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## In Celebration and Gratitude

As this issue of *Mission* is distributed, we will have celebrated the successful conclusion of the Generations Capital Campaign. I am deeply grateful for the generosity of so many friends of the Society who came forward to help us renovate the health and retirement center for men from the California and Oregon provinces in Los Gatos, Calif., and expand The Jesuit Novitiate of the Three Companions in Culver City, Calif., where young men from both provinces begin their journey to priesthood or religious brotherhood in the Society of Jesus.

The response of these men to God comes as a total offering of themselves in their first vows, which they confirm through two years of Novitiate training. That kind of response can only come from a profound sense of gratitude for what God in Christ has already done for them on their life's journey. The experience of gratitude is a pivotal moment in the Spiritual Exercises retreat of Saint Ignatius which guides retreatants through a searching self-examination and a careful appreciation of the abundant goodness of God to all creation and to the retreatants in particular. The result of those considerations is the experience of gratitude, which in itself is a wonderful fruit of the retreat.

With the gratitude and success of our Generations Capital Campaign present in our thoughts, we look also to the change that is coming to the Society of Jesus and the California and Oregon provinces. On the first day of October, delegates from every Jesuit province in the world will gather in Rome to select a new superior general to guide the Society. Father General Adolfo Nicolás, SJ, is retiring and has convened a General Congregation, just the 36th in our nearly 475-year history. Representing the Jesuits of the California and Oregon provinces will be Frs. Scott Santarosa, Tom Lamanna, Chi Ngo, Mark Ravizza, and myself. As the whole Society deliberates our future in Rome, change continues in the California and Oregon provinces as on July 1, 2017, we form a new province that will cover the 10 states in the West. Many Province operations have already been joined so that the formal launch of the new Province will be seamless for the people we serve.

As we reflect on the season of Easter and the hope it brings, let us allow our gratitude for all we have received from the Lord to inspire us to make the world more like the creation God intended. May the power of Christ's resurrection bring forth in us the goodness planted there from the beginning.

May the peace and joy of our Lord now and always be with you.

Abundant Blessings,

Fr. Michael F. Weiler, SJ  
Provincial



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## New Assignments

Father Sean Michaelson, SJ, has been named the new executive secretary (socius) for the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., the Jesuit Conference serves as the liaison to the Jesuits' nine provinces in Canada and the U.S. and to the Jesuits' headquarters in Rome, promoting common goals and overseeing international projects.

As executive secretary, Fr. Michaelson is charged with the day-to-day management of the Jesuit Conference office, whose staff is engaged in advocacy, international ministries, communications, finance, vocation promotion, and Jesuit formation, among other endeavors.

He leaves behind the position of provincial assistant for formation for both the California and Oregon provinces. That position is being filled on an interim basis by Fr. Glen Butterworth, SJ, who

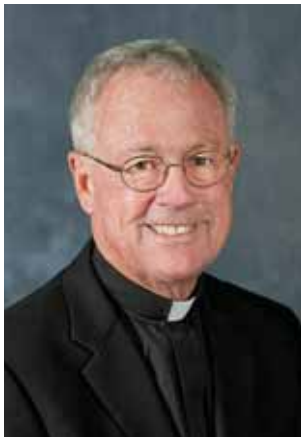
will serve in this capacity throughout 2016. Fr. Butterworth is temporarily stepping away from his duties at associate pastor at St. Joseph's Church in Seattle.



Fr. Sean Michaelson, SJ



Fr. Glen Butterworth, SJ



Fr. Edward A. Reese, SJ

## SI Prep Gets New President

Father Edward A. Reese, SJ, has been named the 31st president of St. Ignatius College Preparatory in San Francisco beginning July 1 after a unanimous vote by the school's Board of Trustees.

"The search committee did an outstanding job of working through a slate of well-qualified candidates for this important position," said Fr. Greg Bonfiglio, SJ, chair of SI's Board of Trustees. "They served the mission of the school—and ultimately our students—extremely well. Fr. Reese brings with him skills and experience that uniquely position him to build on what has been accomplished and lead this excellent school forward. We are blessed to have him."

SI President Fr. Edwin B. Harris, SJ, who will finish his term in June, praised his successor for being forward-thinking and for having the depth of experience that stretches back to 1968, when Fr. Reese began his career in education as a scholastic teaching at Loyola High School in Los Angeles.

Currently at Brophy College Preparatory in Phoenix, where he has served for the past 20 years as president, Fr. Reese has also served as an assistant principal at Loyola High School, an assistant principal and principal at Bellarmine College Preparatory in San Jose (1978-1993); and as an administrator, teacher, and counselor at St. Ignatius Riverview in Sydney, Australia (1993-1995).



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**JESUITS**  
California Province

## Province Launches New Website

The California Province of the Society of Jesus has launched a new website to deliver an enhanced user experience while bringing visitors closer to the outreach and ministries of the province and Jesuits throughout the world.

The new site follows the model established by the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States and adopted by all U.S. provinces.

“Our new site is much more streamlined than our former site,” said Jim Muyo, California Province director of communication. “This new model offers visitors a more direct path to our more than 40 ministries, including educational institutions, parishes, retreat and spirituality centers, and social ministries, and provides a more in depth look at the Jesuit charism that distinguishes the many ministries of the Society of Jesus.”



Visit the new website at [www.jesuitswest.org](http://www.jesuitswest.org)

## Father Greg Boyle Named James Beard Humanitarian



**Honored Recipient:** Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ, will receive the James Beard Humanitarian Award for his work with former gang members.

Father Greg Boyle, SJ, founder and executive director of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, will receive the 2016 Humanitarian of the Year Award from the James Beard Foundation.

In 1992, in the aftermath of civil unrest in Los Angeles, Fr. Boyle launched Homeboy Bakery, where former rival gang members worked side by side and learned both business and baking skills. Its success laid the groundwork for additional social enterprises within the Homeboy brand, including Homegirl Café & Catering, Homeboy Diner in Los Angeles City Hall, and a retail presence at Los Angeles–area farmers’ markets.

“I am honored and humbled by this recognition,” Fr. Boyle said, “but also heartened because it acknowledges, as well, a community

on the margins that has long been demonized. This award, then, imagines a circle of compassion outside of which no one is left standing.”

Every year more than 10,000 formerly gang-involved and previously incarcerated men and women come through Homeboy Industries doors.

The James Beard Foundation’s Humanitarian of the Year award is given to an individual or organization whose work in the realm of food has improved the lives of others and benefited society at large. The award will be bestowed upon Fr. Boyle at the James Beard Foundation’s event in Chicago on May 2.



## Jesuit Universities Highly Ranked Again

All 28 U.S. Jesuit colleges and universities have been ranked near the top of their classification categories in *U.S. News & World Report’s* annual “Best Colleges” report.

Among 84 master’s universities ranked in the West, four Jesuit institutions were in the top five: Santa Clara University (second), Gonzaga University and Loyola Marymount University (tied at third), and Seattle University (fifth). Santa Clara University was also highlighted as having the highest freshman retention rate of any master’s university in the country and the highest graduation rate in the West at 84 percent.



**Self-starter:** Carlos Muela opened the SoMa StrEat food park three years after graduating from USF, where he studied entrepreneurship.

## USF Moves Higher on *Forbes'* Most Entrepreneurial List

*Forbes* has ranked the University of San Francisco among the top 20 universities in the country for entrepreneurialism, according to the magazine's August edition.

USF ranked 19th on the list, up two positions from 21st last year and alongside perennial startup powerhouses such as Stanford University, University of California, Berkeley, and Princeton University.

"At USF, we leverage our location in Silicon Valley and San Francisco, the epicenters of entrepreneurship and innovation, to be sure that students gain from the insights of professionals in business, technology, family business, social enterprises, and venture capital," said Mark Cannice, professor and chair of entrepreneurship, innovation, and strategy in the USF School of Management, regarding the latest rankings.

## Letter from Pope Francis Impacts Incarcerated Youth

Pope Francis has sent a personal letter to Carlos, an 18-year-old inmate at the Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall in Sylmar, Calif., served by the Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative in Los Angeles. In his letter, the Pope asked that Carlos and his fellow residents observe the Jubilee Year of Mercy and also pray for him.

Carlos is currently facing 11 years in state prison. While at the juvenile hall, he reached out to the Pope. He read Pope Francis' letter to Los Angeles Archbishop José H. Gomez and several juvenile detainees in Unit X, part of "the compound" that's surrounded by barbed wire fencing and reserved for the facility's most serious offenders.

Earlier that morning, Archbishop Gomez had blessed and opened a "Door of Mercy" at the facility and celebrated Mass for scores of juvenile offenders at the facility's chapel. Pope Francis has declared this year to be an "Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy," a period of grace and forgiveness in which the pardon of sins would be granted to those seeking forgiveness through penance and confession, pilgrimages to churches, and forgiving oneself and others.

"What was so affirming this morning with the Archbishop was that the kids at Sylmar, after receiving a letter written to one of them from the Pope and then having the Archbishop personally visit

them, was the deep joy that comes from visible signs expressing God's unconditional love, concretely through a letter from the Pope and the person of the Archbishop," said Fr. Michael Kennedy, SJ, executive director of JRJI. "They are not alone. They are not forgotten. They deserve a second chance. This is what was celebrated so beautifully."



Dear Carlos,

May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you!

I was pleased to receive your recent letter and to learn that Archbishop Gomez will be opening a Holy Door of Mercy at the Barry Nidorf Juvenile Hall. It is a great joy to know that you and the other residents are united in prayer for the Jubilee of Mercy.



*in loving memory*  
*prayer*  
*teacher* *in remembrance*  
*relationship forever in our hearts*  
**IN REMEMBRANCE**  
*faith heaven brotherhood dedication friend*



*Fr. Rynes*

**FATHER THEODORE JOHN RYNES, SJ, 83**

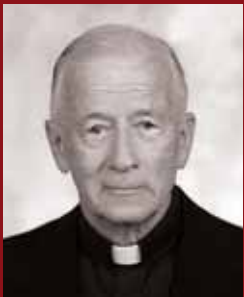
*May 29, 2015* at Santa Clara University. Fr. Rynes was born in Omaha. He attended Creighton Prep, and entered the Jesuit Novitiate at Florissant, Missouri in 1949. He received degrees in English from St. Louis University and taught at Campion Prep, Prairie du Chien, Wisc., before beginning theology studies at St. Mary's College, Kansas. He was ordained a priest in 1962 and came to California in 1964 for graduate studies in English at the University of California, Berkeley. He completed a dissertation on mutual influences on the satiric method of Alexander Pope and Jonathan Swift, and received his Ph.D. in 1973. In 1970 he began a long association as a professor of English at Santa Clara University, teaching a variety of classes in addition to his specialty of 18th century British literature.



*Fr. Wright*

**FATHER TENNANT "TENNY" C. WRIGHT, SJ, 87**

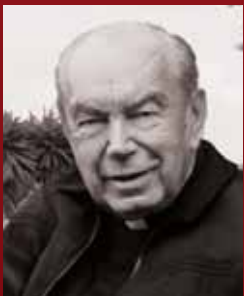
*June 17, 2015* at Sacred Heart Jesuit Center. Born in Los Angeles 1927, Fr. Wright graduated from Loyola High School and Loyola University, Los Angeles, and entered the Jesuit Novitiate in 1950. He was ordained a priest in 1962. In his 58-year association with Santa Clara University, he served as instructor in English, teacher of theology, and senior lecturer of religious studies. He also taught religious studies at St. John's College, Belize, and did pastoral ministry there. His zealous concern with social justice issues resulted in correspondence with presidents, prime ministers, members of Congress, and activists. His interest in literature resulted in a long-time correspondence with Graham Greene. He also studied Zen Buddhism in Japan, ministered at a psychiatric hospital in Belize, and worked with incarcerated youth and their families. His published articles and op-ed pieces in numerous newspapers and periodicals showed a wide interest in a variety of religious and social topics.



*Fr. Breault*

**FATHER WILLIAM F. BREAUULT, SJ, 88**

*June 29, 2015* at Sacred Heart Jesuit Center. Fr. Breault was an artist, author, archivist, and teacher. Born in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., in 1926, he later moved to Inglewood, Calif. He entered the Jesuit Novitiate in 1949. Studies took him to Gonzaga University for degrees in English and philosophy and to Alma College, Los Gatos, for theology. He was ordained a priest in 1962. He also earned degrees in drama and art. Fr. Breault taught at Jesuit high schools in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Sacramento. In addition to classroom teaching, he was active in high school drama as coach, scenic designer, and director. He was active in producing religious programs for parish use and for local and national television. He wrote and recorded a successful series of audio meditations and wrote books of meditations, prayers, historical works, and fiction. For many years he served as the archivist for the Diocese of Sacramento. Fr. Breault was an acclaimed artist who produced a steady stream of watercolors, prints, and metal sculptures. His work was praised for its "indisputable craftsmanship and original inspiration." He taught and gave workshops in Northern California, Hawaii, and elsewhere.



*Fr. Dachauer*

**FATHER ANDREW C. DACHAUER, SJ, 85**

*September 12, 2015* at Sacred Heart Jesuit Center. Fr. Dachauer was born in Milwaukee in 1930, graduated from St. Ignatius High School, San Francisco, and entered the Jesuit Novitiate in 1948. His studies took him to Gonzaga University and Spring Hill College, Ala. He taught chemistry at St. Ignatius Prep and received a doctorate in chemistry from Fordham University. He was ordained a priest in 1964. Upon completion of training, Fr. Dachauer taught in the chemistry department at the University of San Francisco with great success and was an effective resident counselor. Starting in 1965, he did summer pastoral work at the Catholic church in Lee Vining, in the eastern Sierra. In 1983, upon his retirement from teaching, he assumed the pastorate of the church, now relocated to Mammoth Lakes, and its mission churches along Highway 395 in a parish covering more than 1,200 square miles. Fr. Dachauer was known for his active, hands-on approach to all situations. He enjoyed working with tools and doing things for others, whether graciously hosting a parish event, a meal for friends, or decorating the community Christmas tree with his specially chosen ornaments.



### **FATHER GERALD L. McKEVITT, SJ, 76**

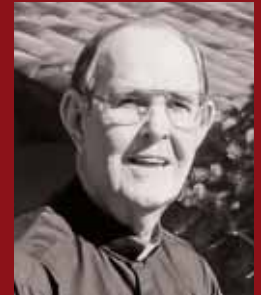
*September 18, 2015* at Sacred Heart Jesuit Center. Fr McKeVitt was born in Longview, Wash., in 1939 and lived in Quincy, Calif. He graduated from the University of San Francisco in 1961 and earned an M.A. in history from the University of Southern California before entering the Jesuit Novitiate in 1963. His studies took him to Gonzaga University and to the University of California at Los Angeles, where he received his Ph.D. in history in 1972. Theological studies were taken in Rome and he was ordained a priest in San Francisco in 1975. Fr. McKeVitt had a lifetime association with Santa Clara University as professor and archivist. His history of the university was published in 1979. Another award winning book, *Brokers of Culture: Italian Jesuits in the American West, 1848-1919*, was published in 2007. Other academic experiences included visiting professorships at Fordham and Seattle universities, memberships on various boards, and a term as rector of the Santa Clara Jesuit Community. Health considerations brought his retirement from the classroom, but his research continued as did his lectures to a variety of audiences and cultivation of his hobby of watercolor painting.



*Fr. McKeVitt*

### **FATHER JAMES R. HANLEY, SJ, 88**

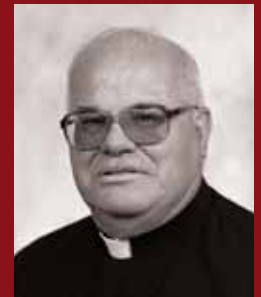
*September 28, 2015* at Sacred Heart Jesuit Center. Fr. Hanley was born in San Francisco in 1927, graduated from Sacred Heart High School, and entered the Jesuits in 1945. He earned an economics degree at Gonzaga University, taught Latin at Bellarmine Prep, San Jose and economic history at the University of San Francisco. Theological studies were made at Alma College, Los Gatos, and he was ordained a priest in 1958. Fr. Hanley taught religion and served as student chaplain at St. Ignatius High School, San Francisco, where he oversaw curriculum changes and strengthened the student retreat program. He later taught religion at Loyola High School, Los Angeles. He was named rector-president of St. Ignatius College Prep in 1973 and in 1975 became vice provincial for formation for the California Province, in charge of the educational and spiritual formation of Jesuit seminarians. Fr. Hanley served in retreat ministry at the Jesuit Retreat Center, Los Altos, and Manresa Retreat House, Azusa. Over the years he established a reputation as an excellent spiritual director to priests, religious sisters, and laypeople. In 2008 he relocated to the Sacred Heart Jesuit Center, continuing his ministry of counsel and support to the clergy of the Bay Area and of the Diocese of Stockton.



*Fr. Hanley*

### **FATHER PAUL F. CAPITOLO, SJ, 80**

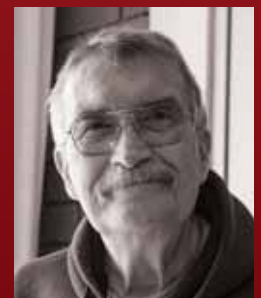
*September 29, 2015* at Sacred Heart Jesuit Center. Fr. Capitolo, universally known as “Cappy,” was a long-time teacher and student counselor at St. Ignatius College Preparatory, San Francisco. He was born in the small mining town of Price, Utah, in 1935. His family relocated to San Francisco and he graduated from St. Ignatius High School (1953) and the University of San Francisco (1957) before entering the Jesuit Novitiate at Los Gatos, following the footsteps of his older brother, Mario. Fr. Capitolo taught English at St. Ignatius (1964-66), made theological studies at Alma College, Los Gatos, and was ordained a priest in 1969. In 1970 he returned to St. Ignatius College Prep, beginning an association that would extend 41 years. He served in many capacities: house administrator, teacher, student counselor, and moderator of the soccer program and of Boy’s State. Always ready to roll up his sleeves, he also managed the bookstore and was ready for any task that came along. In addition, he took parish assignments on weekends and during the summer. He retired to Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in 2011.



*Fr. Capitolo*

### **FATHER MICHAEL J. KOTLANGER, SJ, 69**

*October 4, 2015*, in San Francisco. Fr. Kotlanger was born in the Mission District of San Francisco in 1946 and graduated from St. Paul’s grammar school, St. Ignatius College Preparatory, and the University of San Francisco before entering the Jesuit Novitiate at Santa Barbara in 1968. He earned an MA in history from Loyola Marymount University and pursued philosophical studies at Gonzaga University. Theological studies were made at the Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley, and he was ordained a priest in 1978. He then earned a Ph.D. in history at Arizona State University. Over the years, he taught all levels from grade school to graduate students. Before ordination, he was involved in summer programs at St. Paul’s School, overseeing the athletic program and leading a cooking seminar for 9- to 13-year-olds. The high school history classroom was also his domain, both at Jesuit High School, Sacramento, 1973-75, where he also served as department chair and soccer coach, and at St. Ignatius College Prep, San Francisco, 1994-2004. At the university level, Fr. Kotlanger taught history at USF, served as an administrator and, from 1985 until his death, university archivist. In addition to his academic life, Fr. Kotlanger was a dedicated priest, serving on weekends at his home parish, St. Paul’s, for decades.



*Fr. Kotlanger*



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# A LIFETIME OF GIVING BACK

By Samantha Bronson

Michael E. Fox Sr. is quick to credit the Jesuits with the stature he holds in Silicon Valley. “My whole persona in this community has been because of the Jesuits,” he said.

That’s no small statement from Fox. He and his wife, Mary Ellen, have been influential fixtures in Silicon Valley for 50 years as founders of beverage distributor M.E. Fox & Co. and as well-known and dedicated philanthropists. They have friends in both political parties and their home has been the venue for various big-ticket political and nonprofit fundraisers.

Yet when the Foxes first moved to Saratoga in 1965, they had none of the connections they have today. That started changing as soon as Mike met Fr. Walter Schmidt, SJ, at a golf tournament when the two were placed on the same team. Fr. Schmidt, then a vice president at Santa Clara University, quickly put Mike on a board at SCU and began connecting the newcomer with key local leaders.

Since that serendipitous meeting over golf, the Foxes have given generously to numerous Jesuit institutions, including Cristo Rey San Jose Jesuit High School and a host of other Jesuit ministries. They have also served on dozens of Jesuit boards, including at SCU, Bellarmine Prep, and Sacred Heart Nativity Schools. For the Foxes, giving both their time and money is an opportunity to honor an organization both have had connections with since childhood.



Michael E. Fox Sr. and wife Mary Ellen

“My whole persona in this community has been because of the Jesuits.”

—Michael E. Fox Sr.

Mary Ellen’s father was Jesuit educated, as was Mike’s father. Additionally, Fr. Edward Dowling, SJ, of St. Louis was a close family friend who often visited Mike’s family whenever he was in the family’s hometown of Chicago. When it came time for Mike to attend high school, his parents sent him to Campion Jesuit High School, a boarding school in Prairie du Chien, Wisc.

At Campion, Mike’s respect for the Jesuits deepened, particularly for the Jesuit scholastics who worked tirelessly with the students,

from leading 6 a.m. Mass to overseeing study hall from 9 to 10 p.m. “Being there built my intense relationship with the Jesuits,” Mike said. “They were my mother, they were my father, my teachers. They were everything I had.”

After college, Mike considered joining the Society of Jesus after a 10-day trip across the country with two Jesuits left him more deeply impressed with the order. He opted to first begin graduate school before deciding and soon after met Mary Ellen. The two married and moved west to start their business and, ultimately, their family of six children.

The couple’s Jesuit connections have continued through subsequent generations. Several children and grandchildren attended Santa Clara and many of their grandsons have attended, or will attend, Bellarmine. Over the years, the Foxes formed a tremendous friendship with the late Fr. Paul Locatelli, SJ, former president of Santa Clara University, who was involved with family members, sometimes from birth to death, including marrying all but one of their children, baptizing most of their grandchildren, and administering prayers of the sick to a family member.

The Foxes have publicly honored that friendship with Fr. Locatelli, who died of cancer in 2013, naming a cancer care center at the Palo Alto Medical Foundation after him and, most recently, donating to the Generations Capital Campaign to name the Sacred Heart Jesuit Community kitchen after Fr. Locatelli, who loved to cook.

So dedicated have the Foxes been to supporting the community that listing all the recipients of their generosity over the years would literally take several pages. Of those many Jesuit and non-Jesuit recipients, one particularly impresses Mary Ellen: the Cristo Rey schools. Such schools, she said, provide students with a Jesuit education they otherwise wouldn’t receive while at the same time serving as wonderful outreach into different communities. Fr. Peter Pabst, SJ, president of Cristo Rey San Jose Jesuit High School and past president of Sacred Heart Nativity Schools, is one of Mike’s best friends.

It’s connections such as those that encourage the Foxes’ commitment to supporting the various works of the Society of Jesus.

“We admire the many Jesuit friends we have acquired in California,” Mary Ellen said. “They have become part of our family and we like to support them in their endeavors and in their retirement.”

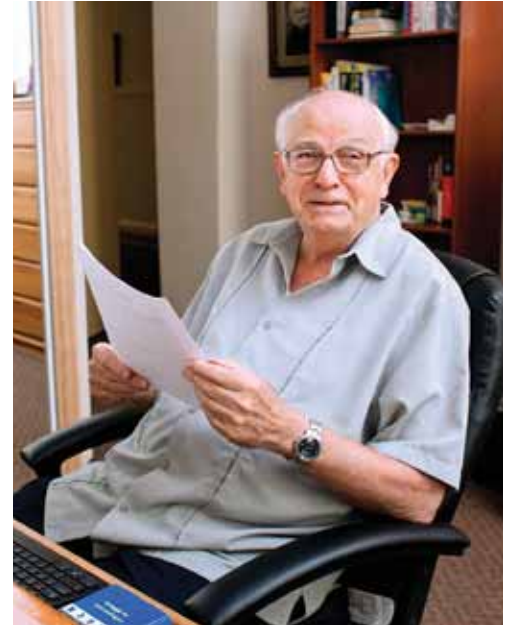
**Correction:** In our last edition, we incorrectly reported the gift amount of the William H. Hannon Foundation to the Generations Capital Campaign. The correct gift amount was \$500,000. We regret the error and remain extremely grateful to the foundation for its support.



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# A Guide to the Jubilee Year of Mercy

By Fr. John Mossi, SJ

**T**he liturgical cycle is full of different seasons. We just finished our 40 days of Lent followed by Holy Week and have transitioned into the Easter season of 50 days. Throughout the seven Sundays of Easter, we reflect on different aspects of how Jesus is risen in our world. The Sunday following Easter is of special note. It is referred to as Divine Mercy Sunday where Jesus enriches us with the gift of the Holy Spirit and his double blessing of peace. The entire Easter Season and especially Divine Mercy Sunday is an ideal time for us to reflect upon the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, so designated by Pope Francis, which began on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 2015, and ends on the Solemnity of Christ the King, November 20, 2016.

## How can we live out this Year of Mercy? What can we do to show mercy through our thoughts and deeds?

During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has invited the Church to reflect upon and to imitate the overwhelming mercy of the Father. The Jubilee Year's engaging Gospel text, Luke 6:36, captures this theme: "Be merciful just as your Father is merciful."

Pope Francis reminds us in his decree, *The Face of Mercy, Misericordiae Vultus*, that "Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy." This Jubilee Year challenges each one of us to look deeper into how we live our Faith and to ask in light of Luke 6:36: What is the unique gift of mercy that I can be and give to others?

How can I be of service to those most in need? How can I make the Works of Mercy come more alive in my neighborhood and parish? How can I renew my faith in sacraments, heart, and actions so as to live a more merciful and compassionate life?

Right now we are at an important midway point in the Jubilee Year. As Jesus is the face of the Father, how can we as followers of Jesus be the face of Jesus? How can we motivate ourselves to use the grace of this Jubilee to the maximum? As we have experienced the mercy of God in our lives in countless ways, a Jubilee Year is an opportunity to share mercy and pass it forward. There is much we can effectively and mercifully do as we approach the conclusion of the Jubilee Year on the Solemnity of Christ the King.

Two critical ingredients are needed so that we can be sacraments of living mercy for our Church and world: daily prayer and daily action. Prayer informs action. Action deepens prayer. Both reinforce and enhance one another. Here is a checklist of resources to make this Year of Mercy real and fulfilling:



Jubilee Year Logo  
by Fr. Marko I. Rupnik, SJ



☐ **Luke 6:36.** Implant Luke 6:36, “Be merciful just as your Father is merciful,” in your heart and mind. Luke 6:36 is the scriptural text for the Jubilee Year. Pray Luke 6:36 often throughout the day. Ask for the grace to live this text by looking for spontaneous and random opportunities to be merciful, even to strangers.

☐ **Mercy Logo.** Meditate on the Jubilee Year logo, which serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father: not to judge or condemn but to forgive, to give love and forgiveness without measure. This logo is an early Church image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd carrying the lost upon his shoulders. Jesus embraces humanity. Notice that there are only three eyes. Jesus, in his great mercy, identifies with humanity, his eye is merged with the eye of the sinner. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam sees with the eyes of Christ. Every person discovers in Christ, who is the new Adam, the love of the Father. Allow this powerful icon to inspire one’s imagination to be the compassion of Christ to neighbor and stranger.

☐ **Scripture.** Read and meditate on scripture, especially the Gospel of Luke, often called the Gospel of Mercy, which includes the parable of the prodigal son (Luke 15:1-32).

☐ **Eucharist.** Attend daily or frequent Mass during the week.

☐ **Generous in Mercy.** Pray St. Ignatius’ Prayer of Generosity for the grace to be unselfish in mercy.

☐ **Deeds.** Actively seek out creative ways to be merciful. St. Ignatius reminds us that love is shown in deeds, not words. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you your unique mercy pathway.

☐ **Service Group.** Join a group like Ignatian Volunteer Corps, St. Vincent de Paul, Catholic Charities, Jesuit Volunteer Corps or a parish group to bring the mercy of Christ to others in need.

☐ **Works of Mercy.** Practice the Spiritual and Corporal Works of mercy. Pope Francis expressed, “It is my burning desire that during this Jubilee, the Christian people may reflect on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy” and perform them readily.

#### **Spiritual Works of Mercy**

Teach those in need  
Counsel the doubting  
Be light to sinners  
Comfort the sorrowful  
Gracefully bear wrongs  
Forgive others  
Pray for the living and dead

#### **Corporal Works of Mercy**

Feed the hungry  
Give drink to the thirsty  
Clothe the poor  
Shelter the homeless  
Comfort the imprisoned  
Visit the sick  
Console the grieving

☐ **Jubilee Indulgence.** A Jubilee is a graced moment of reconciliation and renewal for the entire Church, a time of conversion. To receive the Jubilee Indulgence, Pope Francis invites us to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Doors of St. Peter’s in Rome or a church approved by our local bishop as a sign of our desire for true conversion. Combine this visit with the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist, including a renewal of our profession of faith, with a prayer for the Holy Father and his special intentions.

☐ **Pilgrimage/Retreat.** Go on a spiritual pilgrimage to renew one’s faith commitment. Or, make a retreat at a spirituality center or a day of recollection in your parish.

☐ **Jubilee Prayer.** Pray Pope Francis’ Jubilee Year of Mercy prayer daily.

**In whatever way you can,** live out the Year of Mercy. Find the Year of Mercy activity that you can do that fits within your lifestyle and that makes a positive impact on a fellow member of God’s universal family.

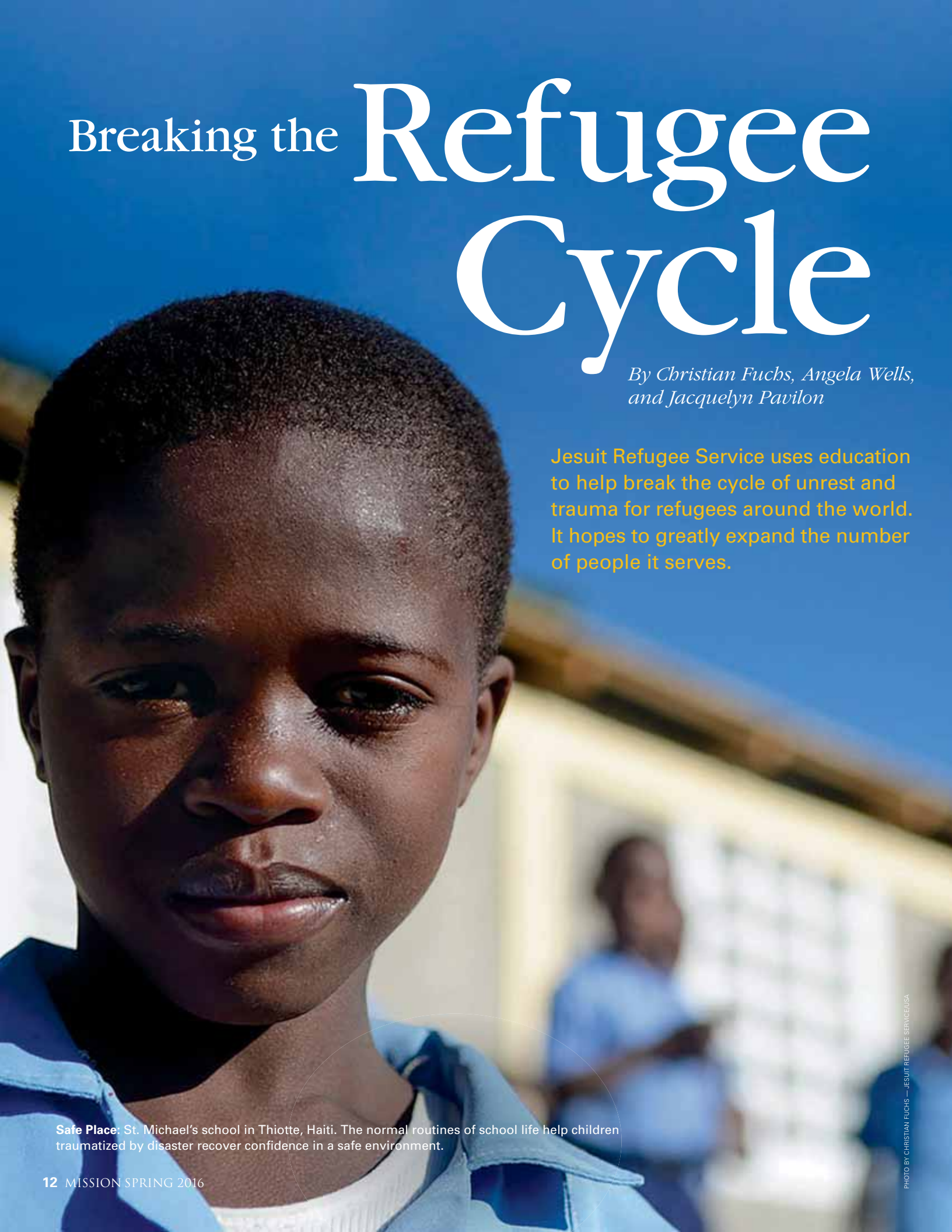
## Pope Francis’ Jubilee Year Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,  
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.  
Show us your face and we will be saved.  
Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew  
from being enslaved by money;  
the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking  
happiness only in created things;  
made Peter weep after his betrayal,  
and assured paradise to the repentant thief.  
Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us,  
the words that you spoke to the Samaritan  
woman: “If you knew the gift of God!”

You are the face of the invisible Father,  
of the God who manifests his power above all  
by forgiveness and mercy;  
let the Church be your visible face in the world,  
its Lord risen and glorified.  
You willed that your ministers would also be  
clothed in weakness  
in order that they may feel compassion for  
those in ignorance and error;  
let everyone who approaches them feel sought  
after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us  
with its anointing,  
so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of  
grace from the Lord,  
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm,  
may bring good news to the poor,  
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,  
and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the  
intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy;  
you who live and reign with the Father and the  
Holy Spirit for ever and ever.  
Amen.



# Breaking the Refugee Cycle

*By Christian Fuchs, Angela Wells,  
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Jesuit Refugee Service uses education to help break the cycle of unrest and trauma for refugees around the world. It hopes to greatly expand the number of people it serves.

**Safe Place:** St. Michael's school in Thiotte, Haiti. The normal routines of school life help children traumatized by disaster recover confidence in a safe environment.



**“I was born in war.** I raised my six children during war, and now I am growing old and raising grandchildren in war. I am so sick of war,” Lucia, 56, said at the Jesuit Refugee Service compound in Maban, South Sudan, where JRS operates a teacher training program.

“When fighting came to my home in January, my house was burnt to the ground. The next day I found rebels with weapons in what was left of my damaged house. They were the age of my son and they wanted to take me as their wife,” said Lucia, who has been displaced four times by the recurring violence in her native South Sudan.

“Without education, people really suffer. If these people were educated it would have never gotten to this point. Educating a younger generation will bring peace to South Sudan,” said Lucia, who despite her difficult circumstances was able to study to become a medical practitioner and is now employed as storekeeper at a pharmacy.

To expand and strengthen education programs for refugees and the displaced in more than 45 countries around the world, Jesuit Refugee Service has initiated the Mercy in Motion campaign. Launched the same day as the Pope Francis Jubilee Year of Mercy, December 8, 2015, the \$35 million campaign is both a commitment to the Year of Mercy and to the refugees. The seven U.S. Jesuit provinces have been asked to assist with the campaign to generate awareness and financial support for the refugees.

“As human beings, we are often at the mercy of war, of nature, of governments – of forces beyond our control. For this reason, nearly 60 million people worldwide have been forced to flee their homes, constantly moving. But for people living in motion, those who cannot take possessions can bring knowledge and change their world,” said JRS International Director Fr. Thomas Smolich, SJ, former president of the Jesuit Conference of the United States and a former provincial of the California Province.

Mercy in Motion represents the launch of a five-year campaign – the JRS Global Education Initiative (GEI). Mercy in Motion is phase one of JRS efforts to raise the

necessary financial support to improve and expand current educational programs implemented by JRS, and start new programs for under-served refugees.

JRS works across all faiths and nationalities to serve the most vulnerable in difficult-to-reach areas. The mission of JRS is to accompany, serve, and advocate

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for refugees and forcibly displaced people.

“In our accompaniment of people we listen to their needs, we listen to their stories, and in responding in service and advocacy we do our best to tangibly express that mercy, tangibly express the love and the concern that we have, that JRS has, that by extension the church has, for them and for their lives and their future,” said Fr. Smolich.

JRS educational projects benefited more than 120,000 people in 2015. The goal of the Global Education Initiative is to

increase by 100,000 the number of people served in such projects by the year 2020.

For 35 years, JRS has provided quality education as a tool for refugees and displaced people to better fulfill their own potential and fully contribute to the growth, strength, and stability of their communities. Education received by a refugee today will

help transform that young woman or man into a leader tomorrow; someone who can rebuild their country, or, if resettled to a third country, someone who can contribute in a fulfilling and vibrant manner to a new life in a new land.

Pope Francis has long urged Catholics to welcome refugees, saying the world is currently suffering from a “globalization of indifference,” ignoring those who cry out for mercy. As a precursor to the Holy Year of Mercy and to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the founding of JRS, Pope



**Just a Memory:** Lucia, 56, shows the only thing that remains of her South Sudan home — a photo she keeps on her mobile phone.



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Francis on November 14 welcomed refugees, staff, and friends of JRS to an audience in the Vatican and formally commissioned and pledged support for the JRS Global Education Initiative.

The initiative is an opportunity for JRS to expand and strengthen its educational efforts. The organization will undertake a comprehensive review of current activities, designed to improve the educational programs JRS offers globally and to ensure the potential of thousands of refugee children and young adults is not wasted.

Refugees face a variety of barriers trying to access education, from overcrowding in schools to xenophobia in host communities. Their fundamental right to education is often lost. Among refugee children globally, only 36 percent go to secondary school and less than one percent have the opportunity to pursue a higher education.

“Your initiative of ‘Global Education,’ with its motto ‘Mercy in Motion,’ will help you reach many other students who urgently need an education which can keep them safe,” the Pope said during his audience with JRS. He added, “to give a child a seat at school is the finest gift you can give.”

By kindling hope through learning based on a deep belief in the dignity and interdependence of the human family, JRS seeks to empower uprooted people and foster a future filled with hope.

“I have chosen to be a teacher because I want to help children and to keep the generation moving forward...When I teach and see the achievements of my students I feel happy because I know they are going to know their rights,” said Leila, a refugee

and teacher at a JRS school in Maban, South Sudan. “If our grandfathers were educated and they had educated their children, our problems of today wouldn’t be here. We wouldn’t be here as refugees,” she added.

“Jesuits are all about education,” said Fr. Smolich. “We are looking at the long-term future of refugees, of people who have been forcibly displaced from their homes. People sometimes spend many years in camps; sometimes they’re able to go back home, sometimes they wind up being resettled in countries near and far. What they can always take with them is an education, it’s an intangible skill, and an intangible asset which allows them to make a better life and a better contribution wherever they might wind up.”

“All (JRS) programs have this ultimate aim: to help refugees grow in self-confidence, to realize their highest inherent potential, and be able to defend their rights as individuals and communities,” said Pope Francis during the JRS audience at the Vatican.

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*-Natalie, refugee from the Democratic Republic of the Congo*

Even during an emergency when most agencies are focused on the provision of humanitarian assistance, JRS is also organizing educational and recreational activities as a tool of trauma healing and promoting psychosocial wellbeing. It is a way of bringing a sense of normality to the lives of children and youth.

The Global Education Initiative will focus on improving and broadening JRS secondary education programs. Secondary education is

(Top to bottom) **Eager Learners:** Most Syrian refugee children do not have access to public education. JRS provides private schooling in the region to help fill the gap and advocates internationally for more educational resources. **Seeds of Hope:** One of several Jesuit Refugee Service pre-school programs at Kenya’s Kakuma refugee camp. Such programs give refugee children a head-start and keep them safe while their families work.



an often forgotten or ignored need in refugee situations. Lack of qualified secondary teachers, the greater complexities of secondary as opposed to primary education, and financial limitations often make older children/youth the ones left out of refugee responses. However, according to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, “the benefits of formal secondary education are greater than for any other level of schooling, especially for girls. Secondary school graduates become the professionals on which society depends.”

A key priority for any new JRS education project is to provide qualified teachers. Few refugee camps have trained educators on the ground. Well-intentioned teachers labor without training to deal with the complex realities of refugee students.

JRS will develop a long-term teacher-training program, which will include the teaching of literacy and numeracy skills, educational psychology, up-to-date pedagogy, and inclusive education. A special emphasis of this program will be on Ignatian pedagogy – care of the whole person – and underscore the JRS values of accompaniment, service, and advocacy.

“Education and especially skills which enable peace-building, skills which look at reconciliation, skills which help people to deal with crisis, these are important in re-putting together fractured communities, helping people experience some communal healing,” said Fr. Smolich.

“If you look at the general situation in the camp, this educational system it has really helped us a lot,” said Stephen, a refugee from Uganda taking higher education classes from JRS in Kenya’s massive Kakuma refugee camp.

The JRS partnership with Jesuit Commons: Higher Education at the Margins (JC:HEM) offers additional educational opportunities to refugees in

camp and urban settings who would otherwise have no opportunity for continued learning.

“If you have learned something, you can interact with different people,” said Suad, a refugee from Somalia studying at the JRS/JC-HEM program in Kakuma. “I can help my community because I have learned. I think education is the key to everything that we do in life.”

“Being a refugee is not a small thing, it’s something that you can only know if you are a refugee,” said Natalie, a refugee from the Democratic Republic of the Congo living in South Africa with her family, including two special needs children who JRS has enabled to enroll in local schools. “Having children who can attend school is like hope coming back. JRS is giving us that hope. We are so grateful for that.

“Our future is our children. We run from our country because of war, but we need to see a future through our children. And if they don’t get it, it’s like we are more lost than ever,” said Natalie.

Through the Global Education Initiative, JRS is working to ensure that many more refugees see a future for their children and grandchildren.

“I managed to escape. Even though nothing of my home remains, my life did. I have neighbors who lost everything, including people they love. I am lucky,” said Lucia, showing the only thing that remains of her South Sudan home – a photo she keeps on her mobile phone. 📱

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**-Pope Francis**



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(Above right) **Outdoor Class:** Jesuit Refugee Service brings host community youth to teach basic English to internally displaced South Sudanese at an informal Internally Displaced Persons settlement, Maban, South Sudan.



# GENERATIONS CAMPAIGN *Exceeds Goal!*



**Finishing with a flurry of donor support, the Generations Capital Campaign exceeded its goal, saw all construction projects completed, and positioned the California Province to better serve the people of God through its approximately 40 ministries.**

**W**ith the finishing touches of landscapers on a January afternoon, work at The Jesuit Novitiate of the Three Companions in Culver City, Calif., came to a close and signaled the official end of the California Province's Generations Capital Campaign. Gone are the backhoes, concrete mixers, electricians, painters, and plumbers. Gone is the relentless noise and the pedestrian detours, part of the price paid for major construction projects that disrupt daily life.

Though it was the gentle work of landscapers that signaled the end of the Campaign construction, the finish to the Campaign itself was anything but subtle. For the last few months of 2015 and early into 2016, Campaign fundraisers – buoyed by the generosity of donors – finished with a flourish, bringing in gifts large and small that carried the Generations Campaign past its \$27 million goal.

With a quiet phase that began in 2012 and a public phase that kicked off in 2013, the Generations Campaign achieved all of its goals.

#### GENERATIONS CAMPAIGN ACHIEVEMENTS

- ✓ **\$27 Million Goal (Exceeded)**
- ✓ **Jesuit Novitiate of the Three Companions Expanded with 10 New Novice Rooms**
- ✓ **New St. Ignatius Chapel Constructed at Novitiate**
- ✓ **Formation Endowment Fund Expanded**
- ✓ **Infirmery Expansion at Sacred Heart Jesuit Center**
- ✓ **Heating and Air Conditioning Improvements at SHJC**
- ✓ **New Multipurpose Room Constructed at SHJC**
- ✓ **Family Guest Suites Constructed at SHJC**
- ✓ **Sacred Heart Chapel Floor Levelled at SHJC**

**Proper Setting:** Novices on the new grounds at The Jesuit Novitiate of the Three Companions, including the new St. Ignatius Chapel.



**Prayerful Place:** The new St. Ignatius Chapel offers novices, Novitiate staff, and visitors a welcoming and reflective space for Mass and daily discernment.

Today, life at The Jesuit Novitiate of the Three Companions is pleasantly quiet. Novices conduct their daily routine in an atmosphere that is both reflective and inspirational, ideal conditions for men who are beginning their journeys as Jesuit priests or brothers.

"We are extremely grateful to all of our benefactors for their kindness, generosity, and prayers," said Fr. Stephen Corder, SJ, director of novices. "We remember them continually in our daily Masses and prayers here at the Jesuit Novitiate. I hope that they know that their gift makes a direct positive impact for the future of the Jesuits and for the life of the Church and the people whom we serve."

Perhaps the most visually apparent change at the Novitiate is the new St. Ignatius Chapel. Utilizing large windows to bring in natural light and with vaulted ceilings and open beam construction, the Chapel offers a reflective space that far exceeds in both tone and function the former chapel, a converted garage.

"We are very grateful for the larger chapel which is a very prayerful setting that is spacious and full of light thanks to the new architecture," Fr. Corder said. "We are able to accommodate more seating, the acoustics are wonderful, and the large glass windows incorporate the beauty of nature with our daily prayer."

The new, larger chapel and the expanded Novitiate certainly figure to get much use. The Novitiate, which serves both the

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California and Oregon provinces, expects to house more men who are on the path to becoming Jesuit priests or brothers, in no small part because of the example of Pope Francis, the first Jesuit pope.

"Thanks to the generosity of our benefactors, we are now able to accommodate a growing number of Jesuit vocations and can house up to 30 novices," Fr. Corder said. "We have been good stewards of our novitiate for the West Coast which is located in an urban setting with many opportunities for ministry and community service in Los Angeles and beyond. After 23 years at this location, it was a good time to renew and to expand the buildings of the novitiate campus."



**W**ith the Campaign construction and active fundraising now complete, the California Province will turn to celebratory events to thank the donors who made the construction projects a reality. These events are scheduled for March at the Novitiate and April at the Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in Los Gatos, where the bulk of construction and renovation was completed nearly a year ago.

“The success of the campaign and the support of our donors still leave me in awe,” said Fr. Michael F. Weiler, SJ, provincial of the California Province. “As we began the process for setting our Campaign goals, we reassessed the needs of the Province and

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realized that we needed to extend the goal well beyond our original estimate. It is only through the generosity of our donors that we were able to reach a level that was far beyond our initial planning.”

Early Campaign goal estimates came in at \$12 million, but with the need to expand the Novitiate and increase the fund for Formation – the 10- to 13-year process of discernment, education, and training for Jesuit priests and brothers – it became apparent early on that the Campaign goal would have to be raised.

Many Jesuits throughout the Province contributed to the success of the Generations Campaign. Several played key roles in arranging visits with benefactors who have been touched by the work of Jesuits. Others called on family members for support. Others would routinely walk up to the province’s advancement office to offer birthday or Christmas cash gifts they had received,



**New Room:** Novice John Meyers reflects in his new room at the Novitiate, one of 10 rooms added to accommodate an expected increase in the number of men on the path to Jesuit priesthood or brotherhood.

asking that the monies be donated to the Campaign to support their brother Jesuits and the works of the Province.

Fr. Weiler was grateful, also, to Generations Co-Chair John M. Sobrato for his leadership to the campaign as well as the Jesuits and lay partners who served on the Campaign’s various advisory committees to strategize, offer suggestions for donor prospects, and participate in asks of individuals and foundations.

For his part, Sobrato, who along with his mother and father lent significant financial support to the campaign, was delighted with the outcome.

“From the outset, I wanted to ensure that this was a successful campaign,” Sobrato said. “Working with the Jesuits who have touched generations of lives was an honor. Their impact is widespread and lasting. Achieving all of our campaign goals is truly remarkable.”

The Campaign’s other co-chair, Fr. John Lo Schiavo, SJ, passed away last May, just months after he moved from his long-time home at his beloved University of San Francisco. Though his time on the job with the Campaign was limited, he brought in several major Campaign gifts through his relationships and was instrumental in the planning and organization of the Campaign from its initial phases.

“There were many people behind the scenes who made our campaign a success,” said Fr. Weiler. “They are the unsung heroes whose guiding hand helped us exceed our ambitious goal. To them, we are truly indebted and grateful.” ☀

*(Please see pages 20 and 21 for the Generations Capital Campaign Honor Roll.)*



**Bright Outlook:** Novices Jason McCreery (left) and Shane Liesegang in the foyer of the new addition of the Novitiate.

# GENERATIONS CAMPAIGN

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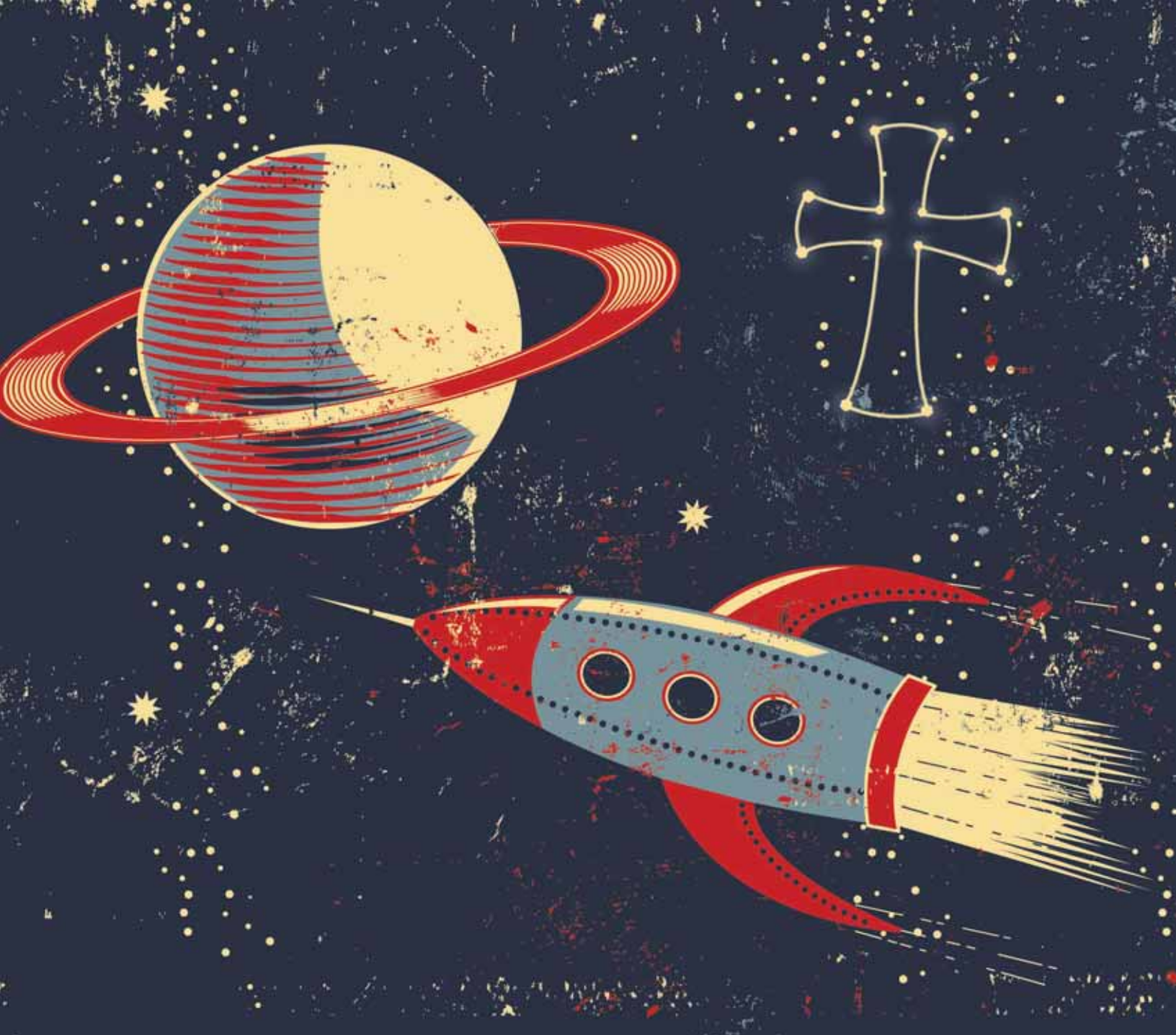
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# Finding God Through the Science of Space

*By Br. Guy Consolmagno, SJ*



# I was a Sputnik kid. The world's first artificial satellite went into orbit when I was in kindergarten. People landed on the Moon when I was a rising senior in high school. I knew I was going to be a scientist.

Every Christmas and birthday brought a new science kit; I had a wonderfully elaborate basement chemistry setup, a small telescope, a home planetarium. Of course, the public library with its shelves of science fiction provided yet another encouragement to my astronomical appetite. Heinlein, Clark, and Asimov spoke to me of a future where space travel would be taken for granted. Planets were places where people had adventures.

All of this science education was reinforced by the Sisters of Charity at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Grade School near my Birmingham, Mich., home. They taught us evolution and the Big Bang. They also taught us the standard 1950s American credo of *Progress*, where “science” and “technology” were all mixed together. “Science” had won The War (World War II, of course); and there was no disease that wouldn’t some day be conquered by bigger and better factories and power plants. In those days, science was an unalloyed good, the key to the future well-being of the human race.

In other words, I was the product of my upbringing, a wonderful mixture of 1950’s optimism and 1950’s Catholicism. It never occurred to me, or to anyone, that the world was more complicated than *Progress* and God. Certainly there was no thought that space travel – or science in general – might be at odds with religion.

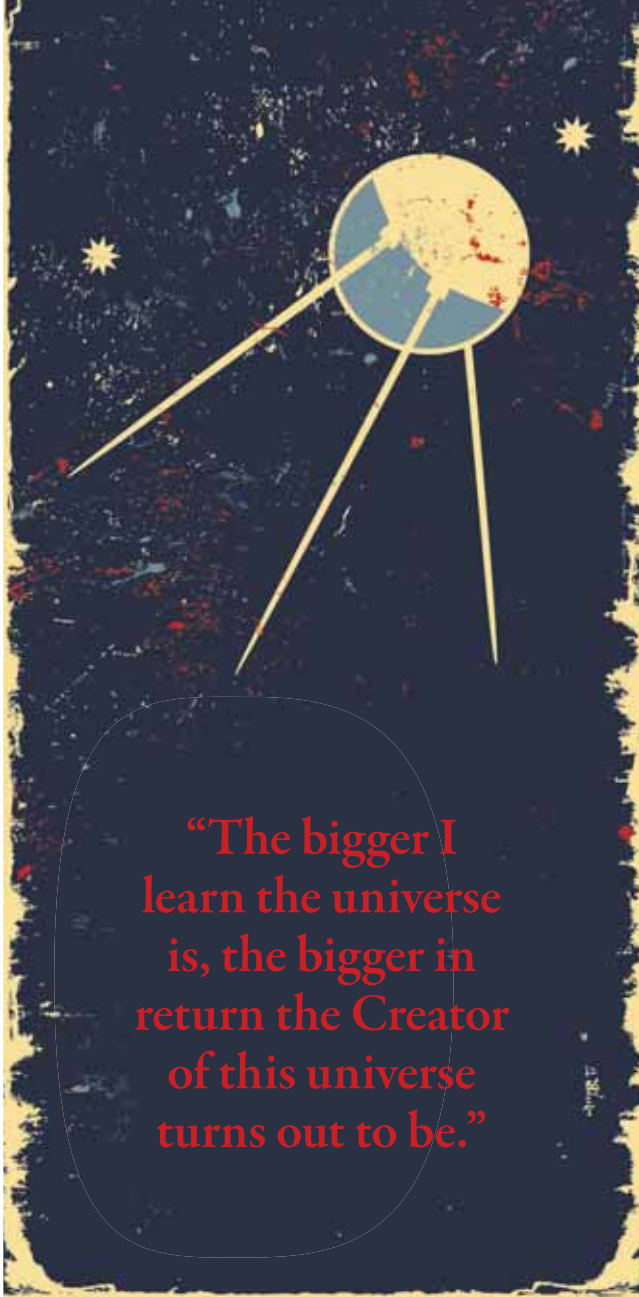
The ecology movement, beginning in those 1950’s with Rachel Carson’s *The Silent Spring*, blossomed in the 1960’s. It fit with the zeitgeist, which recognized in civil rights marches and the Vietnam War that the America of the 1950’s had issues that factories and space travel would not solve. Indeed, *Progress* came at a high cost. The political left was learning to view technology with suspicion, while religious people on the right became more suspicious of science...or, at least, of scientists... as the growing battle lines of the culture wars were being drawn.

Actually, the rise of such religious fundamentalism wasn’t a rejection of science *per se*. I mean, if someone goes to the trouble of opening museums dedicated to what they call “creation science” then obviously they want to capture the cachet of that word “science” and all it implies, and appropriate it to their own beliefs. They wanted to think that their religion was “scientific” because they felt somehow that “scientific” means good, and smart, and reliable, and true...even while, at the same time, they rejected the science they were hearing on TV talk shows. It became a badge of honor among some religious folks to say “I reject evolution” not because they rejected “science” but as a short-hand way of saying they were “religious.” To them, anti-evolution implied pro-religion.

These fundamentalisms are really based on tribalism, not religion. It’s not science that bothers them. It’s the sense of alienation they feel with a culture that has embraced science but rejected the certainties they had enjoyed in the 1950’s. Ironically, the religion that the science-rejecters actually practice today would have been unrecognizable as “religious” in the 1950’s. Many of these same people who want to be



**Otherworldly:** Pope Francis examines a moon rock with Br. Guy Consolmagno, SJ, whom he appointed director of the Vatican Observatory in September, 2015.



**“The bigger I learn the universe is, the bigger in return the Creator of this universe turns out to be.”**

identified with “traditional morality” have no problem with divorce and remarriage (the only sexual sin specifically called out in the Gospels) or even with sex outside marriage, an attitude would have been anathema among the conservative religious people of the 1950’s and 1960’s. Likewise, many of them behave as if they have no concept of the traditional Christian teaching concerning the care for widows or orphans, and strangers in our midst, or the injunctions against piling up huge amounts of personal wealth.

In a similar way, the most vocal of the militant atheists – the ones most likely to be seen selling their worldview on television or the internet – are often trying to assimilate themselves by loudly rejecting their own upbringing. Many of them were raised in a subculture

known for strong religious ties, a culture that now embarrasses them...Southern Baptist, or New York Jewish, or Irish Catholic, or African American. It’s not religion *per se* that they hate; it’s their fear of being placed outside of what they perceive as the mainstream culture. These people say “I reject religion” as a short-hand way of saying they are “scientific,” because they think being “scientific” means they, like science, are smart and reliable and true...even though the strict materialism they claim to espouse does not admit the reality of “smartness” or even, in its extreme versions, the reality of truth.

Those people of faith who reject science, have no faith in their faith; and those who would be ultra-rational people of science but evangelize against religion, are not being very rational.

It’s delightful to make fun of those people who disagree with me, of course. But the faults we most see in others are the faults we are likely to be secretly guilty of ourselves. So it is perhaps worthwhile to take a closer look at the unexamined incongruities that a middle-of-the-road Catholic space buff like me must live with all the time. How do I reconcile the idea of being a part of what claims to be a “Catholic” – i.e., universal – religion and the reality that it exists only here on our little planet, which is but a droplet in the larger universe?

Oh, sure, this is a twist on a question I answer all the time. If I am so small, and the universe is so big, then either God can’t possibly notice me; or, the fact that nonetheless God does know me intimately, from the womb (Psalm 139), just tells me how immense God really is. The bigger I learn the universe is, the bigger in return the Creator of this universe turns out to be.

Fine answer, yes. But that’s God; what about *religion*? Is there a cosmic significance to my Church? Or are we always doomed to be outsiders in the cosmos?

**I**n our recent book, *Would You Baptize an Extraterrestrial?*, my coauthor Fr. Paul Mueller, SJ, has a fascinating way of addressing that issue. The problem, he points out, is the difficulty of understanding how the human race could be “special” in a universe of the scale we now recognize. But he said, what if we’re looking at it the wrong way? What if the human race is special not because it is *different* from the other 13.8 billion light years of stars, but because we have within us something that is utterly *characteristic* of the whole universe?

As Fr. George Coyne, SJ, another Vatican astronomer, would always emphasize, in us human beings the universe has self-awareness. Perhaps this self-awareness and, even more, the ability to freely choose to love or not to love, is the



essence of what the entire universe is created for. Then our human souls – self aware and able to love, which is to say in the language of Aquinas, possessing intellect and free will, the image and likeness of God – are not uniquely special and *different* but uniquely *central* to the universe.

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Finding intelligent beings on other planets, no matter how many tentacles, but with that same self awareness and ability to love, is no threat; no more than discovering – as a baby does – that there exist other entities besides itself is any threat. A universe with others to love is a far better place than a universe centered solely on me.

With such a vision, my religion takes on a new role. Religion

is the language that allows me to recognize and integrate this experience of The Other, just as it has allowed me to recognize and integrate my experience of God. It's an experience that all people have, whether or not they recognize it as religious.

The fundamental assumption of cosmology is that the same physics and mathematics that we recognize here on Earth also operate in all times and places in the universe. Without that assumption, we couldn't use physics to try and understand the origins of the universe. And with that assumption, we've succeeded in making such progress that we have no reason to doubt its validity.

But I should not fear encountering another species' religion any more than I would fear encountering an alien's version of mathematics or physics. I am confident the fundamental truths are the same, even if we use different symbols to describe the variables.

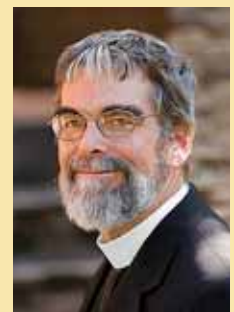
Even after a thousand years of progress and the apparent successes of our scientific theories, we know we always will encounter something that causes us to think twice. When I accept that the universe is larger than my own understanding (without rejecting my understanding), then I am free to experience and evaluate situations that my current understanding of physics might demand are unthinkable.

Not every unthinkable concept is true; but if I never encounter a truth that I used to think was unthinkable, then I will never allow myself to learn anything new. Astronomy has always succeeded in pulling us out of our complacency; rather than being the death of religion, it can give a new understanding of who we are and who God is. 🌀

## About the Author

Br. Guy Consolmagno, SJ, is a planetary scientist who was appointed by Pope Francis as director of the Vatican Observatory in September, 2015. The author of numerous books on science and faith, Br. Consolmagno received the prestigious Carl Sagan Medal in 2014 for his ability to communicate accurately and clearly the discoveries of planetary science to the general public.

A graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Br. Consolmagno was a post-doctorate lecturer at Harvard College Observatory and at MIT before serving in the U.S. Peace Corps in Kenya, where he taught physics and astronomy. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1989.





## PARISH PROFILE

# St. Francis Xavier Parish

## Phoenix, Arizona

By Samantha Bronson

To get a sense of how committed St. Francis Xavier Parish is to its community, consider the parish school's "Mini-Vinnies" program in which fourth- and fifth-grade students and their families regularly serve meals at the St. Vincent de Paul Dining Room. The program is so popular that it is booked solid months out, even keeping a list of families willing to sub in if another family has to cancel.

That enthusiasm for being men and women for others – or as students learn, "kids for others," – can be seen throughout the school and the parish at large. Located on the same property as fellow Jesuit institution Brophy College Preparatory in urban Phoenix, St. Francis Xavier Parish bustles with activity. Not only is the parish school the educational home to nearly 650 students, but the parish also features more than 100 programs and associated ministries.

As the only Jesuit parish in Arizona, St. Francis Xavier embraces its role in broadening the Jesuit presence in the country's sixth largest city while also providing its parishioners with a strong sense of community built on Jesuit principles.

"The parish is a spiritual home for people from all over the Valley of the Sun and a main reason for this is the parish's Ignatian spirit and values," says Pastor Fr. Daniel J. Sullivan, SJ. "The Jesuit commitment to educating the whole person is manifest in the

philosophy of the parish's elementary school, which teaches students to live by the Ignatian motto and 'be kids for others.' This commitment also is evident in our plans for the development of an Ignatian Institute at the parish. This program will focus on adult faith formation in the Ignatian tradition and will ultimately allow us to expand the Jesuit influence in the city of Phoenix."

The parish recently concluded a \$24 million capital campaign that funded a new school facility, completed in 2013, and a new parish hall and administrative building, dedicated in January. The new facilities will better serve the needs of the vibrant parish, which has more than 2,000 actively involved families.

The parish draws a mix of ages, from millennials with young children attending the parish school to a large segment of those aged 50 and above. Ethnically, the parish loosely reflects the demographics of Phoenix. About 60 percent of parishioners are white, 30 percent Latino, and the remaining 10 percent are Filipino and Asian/Pacific Islander, he says.

Three associate pastors speak Spanish and the parish offers a Sunday afternoon Mass in Spanish that draws 800 to 900 families from around the region. The parish provides religious education programs in Spanish as well as baptisms and the liturgy for the quinceañera, a celebration in Latino cultures of a girl turning 15.



« **Vibrant Community:** (Clockwise from left) Pastor Fr. Dan Sullivan, SJ, leads a student and family Mass at St. Francis Xavier Church in Phoenix. Its capital campaign now complete, the parish recently opened a new hall and administrative building. School boys show impressive school spirit.

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The parish's wide offerings are also evident in its programs and ministries, which include an expansive youth athletic program, ministry to the homebound and an active St. Vincent de Paul Society. One of its most notable – and widely known – ministries is its school, St. Francis Xavier Jesuit School.

The school educates 640 children from preschool through eighth grade. Principal Kim Cavnar describes the school as "authentically Jesuit," incorporating the same five tenets used at Jesuit high schools. Students are expected to be loving, open to growth, intellectually competent, religious, and committed to justice, even at such a young age.

"We've taken those same five ideals and brought them into the elementary level," Cavnar says. "We are really intentional about a lot of Ignatian things and we are seriously committed to all five ideals. Our families come from all over because we are a Jesuit school."

Like the parish, those families generally reflect the ethnic breakdown of Phoenix. They also come from a wide socioeconomic range – some families are rather affluent, while the school has helped some at the other end of the spectrum with basic needs such as finding housing. Most families, however, fall somewhere in the middle. Almost half of the school's students receive some type of financial assistance.

Regardless of background, all students know they are expected to be "kids for others." The phrase is such a part of the school's culture, that even the youngest students learn what it means.

In kindergarten, for example, students are asked to earn 25 cents each week, explain how they earned it, and then put the money into a collection jug. At the end of the year, the money is donated to a nonprofit serving orphaned children.

In seventh and eighth grade, students participate in the school's Arrupe Project. Students must research local organizations committed to ending inequality and, with \$20 in seed money, fundraise to purchase needed items for an organization. One student earned \$800 by running a softball tournament and then used the money to provide Phoenix Children's Hospital with cranial helmets, used with infants and toddlers to ensure proper development of the skull.

Throughout the project, students pray and journal about what they're learning. In interviews with eighth graders, Cavnar says, it's common to hear students say "I know it's my job to go out and make a difference in the world."

Some of those students have made a difference by participating in Building Hope, a ministry that spans both the school and the parish. The ministry focuses on providing construction and related services to communities in need. Since

its founding about 10 years ago, Building Hope has constructed houses in Mexico, reroofed buildings damaged in an Arizona wildfire, and worked extensively on a nearby Navajo Indian reservation.

"It's really all about service. Service to others in need is really the focus," says parishioner Ted Donley, a general contractor who has co-directed Building Hope with Alison Roskosz. "It's really shown that there are a lot of people outside where we are that need help and how fortunate we are to be able to help and provide for others."

About 20 percent of Building Hope participants have been parishioners without children at the school, Donley says. The parish also has helped fund the ministry in the past and actively participates in its fundraisers.

Such commitment to service, both within the school and the parish as a whole, is indicative of the overall culture at St. Francis Xavier, Fr. Sullivan says. Parishioners are dedicated to the parish, as evidenced by their strong support of the capital campaign, even as it launched at the beginning of the economic downturn.

For parishioners, St. Francis Xavier provides not only the opportunity to live out their faith but also a real sense of belonging in a city with more than 1.5 million residents.

When we go on campus or go to Mass, we always see our friends, even in this giant city," says Donley, a parishioner for the past 16 years. "There's that community feel. It's like you're home." 🌻

### AT A GLANCE

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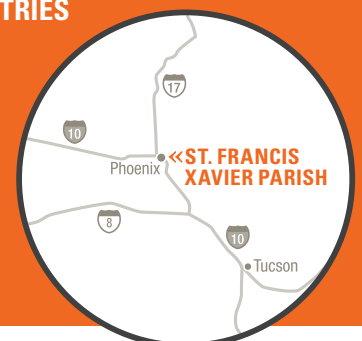
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# Keeper of Province History

By Margaret Steen

**A**mong the hundreds of books, photographs, and other artifacts in a chilly vault in the lower level of the library at Santa Clara University is a prayer book signed by Nobel Peace Prize winners Martin Luther King Jr., and Elie Wiesel. Nearby is a treatise on virtue by 13th century Dominican Albert the Great, printed in Germany in 1486.

For Br. Dan Peterson, SJ, the keeper of these treasures and other artifacts, books have played a significant role in his life.

“Just about everywhere along the line, I was involved with books,” said Br. Peterson, archivist for the California Province of the Society of Jesus. “As a child I was a big library user. The local public library was open on Monday nights until 9 p.m., so after dinner my dad would get in the car with the kids, and we’d drive down to the library and stock up on books for the week.”

His interest in books ultimately dovetailed with his commitment to the Jesuits, culminating in his appointment as Province archivist.

Br. Peterson grew up Larkspur, Calif., 15 miles north of the Golden Gate Bridge. He attended Catholic schools including the University of San Francisco, where he first encountered the Jesuits.

“I was majoring in international business, but as I went through I had less and less admiration for a career in corporate America,” Br. Peterson said. “I was searching for something that fit my values better.”

He entered the Jesuit Novitiate in Los Gatos after graduation. Now 77, he has been a Jesuit for more than 55 years. From the beginning of his Jesuit formation, books have never been far away. He worked in the library at the Novitiate in Los Gatos and spent several years working as secretary to a succession of provincials.

After earning an MLS degree from San Jose State University, Br. Peterson spent 25 years as the librarian at St. Ignatius College Preparatory in San Francisco. During that time, he saw the school move from all male to co-ed, and the library from print-only to a fully wired media center.

Br. Peterson spent six summers working as a librarian in a Catholic seminary in Shanghai, adding Mandarin to the list of languages with which he is familiar. He also worked as a school bus driver for 28 years, first at St. Ignatius and later at Bellarmine College Preparatory in San Jose.

In 2000, Br. Peterson was offered the position of archivist for the California Province. “I jumped at the chance,” he said. One of Br. Peterson’s first tasks when he became archivist was to prepare the Province’s archives for a move to Santa Clara University when its new

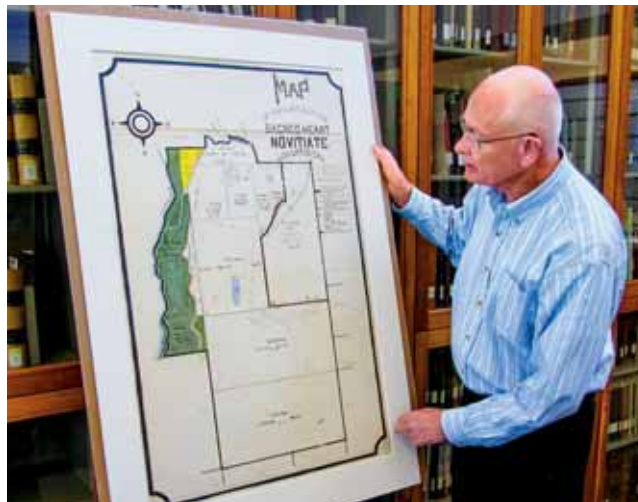
library was built. The archives had been in a 100-year-old building in Los Gatos that was at risk of flooding from broken pipes. The initial partial archives move to Santa Clara took place in 2009.

Br. Peterson is responsible for organizing and preserving all the province’s archives. Items in the collection range from Jesuits’ personal papers to restored maps to unopened bottles of wine from the former Jesuit winery. He finds historical materials as needed for the Province’s leaders, as well as for scholars and occasionally for the families of Jesuits working on genealogies. He tracks the use of the archives’ materials in academic research, as well as publications by Province members,

and provides the historical photos and accompanying narrative for the inside back cover of this magazine.

Br. Peterson also contributes to the Province beyond his duties as archivist. At his residence at Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in Los Gatos, he serves as a lector and assists other residents in everything from delivering mail to those in the infirmary to opening bottle caps for the arthritic. Br. Peterson also creates photo boards and writes obituaries when Jesuits of the California Province die.

“It’s more like being a family member than an assignment,” he said. “I grew up with the elderly in my family and developed an interest in their lives and history and a tolerance for their frailties. At Sacred Heart I think I have a role to play and have developed a path toward acceptance of the problems of growing older, as I approach my own later years.”



**Treasured Map:** Brother Dan Peterson, SJ, examines the *Map of the Lands of the Sacred Heart Novitiate, Los Gatos, Cal.*, which shows the extent of 13 parcels purchased by Jesuits between 1886 and January 14, 1914. Believed to have been initially drawn in 1914, the map was restored by Karen Zukor of Oakland in 2015.



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# A Closer Look at Poverty

*By Jim Muyo*

**W**hile Students at Bellarmine College Preparatory in San Jose might go about this summer's traditions of vacationing with family, picking up jobs or internships, or preparing for the transition to college life, this year they might do so with a greater awareness of the struggles of poverty faced not just by people from other parts of the world, but from their own backyards.

As this school year ends, the students are completing their annual Summit on Human Dignity with a focus on poverty. The program allows students to participate in a series of informative assemblies, guest and student speaker series, film watches, and service projects. Chosen with student feedback, the poverty theme is the latest in an annual Summit on Human Dignity program undertaken by the San Jose school.

"The summit is intended to exercise the head, heart, and hands of each member of the Bellarmine community," said Joe Cussen, Bellarmine's assistant director of Christian service for immersion, who also teaches religious studies. Cussen has been at Bellarmine since 2010 and took over the summit program three years ago. Past summits have addressed environmental sustainability, immigration, restorative justice in the prison system, masculinity, and human trafficking.

"We want students to engage their heart spiritually by understanding the message that Christ brought," Cussen said. "In our first summit assembly, instead of just talking about the issue of poverty, we had an entirely internal assembly where we had faculty and students share their experiences working with the poor on immersion trips and their service learning

requirements. Then we had a faculty member talk about his experience. That was our attempt to bring it from the head down to the heart. Then, of course, we also try to engage our students in direct service, as well."

The service component is one of the key outcomes that the school hopes stays with the students even beyond their time at Bellarmine. For example, last year's summit on human trafficking motivated a group of Bellarmine students to work with The South Bay Coalition to End Human Trafficking. That group put together an action plan in advance of this February's Super Bowl in Santa Clara.

"Our students were the legs behind that and they went to local hotels asking management if they would like to offer training to spot human trafficking," Cussen said. Hotels responded positively. "The kids aren't doing the training, it's the professionals who are doing the training,

but we had kids going hotel to hotel just talking to the managers and saying, 'Hey, if you want to be trained, we have this material.'"

The student involvement, says Cussen, is one of the changes to the program he's hoping to bring about.

"One of the big criticisms we've gotten from the summit from students in past years is that they want to hear more from students and especially in the breakout sessions," Cussen said. "Sometimes they just feel like they're being talked at and they want to be a part of the solution. They want to be included. A way that we've addressed that is by having a lot more student-run breakout sessions where it's not just the off-campus expert who works in this anti-trafficking group or club, but it's the on-campus student who did an immersion trip to Ecuador and now wants to talk about his experience with poverty.



**Brother Bell:** San Jose Mayor and Bellarmine alum Sam Liccardo addresses students at this January's assembly on poverty.





“That’s something we’ve done and our hope then is to get more students involved both to hear the voice of students but also so that students feel empowered to be a part of the summit. We don’t want the summit to be just another classroom activity where they’re getting lectured at. We want it to be something where the students feel empowered to be involved.”

One student who has been involved in this year’s summit is senior Dorian Nguyen, who was the presenter at the January assembly. Nguyen spoke to his fellow students about his experience with poverty on a local level in Silicon Valley.

“I hoped to provide a perspective that students could understand and relate to,” said Nguyen, describing his motivation for presenting to his fellow students. “I learned a great deal about the extent of poverty in Silicon Valley and my hometown of San Jose in particular, as well as the attempts at ending this issue. Personally, seeing the humanity of each homeless person was what I hoped to show my school mates the most.

“I’m hoping that this year’s summit will help students realize that there is so much more

beyond giving charity to the homeless to solve poverty,” Nguyen said. “Seeing the humanity and hearing the story of each homeless person does so much to open the eyes of students to what an issue homelessness truly is and realize the different factors that can cause homelessness. In turn, I hope that my fellow students don’t ever forget the lessons that are learned in the justice summits, not only this year but all four years, so that these problems can be dealt with and hopefully one day solved.”

Nguyen is likely to decide between Loyola Marymount University and Gonzaga University, where he hopes to study political science or international relations with a business minor and pre-law track.

This year’s summit will conclude with a week-long program of break-out sessions, homeroom activities, service day, and prayer service assembly. Following that, Bellarmine will conduct student assessments to determine the impact and effectiveness of this year’s program and plan for next year’s topic, which is still to be determined. 🌻

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— Joe Cussen  
Assistant Director of Christian Service for Immersion

(From top left): **Feeding the Hungry:** Thomas Awaipo (left) of Catholic Relief Services came by for a visit to kick off this year’s Operation Rice Bowl program for the poor. Awaipo is an orphan from Ghana. He’s joined by student Matt Dobner ’17 and Steve Pinkston, Bellarmine’s director of Christian service. **Walking the Walk:** Cast members from Bellarmine’s fall theatre production, “Of Mice and Men,” took a mini-rural plunge, traveling to Salinas to meet farmworkers and farm owners, to work in the fields themselves.

**W**e caught up with Arnie Shafer, provincial assistant for healthcare for the California and Oregon provinces, to ask him what it's like to care for nearly 540 Jesuits, including those at the expanded Regis Infirmary at the Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in Los Gatos.

**Can you describe your main responsibilities as Provincial Assistant for Healthcare?**

Ultimately, my role is to support the provincials in their responsibility of providing healthcare to the Jesuits in the California and Oregon provinces. In order to do this I must have accurate information regarding their current health status – both mental and physical – and be able to make clear recommendations to the provincials regarding any healthcare interventions. I do this by visiting men in the hospital or who are having an acute crisis. In addition, I regularly visit men throughout the provinces in order to provide wellness training and intervene prior to a crisis occurring. I also help the provincials as to timing in regard to transition from apostolic work to retirement.

**Your job takes you out to the various Jesuit communities. What is it like visiting the Jesuits in their houses?**

This is truly a bright spot in my duties. I typically spend a couple of days living, eating, and praying with the men at each community. I try to meet with the superior of the community upon my arrival to discuss any concerns he may have regarding the community or individual Jesuits that may need my assistance. I spend a couple days meeting individually with all Jesuits 60 and older, any Jesuit that the superior would like me to meet with, and anyone else who would like to meet with me. During these meetings we review medications, conduct a brief health history, and see if my assistance is needed. In addition to the individual meetings, I also typically give a short presentation on some healthcare-related topic to the community at large.

**What has been the impact of the expanded Regis Infirmary at the Sacred Heart Jesuit Center?**

Having doubled our capacity over a relatively short period of time has necessitated a doubling of our nursing staff as well as an increase in ancillary staffing levels. This has required the normal onboarding procedures of new staff including vetting, orientation, and training. We have also needed to double our supplies and equipment in order to care for additional men. We have also opened an additional dining room and our wait staff and food costs have also increased. And mostly due to our dedicated staff, this has gone fairly smoothly.

**What is the most challenging aspect of your job?**

My biggest challenge is balancing the wishes of each Jesuit vs. the recommended course of action warranted during a health crisis. For example, if a Jesuit is sick, should he move to one of our care centers in Spokane or Los Gatos either temporarily or permanently? Most men would prefer to stay where they are and I often attempt to accommodate this, but it isn't always necessarily the best place for them to recover or recuperate.

**What is the most rewarding part of your job?**

Simply, the close relationships I have with many of the men in both provinces.







## FIRST LOS GATOS NOVITIATE

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The imposing structure of the original Sacred Heart Novitiate is shown in a photograph by Andrew P. Hill, taken a short time after its completion in 1888. The brick and frame building was designed by noted California architect Bryan Clinch to house the young Jesuits studying for the priesthood and brotherhood. Previously located at Santa Clara College, the novitiate program moved to the Los Gatos location in June 1888. In addition to a chapel, dining room, and classrooms, the building contained large student dormitories on the top floor. (Note that the caption is in Italian: California was a mission of the Turin Province at the time and the photograph was used to promote the missionary efforts.)

Over the years, wings were added on as the number of novices and juniors increased. 1906 brought the first addition, replaced in 1914 by a larger east wing and chapel/dining room building, both of which are still in use. In 1927 a large novice residence wing was added to the west and a northeast wing added to the juniors' building. These wings have been renovated several times and currently house the retired Jesuits in the infirmary and assisted living areas, as well as Jesuit and lay staff members.

The original Victorian structure was partially razed in 1968 and replaced by the current glass-façade building which provides a spectacular view of the Santa Clara Valley. Major renovations, the result of the recently completed Generations Capital Campaign, will provide comfortable and structurally safe space for the retired priests and brothers for many years to come in Los Gatos and will accommodate larger classes of future Jesuits through the addition to the current Novitiate in Culver City, Calif.

(For a slideshow of Novitiate building history, please visit: [www.jesuitswest.org/NovitiateSlideShow](http://www.jesuitswest.org/NovitiateSlideShow))

## EIGHT PROFESS FIRST VOWS



With family, friends, and hundreds of well-wishers in attendance, eight men from the California and Oregon provinces professed their First Vows in a Mass at the Sacred Heart Chapel on the Loyola Marymount University campus last fall. (L to r) Joseph Kraemer, SJ; Simon Zachary, SJ; Michael Tedone, SJ; Vicente "Appie" Perez Jr., SJ; Eric Nguyen, SJ; Ryan Mak, SJ; Alfonso Pizano, Jr., SJ; and Joseph Dickan, SJ, professed perpetual vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Biographies of each of the men may be found at [www.jesuitswest.org/FirstVows15](http://www.jesuitswest.org/FirstVows15).