



Seven West Coast Jesuits Ordained as Priests

This summer, the Society of Jesus ordained 28 Jesuits in Canada and the United States to the priesthood — the largest group of new priests ordained by the Jesuits in more than 15 years. Of those men, seven hail from the Oregon and California provinces. They were ordained as priests in a ceremony at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Hollywood, California on June 13.

At upwards of ten years, the Jesuit formation process is rigorous. Each of the men being ordained has earned a graduate degree in theology; they've served at Jesuit high schools and colleges, and many have traveled abroad to work with the poor. They've also served in local Catholic parishes and homeless shelters and as chaplains in hospitals and prisons, just as St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits, laid out in his precise guidelines for Jesuit formation.

Father Timothy Kesicki, SJ, president of the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States, said, "We are thrilled to welcome these men to priesthood in the Society of Jesus. In choosing to devote their lives to service, these men joyously live their answer to God's call in a deeply profound and humbling way."

Photo: Oregon Jesuit Fr. Juan Pablo Marrufo del Toro, greets his mother, Josefina del Toro Vargas after the ordination ceremony.

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Letter from the Provincial

Laudato Si

By Fr. Scott Santarosa, Provincial



“Clean water.” This was the response that Fr. General Adolfo Nicholas gave to a new provincial when he asked him, “What is the greatest need facing the Church today?”

I find that answer to be simple, beautiful, and expressive of a worldview in which the Church and the world are in intimate relationship. I would also say the same of Pope Francis’ recent encyclical, *Laudato Si*. His words and message are simple and beautiful, and I believe his overarching message is that the Church needs to

see as its priority whatever the world has as its most urgent issue.

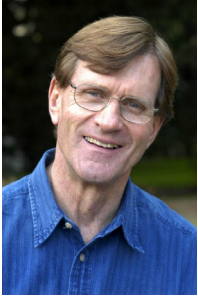
If you have not yet read his encyclical, I encourage you to do so. His writing is quite simple and straightforward, and many have commented that he is much easier to read than other popes’ writings. And you—and I—all of us, the Church, are his intended audience. Why? Because he believes that all of us need to be part of the solution: “We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all” (Paragraph 14).

I have been excited about this encyclical. Given the importance of ecological concerns in the Northwest, I believe this message and the prominence that Francis gives to our care for the environment will help people in our part of the country feel that this Pope and the Church are relevant to our world. I believe his message will give the Church further credibility. He widens the discussion of moral issues to issues which reach beyond sexual issues as he calls us to care for future generations on our planet.

He also ties care for the environment to the need to care for the world’s poor: “I will point to the intimate relationship between the poor and the fragility of the planet” (Paragraph 16). Later he says, “Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political, and for the distribution of goods. It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day. Its worst impact will probably be felt by developing countries in coming decades” (Paragraph 25).

My hope for us in the Oregon Province is that we can be inspired by Pope Francis to also see that the issues facing the Church are, in fact, the issues facing the world. I hope that we can expand our own categories of what are moral issues to include issues which truly do affect the future of our human generations on this planet. And always, I hope that Francis will help us tie all we do—all of our Jesuit works in the Northwest—to the most fragile people among us: the poor, the marginalized, the dependent. These are God’s precious ones.

My prayers for you as you read *Laudato Si*. May God do great things in and through us as we pray on Francis’ message.



Fr. Peter Titland, SJ
Feb. 20, 1939 - May 15, 2015

Fr. Titland entered the Jesuits in the Oregon Province, where he did much of his formation, but his heart was for work in Africa. He ministered 45 years in Zambia and Malawi as a teacher, parish priest, spiritual director, and a national chaplain for the Christian Life Community and the University of Zambia. Fr. Titland worked with the Jesuit Refugee Service as an assistant and project director. He also served as the Director of Novices for the Zambia-Malawi Province Jesuits in addition to being an assistant pastor at Sacred Heart Church in Kabwe and St. Ignatius Church in Lusaka. In his long and distinguished career Fr. Titland was much loved and respected. His contributions to the people of Zambia and Malawi were great, but small in comparison to the love, generosity of spirit, and life he received from them.



Fr. William Sullivan, SJ
Dec. 20, 1930 - June 16, 2015

Following ordination, Fr. Sullivan studied theology at Yale University where he earned a Ph.D. He worked most of his life at Seattle University. There, he served as provost (1975-1976) and then president for the next 20 years. As president he grew SU into a premier Northwest university. He increased enrollment, added programs, brought a law school to campus, founded the School of Theology and Ministry, built the architecturally renowned Chapel of St. Ignatius and increased scholarships, and charted a path for the institution's financial stability. His vision for Seattle University was always guided by mission. Fr. Sullivan stepped down as university president in 1996 following a stroke. In 2009, health concerns brought him to St. Camillus Jesuit Community in Wauwatosa, WI, where he lived until his death.



Br. Michael Richards, SJ
Sept. 3, 1939 - Aug. 22, 2015

After his vows in 1963, Br. Richards put his natural talents to work in Spokane by maintaining the buildings and grounds at Mt. St. Michaels. In 1971 he moved to Portland and the Loyola Retreat Center and plied these same skills. From 1980 to 1990 Br. Mike was the plant and vehicle person for Jesuit High School in Portland. He then worked at St. Aloysius Parish in both maintenance and pastoral care. In 1995 Br. Mike moved to Tacoma and worked ten years at St. Leo's Food Connection. The final ten years of his life and ministry were in Spokane at the Regis Community as a maintenance man and assistant to the religious superior.

An avid outdoorsman, Br. Richards could be seen jogging, walking or biking for physical fitness and personal enjoyment; he also participated in choirs at his local church, singing for his religious community.

*Lord, we entrust those who have
died to your mercy:
welcome them into your presence.*

*You loved them greatly in this life,
now give them happiness and
peace forever.*

*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon
them.*

May they rest in peace. Amen.

News from Around the Province

New Leaders for Oregon and California

As the Oregon and California provinces prepare to become one new province in 2017, we are adding many new faces in both offices. In their new roles, provincial assistants Joyceann Hagen and Frs. Chris Weekly and Steve Privett are serving the pastoral, spiritual and social ministries of both provinces as we get closer to uniting as one. We are grateful for their hard work.

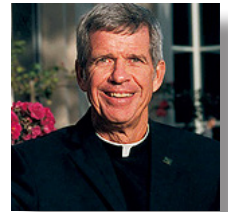


Christopher Weekly, SJ, is now Provincial Assistant for Spiritual and Volunteer Ministries for both provinces. Fr. Weekly will oversee the various retreat and spiritual ministries as well as the volunteer groups.



Joyceann Hagen the new interim Provincial Assistant for Pastoral Ministries. She comes to us with a wealth of experience, having served as provincial assistant for pastoral and social ministries in the Oregon Province from 1993-2009.

Steve Privett, SJ, is the new Provincial Assistant for Social Ministries, and will be overseeing the many social ministries of the Oregon and California provinces. Steve will also continue as the Provincial Assistant for Higher Education.



New Director of Planned Giving: Fr. Sam Bellino

After 14 years as the director of planned giving for the California Province, Fr. Sam Bellino is excited to expand his work in the Pacific Northwest. He is now working with planned giving benefactors in both the Oregon and California provinces – from Alaska to Arizona.

Fr. Bellino is no stranger to the Oregon Province, either: before he became director of planned giving in California, he spent 10 years in the Jesuit community in Yakima, Washington, founding the Central Washington Catholic Foundation, a charity that raises money for Catholic education.

“The Oregon Province is well known to me,” said Fr. Bellino, adding that he’s already met with several friends of the province, and has appreciated their generous spirits and open hearts.



“I enjoy educating individuals about planned giving,” he said. “I get to share the vision of what it is to work for the kingdom of God, and people are so open and caring.”

Fr. Bellino also wants to get the word out about how important planned gifts - assets given to the Province through a will upon a benefactor’s passing - are to the financial health of the Society.

“Many of the assets that the California and Oregon Provinces have received over the years have been planned gifts. They sustain our development efforts,” he explained.

The generous donors who remember the Jesuits in their will are honored as members of the Ignatian Heritage Society.

“IHS is a way to thank those people during their lifetime, before they’ve gone home to Jesus,” said Fr. Bellino.

In the coming months, Fr. Bellino will be sending out a newsletter to readers of the Update. It will feature financial planning tips, development news and information on planned giving.

If you would like to speak with him about options for remembering the Oregon and California provinces in your will, you can contact him at **408-884-1639** or by email at **sbellino@jesuits.org**.



Meet Our New Jesuit Priests

Oregon and California ordinands, from left to right:

FR. MARTIN O. SILVA, 53, attended the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University in Berkeley, California, where he received a Master of Divinity degree. During theology studies, he served as a deacon at San Quentin State Prison, teaching catechism and preaching. During his formation, Fr. Silva also taught English to teachers in Xiamen, China, and studied Spanish in Mexico, Venezuela and Colombia. After ordination, Fr. Silva will serve at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Hollywood, California.

FR. JUAN PABLO MARRUFO DEL TORO, 36, has worked at the Vatican Observatory and with Christus Ministries, providing retreats, spiritual direction and immersions for young adults. In 2012, he went to Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University in Berkeley, California, where he earned a Master of Divinity degree while serving as a deacon at St. Patrick Parish in Oakland, California. Following ordination, Fr. Marrufo del Toro will continue studies at the Jesuit School of Theology toward a Licentiate in Sacred Theology.

FR. ERICK BERRELLEZA, 32, earned a Master of Divinity degree at the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, while serving as a deacon at St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Charlestown, Massachusetts, and serving as the chaplain of the Boston College cross country and track teams. After ordination, he hopes to pursue advanced studies in the sociology of religion. His first Mass as a Jesuit priest was celebrated at Loyola Marymount University.

FR. AARON K. ENGBRETSON, 35, earned a Master of Divinity degree and a Master's degree in secondary education administration from Boston College. In addition, he served as a deacon at St. Ignatius Church in Chestnut

Hill, Massachusetts, and as a graduate assistant for Boston College's golf teams. After ordination, Fr. Engbretson will serve as a teacher and administrator at Jesuit High School in Sacramento, California.

FR. IKE M. UDOH, 34, earned a Master of Divinity degree at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University in Berkeley, California, while assisting as a deacon at St. Joseph's Church in Pinole, California. Fr. Udoh is grateful for God's faithful love and mercy, for the opportunities to journey with the people of God throughout his formation in a variety of experiences and for how they have shaped him. After ordination, Fr. Udoh will continue studies at the Jesuit School of Theology, working toward a Licentiate in Sacred Theology.

FR. VICTOR M. CANCINO, 32, attended the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, where he earned a Master of Divinity degree while also serving as a deacon at St. Ignatius Church in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts. Fr. Cancino has spent the last several years studying biblical Hebrew and Greek. After ordination, he will serve for part of the summer at Dolores Mission Parish in East Los Angeles before heading to Rome to begin studies for a Licentiate in Sacred Scripture at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome.

FR. JULIAN A. CLIMACO, 40, was missioned to the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University in Berkeley, California. Fr. Climaco earned a Master of Divinity degree. He also worked as a deacon at the Newman Center at the University of California, Berkeley, and used his nursing skills at a free medical clinic for immigrants and the poor in Oakland. His first year of priesthood will be spent assisting at the Newman Center and furthering his theology studies in Berkeley.

NOVICES PROFESS VOWS



Eight men from the California and Oregon provinces of the Society of Jesus completed their two-year novitiate program and professed perpetual vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience before family, friends at a Mass at the Sacred Heart Chapel at Loyola Marymount University on August 8.

Each of the eight men who professed vows has been missioned to undertake first studies in philosophy and/or theology – the next step in their Formation process to Jesuit priesthood – at universities across the U.S., England, and Mexico.

Congratulations to Joseph Dickan, Joe Kraemer, Ryan Mak, Eric Nguyen, Vicente Perez Jr., Alfonso Pizano, Michael Tedone and Simon Zachary.

EIGHT MEN ENTER NOVITIATE

The first two years of a Jesuits' journey are spent in the Novitiate program, testing his vocation, seeking an intimate relationship with the Lord and fostering a love for the people of God. On August 16, eight men entered the Novitiate of the Three Companions in Culver City, California.

We feel blessed to welcome such a talented, accomplished and diverse group of men, who will go on to serve the Oregon and California provinces.

Welcome to Todd Anthony Belcastro, Nicholas Collura, Shane Liesegang, James Millikan, Jason McCreery, John Meyers, Raymond Parcon and Raul A. Perez.



Jubilee

By Fr. Robert Grimm, SJ

In the Hebrew tradition after seven times seven years, in the 50th year, Israel was called upon to celebrate that all they had received was a gift from God. Debts were to be forgiven; the land was to be given a rest, and property restored. Jubilee is a remembering that it is not by our efforts that we have come to this point, but because God has loved us and been generous to us. In a Jubilee year the mercy of God was to be particularly made manifest with all debts being forgiven. Pope Francis has called a Jubilee for the universal Church to invite the Church more fully into the mercy of God and that our lives may reflect God's mercy. Any jubilee is a time of thanksgiving and letting the heart fill up with gratitude for the many gifts God has bestowed upon us. The Book of Leviticus invites Israel to set slaves or captives free, to return people to their homes. It is a time to remember that creation is holy.

Like all of us, Jesuits celebrate jubilees and anniversaries. Celebrating years in the Society or years in priesthood, we let ourselves remember in a special way the years of God's goodness towards us. We invite our brother Jesuits, our families and our friends, to remember with us the sacred journey we have been on and how God has favored us. Like couples celebrating 50 years of marriage, we try to share the joy and gratitude we feel that God's faithfulness has sustained us in vocation and ministry for so long a time.

As I have approached my own 50th jubilee this year, I let myself pull out photographs of my Jesuit life and my engagement with family and friends over these years. God's favor fills my heart as I remember the early years of Jesuit formation, good companions, challenges of adapting to a changing Society and Church, being blessed with priesthood, and years of apostolic engagement in our ministries, before being called to serve my brother Jesuits in various roles within the Order. This stopping to say thank you is certainly not an end in itself, and with the gift of health, I look forward to contributing for years yet to come. However, jubilee celebration is a great grace and profoundly renewing as we are given the opportunity to celebrate the generosity of God.



Fr. Bob Grimm blesses a woman at the 2014 One Mission Mass in Portland.

Letter from our Development Director



Chuck Duffy,
Development Director

As summer winds down and autumn approaches, many Jesuits and friends of the Society are in times of transition.

Some senior Jesuits are making their way from Bea House in Spokane to the newly renovated Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in Los Gatos, California. We are thankful for the top-notch care these Jesuits will receive, while also aware they

will be leaving behind many wonderful friends - like longtime benefactors Dan and Joyce Murphy.

It is you, our loyal benefactors, who make the works of the Society of Jesus possible. We simply cannot thank you enough.

As you and your family enter fall and the many transitions it brings, we remain thankful for your continued support, and we will keep you in our prayers.

In Memoriam: Tim Dieringer

We here at the province received the very sad news that Tim Dieringer, a wonderful, kind and generous man, died suddenly on August 14th. Tim, along with his whole family, especially his brothers Gene and Pat and his sister Vickie, who been extraordinarily generous, faithful benefactors of the Oregon Jesuits. Tim's parents, Bob and Evelyn were so generous in their lifetimes that they were named "Founders of the Society" by then Superior General Peter Hans Kolvenbach.

Tim exemplified this spirit perfectly. He was humble, calm and so very attentive in all his interactions with people. I often had occasion to call the Dieringer office and it was Tim that always answered the phone, with a cheery "Hi Chuck!" before I ever said a word. He knew everyone's phone number!

Our sympathy and prayers go out to the entire Dieringer Family. We will miss Tim.



Friendship that will endure distance

Fr. Pat Stewart has been a fixture of the Spokane community for many years, and in that time he has made many friends, including Dan and Joyce Murphy. The Murphys met Fr. Stewart when their children were attending Gonzaga Prep and Fr. Stewart was the principal.

"We continued building that connection over the years," said

Joyce Murphy. "When he came back to Spokane to live at Bea House, we became weekly visitors."

The Murphys say their friendship with Fr. Stewart has been mutually enriching.

"The Jesuits are part of our history. We credit a lot of family success to Jesuit education," said Dan Murphy. "They became old and we became old, and we stayed friends."

This fall, Fr. Stewart will be saying goodbye to his extended Spokane family, as he prepares to transition to the Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in Los Gatos, California. The Murphys are planning to make the trip to visit him, but say they will miss him deeply.

Fr. Stewart is not the only Oregon Jesuit leaving behind close friends in Spokane for new adventures in Los Gatos. These men have already made the move: Donald Cadden, Frank Costello, Robert Egan, Patrick Flannigan, Robert Jones, Leon Kapfer, Michael Kelliher, John Kindall, John McBride, John Murphy, Armand Nigro, James Reichmann, Fredric Schlatter, Bernard Tyrrell, Anthony Via, and Thomas Williams.



Dan and Joyce Murphy



Fr. Pat Stewart, SJ