



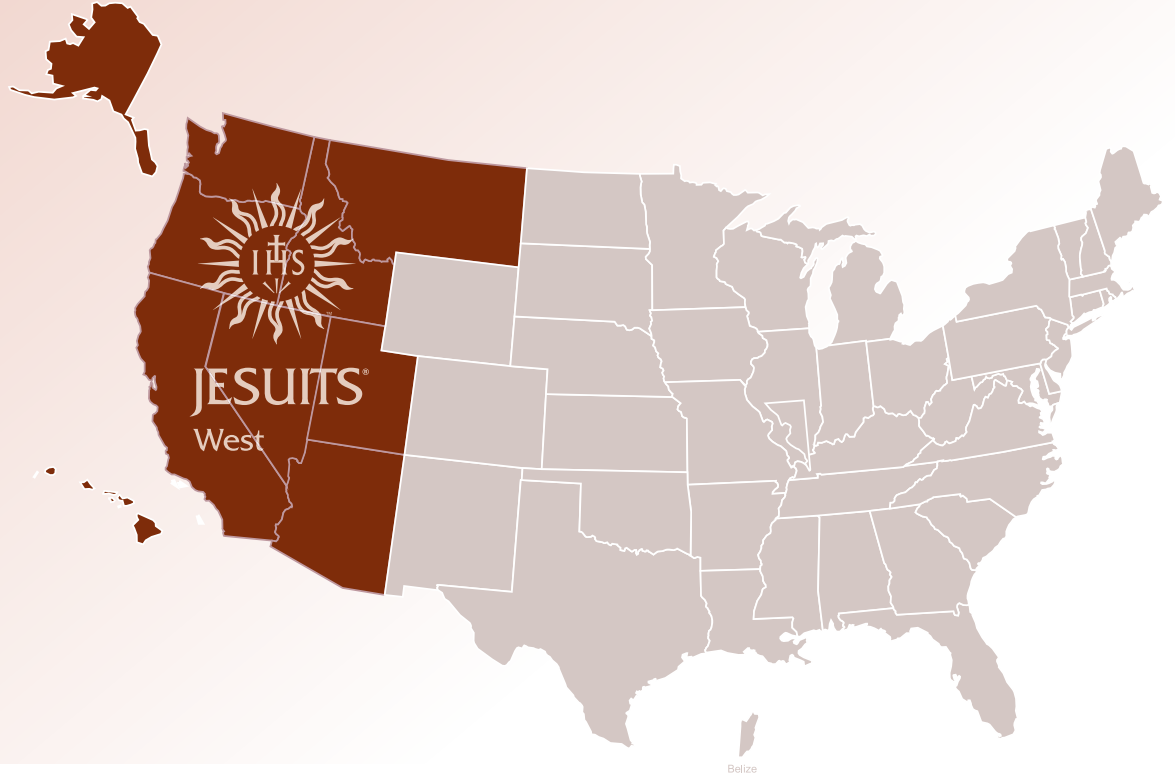
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Jesuits West Set to Launch July 1st



Preparations continue for the July 1 launch of Jesuits West, a new province which will reunite the Oregon Province and California Province into one stronger entity.

“This has been a long time in the making and it will soon come to fruition,” said Oregon Provincial Father Scott Santarosa, SJ, who will become the provincial of Jesuits West.

The new province will include approximately 530 Jesuits in 10 states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington. Jesuits West will serve an estimated 100,000 individuals yearly through its five universities, 18 secondary and pre-secondary schools, four social ministry apostolates, 14 parishes, two retreat centers, a novitiate, and a health care and retirement center for elderly priests and brothers.

The coming together of the two provinces has been long planned as part of the Society of Jesus worldwide province consolidation initiative. In the U.S., where there were once 10 provinces, by 2020 there will be just four: Central and Southern, East, Midwest, and West. The coming together of Oregon and California represents a rejoining. The two provinces were together until 1932 when the Oregon Province was first established.

Much of the blending of the two provinces has been taking place, in some cases, for several years. The provinces have jointly operated a Formation program for the education and training of Jesuit priests and brothers since 2011. Provincial assistants

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Zingers from Father General: They Keep Us True



Fr. Scott Santarosa, SJ
Provincial

Letters from our Jesuit Father General almost always have a “zinger”: a statement that stops me in my tracks, reminds me of what is most important, makes me re-think things. I remember clearly the “zinger” from former Fr. General Adolfo Nicolás, SJ, in his response to my ex officio letter on the Oregon Province in October of 2015. He was addressing my laundry-list of practical items that Frs. Pat Lee, Mike Weiler, and I had accomplished. After saying “well done,” he said,

“The purpose of restructuring has always been to broaden apostolic horizons so that the Society can respond more creatively and more effectively to the call of the Lord today. We may be called to start new works,

to engage established works in new ways, or to leave some works altogether. We may be called to build new networks, to enter into new partnerships, or to cross geographic, cultural, and economic borders. We may be called to a special engagement with young people. We are certainly called to spiritual depth and to a deeper integration of our spiritual experience, our community life, and our service in the world. As the spotlight shifts away from the issue of province structures themselves, I hope that the provincials will be able to focus more and more on discernment of our response to the calls of the Eternal King.”

New Fr. General Arturo Sosa, SJ, continues the practice of sending me zingers. He also continues the themes of Fr. Nicolás. In his most recent letter to me, he wrote, “Visitation letters like this one are very helpful to me . . . I read them with an eye toward the themes identified by the General Congregation: communities of discernment and apostolic planning; integration of life and mission; collaboration within each work and among the different works in a city; ministries of faith, justice, and reconciliation.”

I feel this zinger was reminding me there was a new sheriff in town, and that he is doing what we of General Congregation 36 asked him to do: measure us in the ways we want to grow, and hold us accountable.

While I feel challenged by his words, I also feel confident with the first steps we have taken toward accomplishing them. In the past three years, we have worked hard to name the vision, mission, and values of what we want the new Jesuits West Province to be about. As the committee has finalized our Vision, Mission, and Values statement (please see page 3), see in it a call to be discerning and to collaboration.

We will expand and develop our call to regional collaboration and new partnerships as we gather this August for a leadership workshop with our directors, board chairs, superiors, and advancement directors of all our works in the new Jesuits West Province. We will hear from Fr. Tim Kesicki, SJ, our conference president, as well as from Roman Assistant for Social Ministry Fr. Francisco Javier Alvarez de los Mozos, SJ, on just what collaboration can look like. Most importantly, we will provide time for these various good people to do what was best at General Congregation 36: get to know one another, mix and mingle, and begin to feel truly part of one Jesuit family. This, I believe, is an essential first step to forming a new province and to accomplishing the many things we hope to do: discern together our future, collaborate with one another on how best to serve, integrate our life and mission, and deepen our ministries of faith, justice, and reconciliation.

Please pray that all the planning we have put into restructuring can help us do what our leaders call us to do: better respond to the call of the Eternal King as Jesuits West.

Fr. Scott Santarosa, SJ

for higher education, secondary education, healthcare, and others have been filled by Jesuits and lay partners across the two provinces. In some cases, the positions have been consolidated from two positions down to one to reflect the coming of the new province.

In the new province structure, Provincial Fr. Santarosa and Socius Fr. Mike Bayard, SJ, will be based in the Portland curia, and Treasury, Advancement, and Communications offices based in Los Gatos, Calif. Major gift officers will be located in the Northwest, Northern California, and Southern California.

Oregon senior Jesuits who require medical care have been moving to the Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in Los Gatos for nearly two years. Fr. Bill Hayes, SJ, former vice president at Seattle University, and former president and chancellor at Jesuit High in Portland, has written a reflection on the move of the Oregon men to Los Gatos (see page 5).

Jesuits West is convening the leaders of all province works for a two-day workshop in August to reflect thoughtfully and prayerfully on how—individually and collaboratively—each apostolate will embrace commitments that flow from the Jesuits West Vision, Mission, and Values Statement, understanding that it will also influence missioning priorities for Jesuits. The workshop will also offer opportunities for apostolate leaders to get to know one another and build relationships essential for the networking and collaboration among people, works, and sectors which we envision and which are now so essential to maximizing our potential to provide service to the poor. The workshop, titled *Leading and Collaborating for a New Era: Jesuits West Province Workshop 2017*, will take place at Loyola Marymount University August 10-11. All directors of works, board chairs, Jesuit superiors, advancement directors, and other leaders from each institution will attend. It is expected that 250 representatives will participate in the workshop.

JESUITS WEST PROVINCE

Vision, Mission, & Values Statement

VISION

To be a community of Jesuits and apostolic partners formed by the Gospel and the Spiritual Exercises to expand Jesus' ministry of healing, reconciling and teaching in service of the diverse peoples of the West.

MISSION

To invite all people to experience the transformative power of God's love through our educational, pastoral and social ministries.

VALUES

Responding with intellectual rigor to the most challenging issues of our times.

Employing Ignatian discernment in decision-making.

Caring for the poor, the vulnerable and the earth, our common home.

Serving the Church with creativity and with fidelity to our Jesuit tradition.

Bridging societal divides and fostering understanding among diverse peoples and cultures.

Collaborating regionally, through partnerships and in networks, to serve the people of God.

Kim Randles Joins Advancement Staff



Kim Randles, an experienced fundraiser with a long history of supporting Jesuit works and ministries, joined the California and Oregon provinces last fall as a major gifts officer for the Northwest. She brings with her a wealth of professional and volunteer fundraising experience.

A former board member at Jesuit High School in Portland, Randles has served on a

number of committees focused on the coming together of the California and Oregon provinces into the new Jesuits West province, which will officially launch on July 1. Randles is currently on the board of trustees of St. Andrew Nativity School in Portland. She previously served as vice president of development at Jesuit High, having successfully completed the school's capital campaign for a new administration center and Jesuit residence. She has also served on the board of directors of St. Mary's Academy.

Following her service at Jesuit High, Randles was asked by Catholic Charities to revive a struggling capital campaign. Within 18 months, the \$13 million Clark Family Center was completed. When that campaign ended, Randles was named chief development officer of Catholic Charities.

"I have always had a passion for the Jesuits and now I am in a position to raise needed funds to support the formation of Jesuit priests and brothers as well as provide for the housing and health needs of senior Jesuits," Randles said. "My work is very rewarding, and I feel privileged to assist the Society of Jesus as it continues its work in the Northwest and beyond."

Randles and her husband, Guy, have four children, all of whom graduated from Jesuit High. Guy Randles also served on the board of trustees at Jesuit High, including service as chairman of the board.

"Kim brings a great deal of experience and familiarity with the Jesuits," said Siobhan Lawlor, provincial assistant for advancement and communications. "She's a proven professional who understands the mission of the Jesuits and lives it. We are fortunate to have her on our team as we become Jesuits West."

In Memoriam



Fr. John J. Navone, SJ
Oct. 19, 1930 - Dec. 25, 2016

Father John J. Navone, SJ, entered into God's peace at Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane. He was 86.

A scholar and teacher in Catholic theology, prodigious writer and editor of several books and articles, and exquisite

host; these descriptions only begin to tell the story of this deeply spiritual and gregarious Jesuit priest.

Born in Seattle to James and Juliet (Micheli) Navone, John was the eldest of six siblings. He grew up in Seattle and graduated from Seattle Preparatory in 1948. He attended Seattle University for one year before entering the Jesuit Novitiate (Sheridan, Ore.) in August 1949. He was ordained a priest in Spokane on June 16, 1962.

Showing great interest in Catholic theology, Fr. Navone earned a doctorate in that field from the Gregorian University in Rome in 1966. He was accepted as a faculty member there a year later and remained there for 40 years. It was in Rome where he wrote most of his 23 books and numerous articles.

Following his retirement in 2007, Fr. Navone came to Gonzaga University and was a scholar-in-residence for the Florence, Italy program for two years. He was always interested in discovering new ideas, meeting with people, and solving problems. Fr. Navone would regularly bring staff and faculty to lunch at the Jesuit residence to hear their stories and to share Jesuit history and philosophy with them.



Fr. Joseph Shirey, SJ
July 3, 1916 - Dec. 22, 2016

Father Joseph E. Shirey, SJ, entered into God's peace at the Sacred Heart Jesuit Center, Los Gatos, Calif. He was 100. Affectionately known as "Father Red Socks," this gentle priest spent his ministerial career as a parish priest and

hospital chaplain. The moniker "Red Socks" was his trademark adornment; Fr. Shirey felt that priests and religious who wore all black clothing lacked a "playful" or "joyful" spirit in their work; the red socks, sweater, etc., that he wore reminded him to bring God's joy to others as well as himself.

Born in Fostoria, Ohio, to Karl L. and Isabel M. (Reinhart) Shirey, Joseph Edward Shirey was the oldest of five siblings. He attended the University of Oregon for three years. He entered the U.S. Army in 1939 and was on the verge of discharge when WWII commenced. He remained in uniform until the end of the war; one of his main duties was playing the saxophone in the Army band.

Following his Army service, Fr. Shirey sensed a call to priestly and religious life; he devoted a year to studying Latin prior to entering the Jesuit Novitiate (Sheridan, Ore.) in September 1946.

The first quarter century of Fr. Shirey's priestly service was dedicated to parish ministry; he served in Spokane, Seattle, Anchorage, Eagle River (Alaska), St. Ignatius (Mont.), and Missoula.

The second quarter century of service saw Fr. Shirey as a hospital chaplain to two facilities in Medford, Ore., the VA Medical Center and Providence Medical Center. At age 99, Fr. Shirey graciously moved to the Jesuit Infirmary in Los Gatos, Calif., to join his brother Jesuits in a ministry of prayer.



Br. Patrick Flannigan, SJ
Jan. 1, 1941 - Jan. 3, 2017

Brother Patrick Flannigan, SJ, entered into God's peace at the Sacred Heart Jesuit Center, Los Gatos, Calif. He was 76. A quiet, effective, and warm man and servant of God, Br. Flannigan exuded a deep joy to others in his dedicated work as a helper, guide, counselor, and manager of financial/temporal matters.

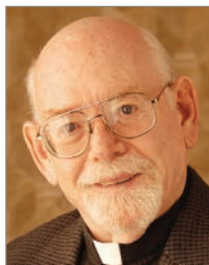
Born in Tacoma on January 1, 1941, to Pius M. and Vivian W. (Elmore) Flannigan, Patrick Michael Flannigan was an only child. He grew up in Tacoma and graduated from Bellarmine Preparatory in 1959 and Seattle University in 1963. He entered the Jesuit Novitiate (Sheridan, Ore.) in March 1964.

Assigned to Seattle University in 1967, Br. Flannigan was highly regarded for his quiet, efficient, and friendly manner.

In 1970 Br. Flannigan moved south to Portland and Jesuit High School where he served for 20 years as a counselor, treasurer, and guide to many young men at the all male school. There he earned the nickname "Black Flag." Dressed in his black religious garb, he silently moved through the hallways and had a great "radar" for mischief brewing among the young men at Jesuit High.

In 1990 Br. Flannigan moved to Tacoma and entered the world of parish ministry while also caring for his mother. For 15 years he served as a parish visitor for the homebound of St. Rita's Church.

In 2009, he relocated to the Jesuit assisted-living center in Spokane and then moved to the Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in Los Gatos with the other Oregon Province Jesuits in the spring of 2015.



Fr. Charles E. Schmitz, SJ
June 29, 1938 - Feb. 18, 2017

Father Charles "Chuck" E. Schmitz, SJ, opened wide his heart to the needs, hopes, dreams, fears, and faith of the Spanish-speaking peoples of the Northwest. From celebrating the sacraments to championing human and legal rights,

Fr. Schmitz brought a deep passion and energy to people, places, and institutions in and out of the Church.

Born in Seattle on June 29, 1938, to Charles E. and Florence (Karst) Schmitz, Charles Emmitt Schmitz grew up in Salem. He graduated from Seattle University in 1960. Fr. Schmitz entered the Jesuit Novitiate (Sheridan, Ore.) in September 1960.

Ever eager to do greater things, Fr. Schmitz volunteered and was sent to teach in the minor seminary in Zambia, Africa. He returned to the U.S. two years later as he began his studies for priesthood. Fr. Schmitz's work took him to: graduate work at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Calif.; head of the Campus Ministry Department at Seattle University; pastor at St. Leo's Church (Tacoma); Central America Liaison for the Jesuit Conference; minister and rector of Gonzaga Prep (Spokane); superior of St. Luke (Woodburn, Ore.), Socius to the Provincial, superior/coordinator of Ignatian Spirituality at St. Joseph (Yakima); and pastoral minister to Prince of Peace Church (Belfair, Wash). Prior to entering the Jesuit Tertianship program in Jalisco, Mexico, Fr. Schmitz immersed himself in the Spanish language and became a fluent speaker. A great joy of his was to lead Spanish speakers through the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius or other forms of prayer.

At Home with My Fellow Jesuits

By Fr. Bill Hayes, SJ

On July 30, 2014, I was missioned by the Oregon provincial to the Regis Community at Bea House in Spokane for retirement. Last October, I arrived at the Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in Los Gatos, Calif., my new home. Moving here was my choice. Fewer Jesuits were at Bea House, which had been designated for closure as part of the coming together of the Oregon and California provinces into Jesuits West, a new combined province which will officially launch on July 1, 2017. I thought it would be better to move here early rather than wait until Bea House closed.

I knew all of the Oregonians at SHJC and some of the Californians because we had studied together in Spokane and again at Alma College about a mile or so up the road from here. It is a great joy to see how well the Society of Jesus takes care of the old, retired Jesuits. As all Jesuits, we went through the years of Formation and then out to the active apostolates – in my case to secondary education – and spent many years working to bring people closer to God. We are not thrown out to pasture like worn out race horses but taken care of with tender loving care by the nurses, staff, cooks, grounds crew, maintenance crew, etc., and last but not least by our superiors. Everything is done to make us feel appreciated and loved. All of these things makes it easier for us to adjust from the active life we had lived to the more quiet life we now live because of health and aging.

Most of us here miss the apostolates we worked in and if we had our druthers would prefer to be active again, but that is wishful thinking. So, what do we do here? Our apostolate here is to pray for the Church and the Society of Jesus. I do that and I pray also for all the people I know, especially those who are suffering and have trials.



(L to r) Fathers Pat Stewart, Bill Hayes, and Tom Gallagher at the Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in Los Gatos, Calif.



Senior Jesuits enjoy many activities at SHJC, including this afternoon tea.



Fr. Joseph Retzel, SJ, in the Halloween spirit.

One thing I can say is my prayer life is much better since I have retired because I have the time to pray and God has blessed me with graces in so many ways to be faithful with prayer and to deepen my prayer life. That is a special blessing for which I am grateful.

I think all of us retired Jesuits could say we wish we were still active in our former apostolates, but if we have to be retired this is the best possible place to be. I, and my fellow Jesuits, are grateful to the many benefactors whose support makes our lives at Sacred Heart comfortable and prayerful.



Father Bill Hayes, SJ, has spent the majority of his years as a Jesuit in education as the former vice president at Seattle University; vice principal, president, and chancellor at Jesuit High; and principal and president at Gonzaga Prep. He moved to the Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in Los Gatos, Calif., in October.

Spring Renewal, New Beginnings



Siobhán Lawlor

I always enjoy the transformative nature of spring. It's a time of renewal, new beginnings, growth, rejuvenation. In many ways, the Oregon Province is entering a season of growth and renewal, as well. In these spring months leading up to summer, the Oregon Province and California Province are finalizing their emergence into a new province. Jesuits West will officially launch on July 1 of this year, bringing with it the dawn of a new entity that will serve the people in its 10-state territory and beyond.

The coming together of the two provinces is part of a global process that has been underway for years as Jesuit provinces, including all of those in the U.S., are being modified to provide greater efficiency through an emphasis on collaboration. By 2020, the U.S. will have just four provinces: Central and Southern, East, Midwest, and West. The coming together of the Oregon and California provinces also represents a return to the former model they shared until the Oregon Province was established in 1932. As part of this process, senior Oregon Jesuits have been migrating south to the Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in Los Gatos, Calif., a senior care facility where approximately 85 Jesuits focus their active ministry in prayer. Fr. Bill Hayes, SJ, has written a reflection on this change and on how well the Oregon men are enjoying their new home. You may find it on page 5.

What will the launch of Jesuits West mean to the people served and impacted by Jesuit ministries in the Northwest, including our schools, parishes, and social ministries? The change should be seamless. Our schools will remain open, our parishes will remain intact, and the 200+ Jesuits of the Oregon Province will continue in their respective ministries. The coming together of Oregon with California may actually bring about greater outreach and service through increased collaboration amongst Jesuits and our increasingly important lay partners who walk with us in our various apostolates.

Our new structure will entail some changes to where the province's administrative personnel will work and reside. Provincial Fr. Scott Santarosa, SJ, and Socius Fr. Mike Bayard, SJ, will maintain their home base in the Portland curia, though they will remain mobile as their duties require them to frequently visit schools, parishes, Jesuit communities, and other ministries. What won't change, though, is the reliance on the Oregon Province Jesuits, who are critical to the success of Jesuits West.

Our advancement (also referred to as fundraising) and communications offices will be located in Los Gatos with major gift officers located in the Northwest, Northern California, and Southern California. Our new gift officer in Portland, Kim Randles, is profiled on page 3. The new province will continue to rely on the generosity of our benefactors who have supported the Oregon and California provinces previously. Specifically, we need continued support to care for senior Jesuits who have dedicated their lives in the service of others, to provide for the education and training of the next generation of Jesuit priests and brothers who undergo a 10- to 12-year Formation program, and for the support of new or existing ministries to provide education and/or social ministries to the poor and marginalized.

Yes, spring brings with it many changes, many new beginnings. Please join me in prayer that as Jesuits West emerges on July 1, we continue to serve the people of the Northwest for the greater glory of God.

Sincerely,

Siobhán Lawlor
Director of Development

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