catholic life in Montana. In lieu of admission fees, attendees were asked for food donations for the Missoula Food Bank.

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



**Fr. George
Aziz, SJ**

August 2, 1927
May 12, 2017

Born in Brownsville, Texas, Father George Aziz, SJ, was a member of the Society of Jesus for 72 years and an ordained priest for 59 years. He entered the Jesuit Novitiate in Los Gatos in 1944, and after his studies he taught and offered spiritual direction at Ryan Preparatory College in Fresno, where he trained future priests for the Fresno and Monterey dioceses. Father Aziz also went on to a 30-year ministry in parishes throughout the Santa Rosa diocese. He was 89 at the time of his death.



**Fr. John
Brady, SJ**

April 30, 1918
March 15, 2017

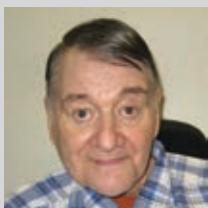
Father John Brady, SJ, was 98 years old when he passed from this life. He had been a Jesuit for 80 years and a priest for 67 of those. Father Brady attended Loyola High School in Los Angeles before entering the Jesuit Novitiate in Los Gatos in 1936. After completing studies, he worked for almost 40 years in high school teaching and administration. After a variety of pastoral assignments in his later years, Fr. Brady kept physically active throughout his retirement, enjoying hiking, fishing, and early morning bicycle rides.



**Fr. William
Francis
Cain, SJ**

April 7, 1937
January 14, 2017

Father Bill Cain, SJ, who passed away at the age of 79, was born in Orange, Calif., attended Loyola High School, was ordained a priest in 1969, and received his PhD in chemistry from the University of California, San Diego, in 1975. In 1974, he began a long association on the faculty of Loyola Marymount University, where he served several times as department of chemistry chair as well as chair of the faculty senate, until 2009 when he retired due to poor health.



**Fr. Robert John
Egan, SJ**

August 28, 1942
July 21, 2017

Father Egan entered the Society in 1967 and was a Jesuit for almost half a century before his passing in July. He spent much of his ordained life as a professor of philosophy and theology at Gonzaga University, where he began teaching in 1984 as an Instructor in the religious studies department. He also worked part-time as the assistant to the academic vice president to develop opportunities for theological and spiritual development for the Gonzaga community. Father Egan was also a member of both the Pontifical faculty and staff at St. Michael's Institute in Spokane.



**Fr. Carlo A.
Farina, SJ**

March 10, 1934
May 22, 2017

Admissions officer at Santa Clara University and longtime English teacher at Bellarmine College Preparatory in San Jose, Father Carlo Farina, SJ, was born in Los Angeles but grew up in San Jose, where he was active with debating and the school newspaper while a student at Bellarmine Prep. He entered the Jesuit Novitiate at Los Gatos in 1951, was ordained to the priesthood in 1964, and remained active in a number of jobs between Santa Clara and Bellarmine Prep until 2009, when he moved to Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in Los Gatos.



**Fr. James R.
Gallas, SJ**

June 1, 1931
September 1, 2017

Father James Gallas, SJ, who passed away at the age of 86, was a Jesuit for 68 years and a priest for 55. Born in Los Angeles in 1931, Fr. Gallas entered the Jesuit Novitiate in Los Gatos in 1949, and after studies and ordination, taught at his high school alma mater, Loyola High School, before going on to serve Christ the King Church in San Diego, and later, his home parish, Blessed Sacrament, in Hollywood. He rounded out his career as a chaplain in Orange and by serving the Latino community in Fresno.



Fr. William Hayes, SJ

February 13, 1928
September 26, 2017

Father William Hayes, SJ, touched the lives of young people and Jesuit communities over 72 years. He entered the Society in 1945 and served at Gonzaga Preparatory in Spokane and Seattle University and St. Joseph's Parish in Seattle, although it was his deep connections to Jesuit High in Portland, which lasted more than 30 years and included positions as vice principal, president, trustee, chancellor, planned giving director, and chaplain, for which many will remember him with special gratitude. He passed away at the age of 89.



Fr. George Gerald "Jerry" Martinson, SJ

December 2, 1942
May 31, 2017

Father "Jerry" Martinson, SJ, who passed away at St. Peter Canisius Residence in Taipei, first traveled to Taiwan in 1967 after his philosophy studies and was ordained there in 1973. He became chairman of Kuangchi Program Service, a high-profile television company for Taiwan and much of the Chinese world. He died at the age of 74 after a strenuous trip to Inner Mongolia to film a documentary on Father Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ.



Fr. Lorenzo Palafox, SJ

January 8, 1936
November 28, 2016

Father Lorenzo "Larry" Palafox, SJ, was born in San Francisco, attended St. Ignatius High School and entered the Jesuit Novitiate the year he graduated. He began a 20-year ministry as a U.S. Navy chaplain at the height of the Vietnam War and went on to serve in Europe, Asia, and the United States. He later worked in a number of capacities at Jesuit High School, Sacramento. He was 80 at the time of his passing and had been a Jesuit for 62 years.



Fr. Norbert Rigali, SJ

December 29, 1928
October 3, 2017

A former professor of philosophy and religious studies at the University of San Diego as well as other Catholic universities, Father Rigali was a member of the Society of Jesus for 70 of his 88 years of life, 58 of them as a priest. After his ordination in Germany, where he studied theology and would later receive his PhD in philosophy, Fr. Rigali embarked on his primary ministry of both teacher and writer, which included positions at a number of schools before his 37-year stretch at USD, and many scholarly articles on moral theology and Christian ethics, among other themes.



Fr. Daniel Ross, SJ

October 5, 1933
July 22, 2017

A highly respected sociologist and teacher in Taiwan, Father Ross was 83 when he passed away in Taipei. While he began his life in the California Province, he was eventually transcribed to the China Province. Early in his Jesuit life, he volunteered for a number of missionary assignments, but eventually made his career at Fu Jen University in Taiwan, where he was regarded as a pioneer in social work education and where, at his funeral Mass, over 400 people came to bid him farewell.



Br. Stephen J. Souza, SJ

August 22, 1936
August 27, 2017

Remembered for his particular talents for baking pies and cultivating orchids, Brother Stephen Souza, SJ, was born in 1936 in Hawaii, where he grew up. Following high school, he served in the U.S. Army, and after an honorable discharge, he became a Jesuit on March 8, 1958. Br. Souza served in many capacities over his 59 years in the Society, but one of his longest stints began in 1984 when he moved to Spokane, serving in a number of roles at Gonzaga University.



Fr. William Kiley Stolz, SJ

February 10, 1932
July 21, 2017

A member of the Society of Jesus for 67 years and a priest for 55 of those, Fr. William Stolz, SJ, was a longtime administrator and teacher in Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Jose, and the Red Cloud Indian School in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. He was born in Chicago, moved to California, and later entered the Jesuit Novitiate at Los Gatos in 1949. After ordination in 1962, Fr. Stolz embarked on a long and varied career in secondary education, where he was known for his warmth and deep dedication to underserved student populations.



Br. Leonard Sullivan, SJ

November 2, 1926
February 8, 2017

Brother Leonard John Sullivan, SJ, was a Jesuit brother for 72 years. Over seven decades, Br. Sullivan held a number of jobs in the Society, earning several advanced degrees along the way. For a 20-year period beginning in 1954, he served as librarian, history teacher, instructor in television production and broadcasting, baseball coach, and umpire at his alma mater, St. Ignatius High School, in San Francisco. He was 90 at the time of his passing.

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NOVITIATE BOOT CAMP

BY JOSEPH KRAEMER, SJ

Hearing God's call and discerning how best to follow it may be more difficult than it's ever been. Maybe that's because our world today has become a much more noisy and distracting place. I've met men who felt called to the priesthood from an early age, but always found good excuses to not answer the call. That was the case for me.

Meeting Jesuits in Los Angeles was integral to re-igniting my priesthood discernment process. The spiritual direction they suggested helped me focus my thoughts and worries. I began to attend Mass more regularly. I started to pray with real intention. I asked God specifically to help me understand His ways better than my own.

soul. In the way Marine recruits are whipped into physical shape for service, Jesuit novices are put through spiritual workouts intended to make us the best "soldiers for Christ" we can be. All this "spiritual exercise" is meant to help us explore the Lord's call and also to create the foundation for our future ministry as priests. The first test of obedience, on Novice Entrance Day, was to hand over those remaining personal items I hadn't sold — my laptop, my cell phone, and my credit cards, too. This is as scary a test of surrendering power that a person is likely to face in the 21st century!

There was more self-surrender as my fellow novices and I settled into Jesuit life following the directives of the "novice master" which regulated when to get up, when to eat, when to go to bed — perfecting the call to obedience that every Jesuit is encouraged to master. As novices, we had classes to attend and



At The Jesuit Novitiate of the Three Companions in Culver City, Calif., novices begin their Jesuit Formation with two years of prayer, community living, and service to the greater Southern California community.

I first felt pulled to the priesthood when I was in grade school, but it was literally decades later when I finally acted on that call. An exciting job I had in Hollywood came to a sudden end and I found myself with unexpected time and space to step outside the noisy distractions of the world. For the first time, I allowed a series of small graces to turn my attention gently back to the Lord.

Eventually, I took a chance. I applied to the Jesuits and was accepted, sold most of my possessions, and entered The Jesuit Novitiate of the Three Companions in Culver City, Calif., to begin my 10- to 12-year Formation journey on August 25, 2013.

The founder of the Jesuits, St. Ignatius, saw the novitiate as a "school of the heart" — sort of a boot camp for the



Novice service activities include patient interaction, counseling, and chaplaincy at senior centers in Los Angeles.

Our assignments included ministry in area hospitals, prisons, soup kitchens, classrooms, rehabilitation centers, and communities that invited us to live with the developmentally disabled. This active service to those in need remains an integral component of the novice experience.



Here, author Joe Kraemer, SJ, shares a laugh with a resident at one of the Los Angeles area's many senior centers.

As the disciples longed to see what God really looked like, novices learn in a more personal way what Jesus told his followers: that they see God every time they serve others. As novices, we found Christ every week we cooked meals for the homeless or spent time with people struggling to make their way. We found him in the elderly or shut-ins we visited, with the immigrants we met at the border, or the incarcerated youth we sat with and listened to at juvenile hall every Sunday. Our relationship with Jesus deepened when we stood by the bedsides of the sick and the dying. So many people in our troubled world just want to be seen; they want to have a companion with whom to share their difficult road for just a little while.

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house jobs to do, but the priority of our first months together was preparing for the singular experience all Jesuits have in common, the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius: a 30-day silent retreat intended to bring each novice into a more intimate and personal relationship with God. In addition to these activities, we served the poor and disadvantaged of Southern California. Our assignments included ministry in area hospitals, prisons, soup kitchens, classrooms, rehabilitation centers, and communities that invited us to live with the developmentally disabled. This active service to those in need remains an integral component of the novice experience.

It's this journey of accompaniment, service, and witness that we continue well beyond the conclusion of our novitiate experience, which culminates with First Vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

(Editor's Note: Joe Kraemer, SJ, is a Jesuit regent who is ministering in the Jesuits West Advancement Office in Los Gatos, Calif, as a development associate.)

One of the more meaningful occasions for me was our "poverty experiment," which in my case unfolded over 36 days, traveling by bus and on foot across the United States with another novice, begging for money and help as we needed it. We ate and slept in homeless shelters around the country, building a solidarity with the poor and a deeper trust in God and His Providence. While this test was my most personally challenging, it was also one of the most transformative experiences of my life as a novice.



Even beyond their time at the Novitiate, Jesuits in Formation are assigned to work in schools to educate mind and heart.

Want to support the Jesuit Formation program? The cost of Jesuit Formation is a staggering \$570,000 per Jesuit over the course of his 10- to 12-year Formation journey. Please use the enclosed reply envelope to send support to ensure that there are future Jesuit priests and brothers to take their place in ministry and carry on the traditions of St. Ignatius and the Society of Jesus. Thank you.



MAKING IT OFFICIAL

After professing First Vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience in an August 12 Mass at Sacred Heart Chapel on the LMU campus, five novices of Jesuits West signed in the chapel sacristy their official profession documents to be sent to Rome. Read the stories of these five men at www.jesuitswest/FirstVows2017 and see where they will continue on to First Studies as part of their Jesuit Formation.

A NOTE FROM OUR ADVANCEMENT DIRECTOR

Jesuits West Off and Running

As I'm sure you can tell from reading through this redesigned and renamed *Companions* newsletter, there's a lot going on in our new province — Jesuits West.

Eight candidates entering the Novitiate, five novices professing First Vows, a successful Province Workshop to chart our course for the future, and new and innovative programs at our various works. These are just some of the exciting things going on.

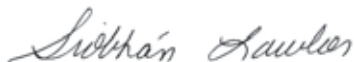
As we continue to spread word of the emergence of Jesuits West from the former California and Oregon provinces, we've initiated a series of events with Provincial Father Scott Santarosa, SJ. One of the outcomes from these events is the realization that many people are unaware of the scope of the Province and its various responsibilities.

It is important to note that the Province bears the financial responsibility for three vital areas:

- The recruitment, education, and training of approximately 100 Jesuits in our Formation program as they prepare to become the next generation of Jesuit priests and brothers. (Formation cost of \$570,000 per Jesuit, paid entirely by the Province.)
- The care and well-being of approximately 85 senior and infirm Jesuits who reside at the Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in Los Gatos as well as Jesuits who are 65 and older who reside in various communities where they provide a pastoral and inspiring Jesuit presence. (Total cost of approximately \$9 million per year for the care of these Jesuits.)
- Start-up funding to new Jesuit ministries and assistance funding to existing Jesuit ministries in need of additional resources to serve the poor and marginalized.

Now that the California and Oregon provinces have joined to become Jesuits West, we are an even stronger force for good in service to the Catholic Church, bringing greater hope to those in need as Jesuits have done for nearly 500 years. I thank you for being part of that journey with us and I look forward to our continued partnership.

Sincerely,



SIOBHÁN LAWLOR
Provincial Assistant for Advancement and Communication



LOS ANGELES (left to right) Provincial Fr. Scott Santarosa, SJ, Kathleen McCarthy Kostlan, and Frank Kostlan



PHOENIX (left to right) Former Provincial Fr. John McGarry, SJ, John Graham, Kathleen Graham, Provincial Fr. Scott Santarosa, SJ, and Socius Fr. Mike Bayard, SJ



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