

JOE KRAEMER, SJ: I BELIEVE IN GRACE

by Tracey Primrose



It reads like something only a Hollywood scriptwriter could dream up, but Joe Kraemer, SJ, knows that the author of his vocation story isn't worried about an improbable idea.

Joe grew up in the small town of Richmond, Indiana. His family, which includes two brothers, was devoted to their local parish, St. Andrew's, where Joe attended grade school and served on the altar. He wasn't contemplating a

vocation back then — he was more interested in the crisp \$10 bills he earned serving at weddings and funerals.

That would soon change when a pair of visiting priests came to St. Andrew's to lead a retreat. One priest made the congregation laugh, the other challenged them to aspire to great things. Intrigued by the dynamic pair in black, Joe asked his dad, "Who are these guys?" The answer: "They're Jesuits."

At Hillsdale College in Michigan, Joe earned a bachelor's degree in English and spent a semester working in Washington, D.C., on Capitol Hill. His night job at The Shakespeare Theatre at the Folger landed him a permanent position after graduation, where he caught the eye of Michael Kahn, the company's legendary artistic director. Kahn was soon named Director of Drama at the Juilliard School in New York and began recruiting talent.

Joe remembers receiving the call asking him to join the Juilliard team. "It was the summer of 1992, and I had gone to a Benedictine monastery in Minnesota to discern a vocation, and that's where Michael tracked me down. I still have no idea how he found me in the middle of nowhere."

It didn't feel like God was calling Joe to be a monk, so he followed his mentor to the Big Apple. As literary manager at

Juilliard, Joe spent the next 15 years leading the school's elite program to develop young playwrights. He also wrote his own plays, which Juilliard staged, and taught part-time at Barnard College. He attended Mass and worked in homeless ministry, but his vocational discernment was on the back burner.



Members of the Sheen family with Joe Kraemer, SJ (right)

So, what put him on the path to priesthood? Just another plot twist. Through his college roommate, Joe became acquainted with one of actor Martin Sheen's sons. Turns out the family was looking for a

creative director to develop projects on the Warner Brothers lot. Joe happily headed to Tinseltown and had a number of solid projects in development when son Charlie Sheen had a famous meltdown and the production company closed. Joe was suddenly out of work.

"I had been working since I was 13. I had never been fired or lost a job. Suddenly, I was missing this work that had been occupying my whole life."

With time on his hands, Joe found himself drawn to Jesuit Masses at Loyola Marymount University's Sacred Heart Chapel. After several visits, he met Br. Jim Siwicki, SJ, then serving as a vocation director. Br. Siwicki asked Joe if he had considered a vocation to the Jesuits, adding, "If you're thinking of applying, do it now."

Joe was 43. It was now or never. And although friends in New York and LA thought he was crazy (who goes from working for Charlie Sheen to working for Jesus?), he applied to the Jesuits and was accepted in 2013. It was a vocation more than two decades in the making.

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PROVINCIAL'S LETTER

OLD NETS & NEW CALLS

Dear Friends,

In this issue of *Companions*, you will meet several Jesuit Jubilarians celebrating milestones this year. Fr. Richard Cobb, SJ, has been a Jesuit for 70 years, Fr. Gary Smith, SJ, is 60 years a Jesuit and Fr. Charles Phipps, SJ, is marking the 60th anniversary of his ordination. They are but three of a large group of Jesuits who are commemorating special anniversaries in 2019. Many of our Jubilarians, who are well into their 80s, are still involved in active ministry. Their work is often unheralded, which is why we are grateful to bring you their stories.

This August, I will also celebrate an anniversary — it has been 30 years since I became a Jesuit. While difficult to reconcile the decades, I know that my own happiness in this Jesuit life has made time fly by in a blink.

Perhaps it is because of my upcoming 30th that I have been thinking a great deal about my own vocation and about how each of us is called by Christ. We all have a vocation, mine just happens to be to religious life.



Jesuits West Provincial Fr. Scott Santarosa, SJ, (center) with fellow provincials at the Church of St. Joseph in Nazareth

I was recently privileged to make a retreat in the Holy Land with my fellow provincials from the U.S. and Canada. Our group, led by retreat director, Fr. Brendan Lally, SJ, spent nearly a week in the area surrounding the Sea of Galilee, the

place where Jesus multiplied loaves, walked across the water and conducted much of his public ministry. It was very moving to be in this holy place.

Fr. Lally set the stage for the retreat, saying, “Jesus is still calling you.” And that was on my mind one hot afternoon when the group had free time and I revisited a site we had seen together the day before. I climbed the mountain where Jesus delivered the Beatitudes, sat in the shade, took in the majestic view and thought about the call of Christ.

I thought about Jesus perhaps sitting in this same spot contemplating his future. I wondered about my own life and how it will unfold. If Christ is still calling me, as Fr. Lally reminds us, what am I being called to do? Or, am I tempted to think that he called me once and for all, and that I dropped my nets, gave up everything, and followed him, never needing to hear his voice again? The truth is, I think each of us picks up our former nets and tries to go back to our old ways. Yet Jesus doesn't give up. He is still trying to help us get to our truest self. He is still calling us closer to Him.

It is a reminder that our work is never really done, which is good news for us Jesuits since, as you can see from the Jubilarians, we just keep going and going.

Thank you for your support of Jesuits West. You help us hear Jesus' persistent call. And follow. Daily.

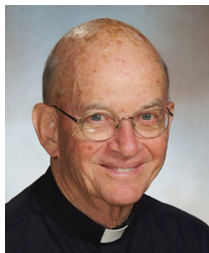
Gratefully yours,

Scott Santarosa, SJ
Provincial

JESUITS WEST CELEBRATES JUBILARIANS

By Becky Sindelar

This year's Jesuits West Jubilarians have served in numerous ministries over many decades of their lives in the Society of Jesus — and many are still active in ministry today. Read on to meet some of these Jesuits who inspire us with their dedication to serve the people of God.



It is sometimes said that a Jesuit never retires, and there is no better example of this than Fr. Richard Cobb, SJ, 87, who is celebrating 70 years in the Society and does

Ignatian formation for new faculty and staff members at Bellarmine College Preparatory in San Jose, California. He also gives 19th Annotation retreats and helps in the school tutoring center.

"By doing three different things, they never know where I'm at," he jokes.

During his seven decades as a Jesuit, Fr. Cobb has come full circle; he did his Regency at Bellarmine Prep, teaching English and coaching football and baseball. He also served there several other times in between, including as an English teacher, a minister and in the admissions office.

Fr. Cobb also served as president of Brophy College Preparatory in Phoenix; socius to the provincial in the former California Province; rector and English teacher at Loyola High School in Los Angeles; and superior of the Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in Los Gatos, California.

He got to know the Jesuits while attending Loyola High School in Los Angeles and then decided to join the Society. The highlight of his many years as a Jesuit? All the people he's met along the way. "I've had wonderful experiences. I've met incredible lay colleagues who have given themselves to the schools and believe in the Society." Teaching was the most fun, says Fr. Cobb.

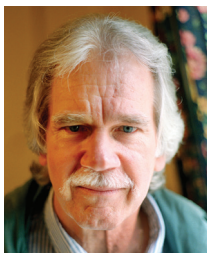
When asked if he envisioned working well into his 80s, he says "not in my wildest dreams."

"I say why me? And then I say why not me? At 87, I'm in pretty good shape still doing what I want and walking around."

His advice to others: "Make the most of each day and anything can happen."

"I think you take it day by day and be as optimistic as you can in challenging times," he says. "We are to be the voice of Easter people in a Good Friday world and I think that's the challenge. And it's certainly a Good Friday world."

Fr. Cobb also expressed his gratitude for the Society. "There are few organizations that give you these kinds of experiences, opportunities and joy."



Fr. Gary Smith, SJ, who's celebrating 60 years in the Society, is also still in active ministry, working on the streets of Portland, Oregon, with the homeless, addicted and incarcerated.

He's also a writer and has authored several books.

A convert to Catholicism during college, he met the Jesuits when he transferred to Santa Clara University. Fr. Smith says he was searching for purpose in life and "Catholicism seemed to be the way to go." The Jesuits offered him "a way to proclaim to the world what I learned as a convert."

After he was ordained in 1971, Fr. Smith worked as a community organizer in Oakland, California, for eight years, before moving to Tacoma, Washington, to minister at a drop-in center for those living on the streets. He then did street and jail ministry in Portland in the 1990s before serving with Jesuit Refugee Service for 15 years in Africa and Greece. Now back in Portland, he continues doing street ministry and writing.

Fr. Smith is grateful for all the cultures and places he's been able to experience as a Jesuit. "On the streets, every day I learn something new from the poor," he says. He also learned from two Jesuit Superiors General when he spent a summer in Hong Kong in the 1970s and had a chance to spend time with Pedro Arrupe, SJ, and Adolfo Nicolás, SJ.

When asked about the highlight of his Jesuit life, he says it's the people he meets each day and quotes poet Denise

Levertov: "Every day, every day I hear enough to fill a year of nights with wondering."

As a Jesuit, he says he never knows what "mind-blowing moments" await him. "Every day I meet all kinds of different people, including Jesuits."

His advice to younger Jesuits: Learn, listen and always realize it's only part of the whole. "Pray for your brothers and yourself, that the passion and wisdom of God will prevail and will lead you."

And, remember it's not all serious: "Meet some good people and learn to laugh," he says.

"I'm grateful to be a Jesuit and for all the brothers who've helped me and taught me. I've had some wonderful Jesuits in my life."



Fr. Charles Phipps, SJ, is celebrating 60 years as a priest. At age 90, he only recently moved to the Province's retirement community at Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in Los Gatos,

California, where he prays for the Church and the Society and still has several people who come to him for spiritual direction.

He taught Latin at Loyola High in Los Angeles but spent the bulk of his Jesuit life at Santa Clara University, where he taught English for 48 years until 2013 and also served as minister to the Santa Clara Jesuit Community from 2005 to 2009. Starting in 2009, he then served as assistant minister at the SCU Jesuit Community until earlier this year when he moved to Los Gatos.

Fr. Phipps decided to become a Jesuit while in high school at St. Ignatius College Preparatory in San Francisco, where he admired the Jesuits scholastics there and decided he wanted to be like them.

Advising students, hearing their confessions and ministering to the Jesuit Community were among the highlights of his Jesuit and priestly ministry at

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— Fr. Richard E. Cobb, SJ
70 years a Jesuit



Santa Clara. He also gratefully recalls the love and sympathy he received from the Santa Clara Community during a two-year convalescence from an auto injury many years ago.

Another highlight of his life at Santa Clara was in 2001, when he took part in an exchange program and taught English at Donetsk University in Ukraine.

Fr. Phipps remembers his many years at SCU fondly. “It was a wonderful place, a friendly and supportive community.”

As for his advice to younger Jesuits? He keeps it simple: “Enjoy what you’re doing,” as he certainly did during his service to SCU.

“I am very grateful to God for my long life in the Society and to the Society for its loving care here at Los Gatos,” Fr. Phipps says.

As these Jesuit Jubilarians express their gratitude for the Society, we thank them for their many years of service to the Catholic Church.

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NEWS FROM THE PROVINCE

FR. STEPHEN PRIVETT, SJ, RECEIVES LEO T. MCCARTHY AWARD FOR PUBLIC SERVICE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Fr. Stephen Privett, SJ, and Jacqueline McCarthy

On March 14, Fr. Stephen Privett, SJ, was presented with the 2019 Award for Public Service from the Leo T. McCarthy Center for Public Service and the Common Good at the University of San Francisco (USF).

Fr. Privett, who served as president and chancellor of USF and co-founded the center, is currently president of Verbum Dei High School in the Watts neighborhood of Los Angeles and president emeritus of USF. The award is given annually to someone who has inspired others to lead, devoted their energy to equity and justice and maintained the highest ethical standards in their personal and professional lives.

During his 18 years as president and chancellor of USF, Fr. Privett was dedicated to the purpose of educating students for the common good.

"As one of the founders of the McCarthy Center, he helped establish an institution that continues to prepare USF students for community and political engagement and that leads in shaping the entire field of civic engagement in higher education with a vision of social justice," said David Donahue, director of the Leo T. McCarthy Center.

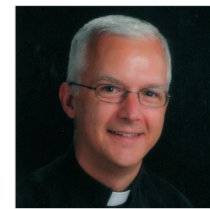
House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Leo T. McCarthy's wife, Jacqueline McCarthy, presented the award to Fr. Privett, who said, "I am honored to accept an award named for Leo T. McCarthy, whose lifelong efforts on behalf of farm workers, children, working mothers and other vulnerable populations bent the arc of history toward justice to an extraordinary degree and inspires us still."

Leo T. McCarthy was Lieutenant Governor of California from 1983 to 1995. He began his career in the 1960s on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and was instrumental in establishing the city's Human Rights Commission and was a champion of people pushed to the margins.

"Verbum Dei students and USF students — particularly those who participate in McCarthy Center programs — are a pledge and a promise that bending history's arc toward justice will continue long after many of us have stepped off of history's stage," Fr. Privett said. "To support the McCarthy Center and Verbum Dei is to help bend the arc of history towards justice."

JESUIT SUPERIOR GENERAL APPOINTS FR. MICHAEL C. GILSON, SJ, SOCIUS OF JESUITS WEST PROVINCE

Fr. Arturo Sosa, SJ, Superior General of the Society of Jesus, has appointed Fr. Michael C. Gilson, SJ, to serve as Socius of the Jesuits West Province effective August 1, 2019. Socius is a uniquely Jesuit term for someone who serves as second-in-command to the Provincial, similar to an executive vice president or chief of staff.



A talented and committed educator and administrator, Fr. Gilson has served for the last seven years as the Provincial Assistant for Secondary and

Pre-Secondary Education. In his letter announcing the news, Fr. Santarosa said that the middle and high schools in the Jesuits West Province "have benefitted greatly from his incredibly clear vision for unity and from his superb organizational skills, which have propelled the sector to a truly strong and solid place."



Current Socius Fr. Mike Bayard, SJ, will be transitioning to a new role after four years of dedicated and exceptional service. Effective later this

fall following a short break, Fr. Bayard will serve as the Provincial Assistant for Planning and the Liaison to Social Ministries for Jesuits West.

Fr. Santarosa said that Fr. Bayard "has been a tremendous partner these last several years, and his tireless work to help our Provinces come together in 2017 helped pave the way for the strong, cohesive Jesuits West Province we have today. I am indebted to Mike for his work, and I am grateful for his friendship. He will remain a trusted advisor to me as well as an important and valued member of our Province team, and I look forward to working with Mike in his new capacity."

NEWS continued

LONGTIME EDUCATOR, ADMINISTRATOR NAMED TO NEW ROLE WITH JESUITS WEST PROVINCE



Jesuits West Province is pleased to announce that Mike Chambers has been appointed Associate PASE (Provincial Assistant for Secondary and

Pre-Secondary Education) beginning August 1, 2019. The PASE office supports the work of the Jesuits West Provincial and serves the 18 secondary and pre-secondary schools of the Province as they seek to develop and deepen their Catholic and Jesuit identity.

For the last seven years, Chambers has served as the principal of Portland's St. Andrew Nativity School, Oregon's only private, tuition-free middle school for low-income students. His long tenure with St. Andrew's started in 2003. In addition to his current role, Chambers has taught

history and served as the school's vice principal and athletic director. He received a bachelor's in history and journalism from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington, and a master's in teaching and a Professional Administrator License from the University of Portland.

A proud alumnus of Bellarmine Preparatory School in Tacoma, Washington, Chambers currently serves on the Portland SEEL (Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life) advisory board and is a former volunteer with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. He will be based in Portland at the Jesuits West Province office.



Fr. Mike Gilson, SJ, becomes Socius of Jesuits West.

Current Associate PASE, Tim Caslin, assumes the role of Provincial Assistant for Secondary and Pre-Secondary Education on August 1 when

PATRICK RUFF APPOINTED TO NEW POSITION WITH JESUITS WEST PROVINCE



Patrick Ruff, former longtime principal of St. Ignatius College Preparatory in San Francisco, has been appointed for one year to serve as Jesuits

West Province Liaison in the Office of Advancement. Based in Los Gatos at Sacred Heart Jesuit Center, Ruff will work with the Advancement team to develop and execute fundraising initiatives, among other responsibilities. He begins his role with the Province this August and in July of 2020, assumes a new position as Head of School at Woodside Priory, a Benedictine college preparatory school in Portola Valley, California.

"I have known Patrick for a number of years, and I have always been impressed with his commitment to both the Society of Jesus and to Jesuit education," said Fr. Scott Santarosa, SJ, Provincial of Jesuits West. "He has been an exceptional collaborator, and we feel blessed to have him join our team for the next year to help advance the mission of Jesuits West."

Ruff, a graduate of Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., has an impressive Jesuit pedigree, having earned degrees and certifications at three Jesuit universities and serving at three Jesuit high schools. Prior to his 11 years at St. Ignatius College Preparatory, he served for 10 years at Boston College High School as vice principal for student affairs, vice principal for spiritual formation, director of campus ministry and campus minister. From 1994–1998, he worked as a teacher, coach and campus minister at Loyola High School of Los Angeles.

Ruff's advanced degrees include a master's in education and California Teaching Credential from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles and a Certification of Advanced Educational Study in educational administration from Boston College. Directly after his 1991 Georgetown graduation, he served for one year with Jesuit Volunteer Corps in San Jose.

VETERAN COMMUNITY ORGANIZER NAMED AS JESUITS WEST'S NEW PROVINCIAL ASSISTANT FOR SOCIAL MINISTRY ORGANIZING



Annie Fox has been appointed as the Jesuit West Province's Provincial Assistant for Social Ministry Organizing. Fox, who served

most recently as the lead organizer and chief of staff for LA Voice, an interfaith organization that works for justice and equity for more than 40,000 families in Los Angeles County as part of the Faith in Action network, began her new role in late January.

In her new position, Fox is charged with helping the universities, high schools, parishes and other ministries

that comprise the Province's 10-state region align, organize and advocate more effectively on issues of social justice. She will also advise Fr. Scott Santarosa, SJ, Provincial of Jesuits West, and the Province leadership team on regional, national and international social justice issues.

During her time with Faith in Action, Fox ran grassroots campaigns focused on housing, homelessness, immigration and mass incarceration and trained hundreds of faith leaders on how to advocate to build more supportive and affordable housing. Prior to her role with LA Voice, Fox served with the Sacramento Area Congregations Together (ACT), PICO California and the Moishe Kavod Jewish Social Justice House.

Fr. Santarosa said, "We are blessed in our Province to have upwards of 80 ministries, and, together, they are a powerful force to raise awareness of the critical justice issues we face today. We are happy to welcome Annie Fox to our team, someone with the experience and leadership skills to take our Province's advocacy efforts to a new level."



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FR. TOM LAMANNA, SJ, APPOINTED RECTOR OF THE DELLA STRADA JESUIT COMMUNITY IN SPOKANE



Fr. Tom Lamanna, SJ, has been appointed as rector of the Della Strada Jesuit Community in Spokane, Washington, where he has been serving as interim rector

since January 1, 2019. Fr. Lamanna will also continue to serve as the pastor of St. Aloysius Parish in Spokane, where he was installed in August 2018.

Born and raised in Spokane, Fr. Lamanna graduated from both Gonzaga Preparatory School and Gonzaga University. He entered the Jesuits in 1986; was ordained in 1997; and then returned to Gonzaga Prep for his first assignment as a priest. After his tertianship in Alaska, he was missioned to work at the Jesuit Novitiate in Portland, Oregon. He was socius to the novice director for two years and then was novice director from 2004 to 2013, the last two years in Culver City, California, at the combined novitiate for the then-California and Oregon Provinces. He then served as superior of the Tacoma Jesuit Community and as a teacher at Bellarmine Preparatory School in Tacoma, Washington.

GREGORY CELIO, SJ, ORDAINED A DEACON IN TORONTO



Anna Slosyk for reflection

On May 11, Gregory Celio, SJ, of Jesuits West was ordained to the diaconate at St. Paul's Basilica in Toronto. Archbishop Terrence Thomas Prendergast, SJ, presided at the Mass, during which two Canadian Jesuits were also ordained to the priesthood and four other Jesuits to the diaconate.

Celio has a bachelor's in history and a master's in education from the University of Notre Dame. Before joining the

Jesuits in 2009, he taught social studies, math, science and physical education at Catholic schools in Nashville. During his Jesuit formation, he taught at Bellarmine Preparatory School in Tacoma, Washington, did first studies at Saint Louis University and studied Spanish at the ITESO in Guadalajara, Mexico. Celio is currently studying theology at Regis College in Toronto in preparation for ordination to the priesthood.

JESUITS WEST HAPPENINGS



Daniel, Catherine, Patrick, Mary and Teresa Nally with Forrest Bannan and Fr. Scott Santarosa, SJ



Joanne and Pat Graham with Fr. Scott Santarosa, SJ



Monique Go, Ryan Co, Ben Co, Ernie and Jenny Go with Joe Kraemer, SJ



Charmaine Warmenhoven, Lon Normandin and Fr. John Mossi, SJ



Kim Randles (left), Rita Daubenspeck and Siobhan Lawlor

FR. KEVIN O'BRIEN, SJ, NAMED 29TH PRESIDENT OF SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY



Fr. Kevin O'Brien, SJ, a theologian and educator, has been named the 29th president of Santa Clara University. He succeeds Fr. Michael E. Engh, SJ, who announced in June 2018 that he will be concluding his presidency at the end of this academic year.

Fr. O'Brien, who currently serves as dean of the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University, will become president on July 1, 2019.

"I am deeply humbled to be asked to take the helm of Santa Clara University and to build upon all that Fr. Engh and his team have accomplished over the last decade," said Fr. O'Brien.

Since 2016, Fr. O'Brien has served as dean of the Jesuit School of Theology. He previously spent eight years at Georgetown University, the last five as vice president for mission and ministry.

Fr. O'Brien was born in Montreal, Quebec, and moved to Florida when he was four. He became a naturalized American citizen at age 22, after graduating from Georgetown in 1988 with a degree in government.

He went to law school at the University of Florida and then practiced corporate litigation for two years. After leaving his law practice, he taught social studies at Cardinal Newman High School in West Palm Beach, Florida.

After years of discernment, Fr. O'Brien joined the Society of Jesus in 1996 and was ordained to the priesthood in 2006. During his formation as a Jesuit, Fr. O'Brien earned a master's degree in philosophy from Fordham University and a Master of Divinity and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from the Weston Jesuit School of Theology, now part of Boston College.

Fr. O'Brien was ordained in 2006 and then served for two years as associate pastor at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Washington, D.C., before joining Georgetown in 2008.

After being named president, Fr. O'Brien said: "The measure that will matter most — at least for a Jesuit university — is the lives we have impacted and the change we have affected, for the good of humanity — especially those on the margins — and for the greater glory of God."

Continued from cover story - Joe Kraemer, SJ

After serving as a novice for two years, Joe was sent to London for a year to study philosophy at Heythrop College, followed by a second year at Fordham University.

For the next stage of formation, a period called Regency, where Jesuits typically teach for several years in a high school, Joe was given an unusual mission: He was to serve in the Province's Advancement Office. The Office had never had a Regent before, but Province Advancement Director Siobhán Lawlor realized how much donors would enjoy getting to know a Jesuit in formation. The fact that Joe Kraemer was a talented writer sealed the deal.



Joe Kraemer, SJ, with members of the Province's Advancement team

"There are so many parts of the job that I love," Joe says.

"There's a storytelling aspect that ties into my time at Juilliard because I get to talk to donors about the Jesuits of our Province and all the amazing things they are doing. Across the board, our donors are generous, curious and open-hearted people."

It helped that the Advancement Office is in the same building as Sacred Heart Jesuit Center, the Province's infirmary/retirement community in Los Gatos, California. "For the last two years, I've had lunch with more than 80 of the best men I know. Every day has been a good day because I learn something new and meet someone new."

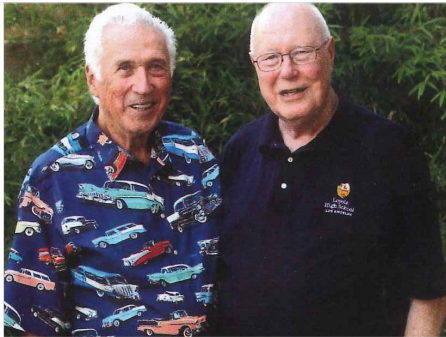
Joe says that his time with the senior men of the Province, "journeying with them at the end of their lives," has made it easy to ask donors to consider funding gifts for senior care.

As he moves onto theology studies in Berkeley at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University this fall, Joe is quick to express gratitude for the many donors whose generosity helps support his formation and that of his Jesuit brothers.

Looking back on his career in show business, Joe says he realizes "there was an emptiness that I wasn't in touch with, and suddenly God filled it up."

Sounds like a Hollywood ending.

JESUITS WEST PROVINCE RECEIVES \$2.5 MILLION GIFT FOR SENIOR CARE



Charles Mathewson (left) and his brother, Fr. Bob Mathewson, SJ

After decades of leadership positions at Jesuit high schools, Fr. Bob Mathewson, SJ, moved to the Province's retirement and healthcare facility, Sacred Heart Jesuit Center, in Los Gatos, California, in 2018. Over the years, Fr. Bob Mathewson's brother, Charles, has been a generous benefactor to the Jesuit secondary schools where Fr. Bob Mathewson served in leadership positions with distinction. In honor of his brother, Charles Mathewson recently provided the Province with a \$2.5 million gift to Sacred Heart Jesuit Center, the largest gift the Province has received in recent years. The gift will be used to support social and recreational programs for upward of 80 Jesuits who live at SHJC. Charles Mathewson's recent gift follows several others to the Province, including one several years ago that helped provide sorely needed upgrades to the building's air conditioning system.

The brothers are best friends, and Charles Mathewson has always supported Bob's vocation. In addition to his generosity to the Province and its ministries through the years, Charles was the one who dropped Bob off at Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in 1949 when Bob began his Jesuit life as a novice.

Jesuits West Provincial Fr. Scott Santarosa, SJ, said, "I am grateful to Charles Mathewson for his incredibly generous gift and to Bob Mathewson and the Jesuits like him at Sacred Heart Jesuit Center for their decades of service to the Society of Jesus and the Catholic Church. Sacred Heart Jesuit Center is one of the most vibrant communities in the Province, and this gift will provide for expanded and enhanced programs for the men there. It is a fitting and heartfelt tribute from one brother to another."

FR. PAT LEE, SJ, JOINS TERTIANSHIP STAFF IN PORTLAND



Fr. Steve Dillard, SJ (left), Fr. Mike Weiler, SJ, and Fr. Pat Lee, SJ

Tertianship is one of those uniquely Jesuit words. St. Ignatius conceived of tertianship as a time for spiritual renewal, where Jesuits would come together, typically after several years of apostolic work, to study the Jesuit *Constitutions* and make the 30-day *Spiritual Exercises* retreat, which they did for the first time as novices. The last step in a Jesuit's formation, tertianship is required before a Jesuit can be considered for Final Vows.

The tertianship program for the U.S. and Canada is located in Portland, Oregon, in

close proximity to St. Ignatius Parish and School and the Jesuits West Province Curia, the Province's administrative offices. It is one of eight English-speaking tertianship programs around the world.

Tertians can choose to participate over a nine-month period or two successive summers. Home base is a rambling former convent, which has been renovated over time to house up to 12 tertians as well as three Jesuit staff members.

In February of this year, the tertianship program was rocked by the unexpected death of Fr. Charlie Moutenot, SJ, who helped co-found the program and served as its director since 2012. The tertianship staff is a small, tight-knit team, and among those affected by the loss of their friend and colleague are Fr. Mike Weiler, SJ, and Fr. Steve Dillard, SJ, who both worked with Fr. Moutenot. Fr. Pat Lee, SJ, recently joined the team, which is focusing on helping current tertians, who hail from the U.S., Poland, Nigeria, Philippines and Japan, finish the program, while readying for the next group to arrive this summer.

BR. MICHAEL BREault, SJ, DISCUSSES THE JESUIT IMAGINATION AT LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY



Br. Michael Breault, SJ, was one of the speakers for a discussion on "Jesuits in Space: Science Fiction and the Jesuit Imagination" at Loyola Marymount University (LMU)

on February 28. A graduate of New York University's Tisch School of the Arts Professional Theater Training Program, Br. Breault is a writer, director and producer for stage and screen.

As LMU's first Jesuit Visiting Scholar, Br. Breault had a conversation with Steven Mailloux, President's Professor of Rhetoric at LMU, about adaptations and the Jesuit imagination. Br. Breault spoke about both his career in the arts and his Jesuit vocation. He went to a Jesuit

high school, where he saw that Jesuits were intensely passionate, loyal and funny. "And they were men of faith. And I wanted that life."

After joining the Society of Jesus, he was originally on the formation track to become a priest, but eventually decided to become a brother. His Jesuit mentor pointed out that many Jesuit brothers in the early Society were artists and architects. "The Jesuits brought them in knowing that to spread the word of the Gospel they needed artists, and they used the brothers to do that," Br. Breault said.

He also spoke about his current project: developing a TV series about Jesuits in the 16th and 17th centuries, where each season focuses on a different mission, such as Edmund Campion, SJ, in England, "when to be a Jesuit was a hanging offense."

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



**Fr. Joseph R.
Retzel, SJ**

August 11, 1927
November 27, 2018

Fr. Joseph R. Retzel, SJ, died on November 27, 2018, at Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in Los Gatos, California. Born in Wenatchee, Washington, on August 11, 1927, and reared in Spokane, Washington, he graduated from Gonzaga Preparatory School in 1945. After serving in the Navy for one year and attending Gonzaga University for another year, he entered the Society of Jesus at St. Francis Xavier Novitiate in Sheridan, Oregon, in 1947.

He followed the regular course of studies for a Jesuit at Mount Saint Michael's in Spokane and Alma College in Los Gatos, California. Before ordination, he also taught for three years at Bellarmine Preparatory School in Tacoma. After finishing his Jesuit formation and being ordained a priest in Spokane in 1960, he moved to Montana to spend his priestly career.

His great warmth of spirit attracted many to church and prayer. Fr. Retzel, who had a passion for social justice, had a deep love for God and the Native people of the Pacific Northwest. His joyful spirit always celebrated life, and he said the Native elders taught him the importance of being present in the moment wherever he was. After 53 years of pastoral care for Native American communities across Montana, Fr. Retzel moved to Spokane in 2015 to pray for the Church and Society. He later moved to Sacred Heart Jesuit Center to continue his ministry of prayer.



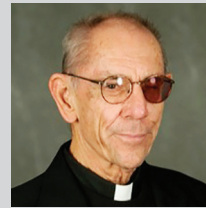
**Fr. Frederick P.
Tollini, SJ**

September 27, 1934
February 9, 2019

Fr. Frederick P. Tollini, SJ, died on February 9, 2019. He was born September 27, 1934, and raised in San Francisco, where he attended St. Ignatius High School. After graduating from high school, he entered the Jesuit Novitiate in Los Gatos, California.

He received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in philosophy from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington, and a master's degree in theology and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from Alma College. He also taught at his alma mater, St. Ignatius High School, for three years. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 4, 1965, in San Francisco. After receiving a Ph.D. in theatre arts from Yale University, he moved to Santa Clara University in 1971 and spent 41 years serving as theater director and promoting theater arts in the Drama Department. During his tenure, he performed roles such as Don Quixote in "Man of La Mancha," Pickering in "My Fair Lady" and Shakespeare's King Lear. He also directed seminal plays from Greek tragedies to Shakespeare to Tennessee Williams, as well as musicals like "West Side Story" and "Jesus Christ Superstar."

Fr. Tollini also traveled extensively and kept perfecting his photography skills along with his mastery of the violin. He retired in 2015 and served as Santa Clara University's Emeritus Professor of English, Theater and Dance. In 2017, he moved to Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in Los Gatos, California, for a ministry of prayer.



**Fr. James V.
Schall, SJ**

January 20, 1928
April 17, 2019

Fr. James V. Schall, SJ, died April 17, 2019, at Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in Los Gatos, California. He was born on January 20, 1928, in Pocahontas, Iowa; served in the Army from 1946 to 1947; entered Sacred Heart Novitiate on August 14, 1948; and was ordained on June 7, 1963. He pronounced Final Vows on August 15, 1966, at Alma College in Los Gatos, California, and was a Jesuit for 70 years.

He was a member of the faculty of the Institute of Social Sciences at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome (1964-77) and a member of the Government Department at the University of San Francisco (1968-77). A longtime professor of political philosophy at Georgetown University, Fr. Schall served on the faculty from 1977 – 2012. Among his numerous honors, he was presented with the Edward B. Bunn, SJ, Award for Faculty Excellence by the senior class in the College of Arts and Sciences in 1993, 2004 and 2010. He was also named to the 1997-98 John Templeton Foundation Honor Roll of outstanding professors.

The author of more than 30 books, Fr. Schall was considered an expert on G.K. Chesterton. He edited two volumes of Chesterton's collected works and wrote his own volume of essays on the famous Catholic convert.

Hiking into the Jesuit Past

My workdays don't often involve sneakers and a water bottle, but on a recent beautiful afternoon, I headed out for a hike. I didn't have to look far for adventure as my uphill climb started right behind my office at Sacred Heart Jesuit Center (SHJC) in Los Gatos.

Br. Tom Koller, SJ, who arrived at SHJC in July of 1961 at the age of 20 to begin his Jesuit vocation, was my tour guide. He lives in this sprawling building, on the fourth floor's east wing, and works part-time in our Advancement Office, on the fourth floor's west wing. Life has come full circle for Br. Tom and so many other Jesuits who came to Los Gatos as novices and have now returned to live in a place steeped with memories.

The Jesuits' presence here dates to 1888, when Italian Jesuits constructed an impressive brick and stucco Victorian building to serve as a novitiate. In the surrounding hillside, they planted grapes and, for decades, produced sacramental wines under the Novitiate label. Over the years, the building was extensively expanded, renovated and repurposed, and the 1888 portion demolished. The novices were moved in 1968 to Southern California, and a state-of-the-art infirmary now occupies the building's first floor. I was familiar with SHJC's interior, but the backyard was something of a mystery.

It was an uphill climb as we exited the rear of the building. At one point, the Jesuits owned 400 acres here, all the way to the top of the hill they named for St. Joseph. Today, the complex sits on 165 acres, but most of that land is open space protected from development.

As we walked along, we could still see stakes in the ground that once held grapevines, although the grapes that Br. Tom and his fellow novices picked are long gone.

Times were different then. Today, novices are out in the world, but decades ago, they were more monastic, and the isolated Sacred Heart novitiate was an ideal place to keep young men out of trouble. What do you do with lots of young men sequestered high on a hill? Tire them out.

No surprise then that our next stop was what can only be described as a vintage sports complex. There are weeds everywhere, but once there were two baseball diamonds here (one circa 1909 and one from the 1940s) as well as handball, basketball and tennis courts. In the 1930s, there were as many as 200 Jesuits using these fields.

After traversing for more than an hour, our tour was ending but not before we visited one more ancient ruin: the old swimming pool, once one of the largest pools in the state. The California Province Jesuits had lobbied for years to build a pool, but the Jesuit Superior General kept turning them down. A 1934 winery fire was the game changer; Rome said yes to a pool only because it would provide a water source in case of fire. The fact that novices could also cool off was icing on the cake. The pool was filled in long ago but is today a monument to countless cannonballs.

My time on the hillside reminded me that there is always something new and surprising just outside your door. It also affirmed our focus on raising money for the formation of Jesuits — from novices in Culver City to our senior men living at Sacred Heart Jesuit Center. The Jesuits living here have come full circle. Funny how a hike brought together our two fundraising priorities in such a meaningful way.

Thank you for your continued support.

Siobhán Lawlor
Provincial Assistant for Advancement and Communications



Siobhán Lawlor with hiking guide, Br. Tom Koller, SJ



An undated photo of Jesuit novices in the baseball stands.



Br. Dan Peterson, SJ, was a novice here in the 1960s and now serves as Province Archivist.



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JESUITS WEST CELEBRATES ORDINATIONS OF FIVE NEW PRIESTS



Five Jesuits from Jesuits West were ordained to the priesthood on June 8 at Our Lady of La Vang Church in Portland, Oregon. Pictured back row, from left: Delegate for Formation Fr. Tony Sholander, SJ, and Provincial Fr. Scott Santarosa, SJ; front row, from left: Fr. Francis Nguyen, SJ; Fr. Andrew Laguna, SJ; Fr. Travis Russell, SJ; Archbishop Alexander K. Sample, of the Archdiocese of Portland; Fr. Stefanus Hendrianto, SJ; and Fr. Robert Van Alstyne, SJ.