



Fr. Stephen Sundborg, SJ

SU President Re-appointed to Five-Year Term

Seattle University's Board of Trustees, in the midst of the University's 125th anniversary year, voted in February to reappoint Father Stephen V. Sundborg, SJ, to another five-year term as president. The board also took actions to strengthen the university's socially responsible investing policies.

The unanimous decision to reappoint Fr. Sundborg to a fifth, five-year term, covering 2017-2022, followed a comprehensive evaluation of Fr. Sundborg's service, leadership, and accomplishments. An outside consultancy was engaged to oversee the evaluation based on in-depth interviews and surveys of university stakeholders.

“I am grateful for the opportunity to lead Seattle University through the next five years and look forward to building on our strengths as a Catholic and Jesuit institution at the heart of a dynamic, thriving city. Working together with the faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends of the university, I am energized by the potential to make an even greater impact in our region and world.”

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“Fr. Steve has led Seattle University to new heights of excellence and impact over the past two decades,” said Bob Ratliffe, board chair. “Working together with an exceptional faculty and staff, he has extended the reach of SU's Jesuit Catholic education to more students from more regions, elevated the academic reputation of the university regionally, nationally, and internationally, created a mission-driven culture across the campus community, established the nationally recognized Youth Initiative, and engineered Seattle U's return to NCAA Division I athletics. We look forward to Fr. Steve's continued service as president and working with him over the next five years to build upon an impressive record of achievement.”

The board also approved two important actions related to socially responsible investing (SRI). The first one was to approve three amendments to the Investment Policy. The amendments establish the SRI Advisory Working Group, explicitly restrict the university from making direct investments in fossil fuel companies, and include environmental, social, and governance factors among the criteria for selecting and evaluating investment managers.

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Letter from the Provincial

Reaching Out in Public Universities



Fr. Scott Santarosa, SJ
Provincial

When Former Father General Adolfo Nicolás, SJ, would be asked what he felt a priority for the Society of Jesus should be today, he would almost always give this answer: accompanying young people, particularly young adults. Perhaps it's a coincidence or perhaps a work of the Spirit, but this is also something which has been appealing to younger Jesuits in the West.

Three years ago, when the Diocese of Boise asked if Jesuits could help staff St. Paul's Catholic Center (Newman Center) just off the Boise State University campus, a number of younger Jesuits were excited at the prospect. Perhaps this is because so many of our men in Formation have discovered their Jesuit vocations from their own personal experience in Newman Centers at any number of public school campuses. In fact, of the 75 men in Formation, several of them came to us after having been involved in a Newman Center.

It is this confluence of factors that have led Jesuits West, our new province name as we come together with the California Province effective July 1, to mission four men to three Newman Centers at public school campuses. This summer Fr. Gerry Robinson, SJ, will begin ministry at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Fr. Greg Vance, SJ, will begin ministry at the Caruso Catholic Center at USC, and Frs. Boom Martinez, SJ, and Manh Tran, SJ, will begin ministry at the Newman Center at UC San Diego.

These men, like all Jesuits, will not be missioned to these assignments indefinitely, however. Rather, they will be missioned for a 2- to 3-year period, and like the Boise experiment, our presence will be discerned as we go along. Calling each of these tests "experiments" gives us the latitude to either continue or not, whether it's working or not. Of course, these men are highly talented and would be a wonderful addition to any staff — parish, university, or secondary school — so we have to be very discerning as we consider the length of their mission. It should be mentioned that Fr. John Francis Vu, SJ, has been serving at the Newman Center at UC Irvine now for 10+ years. Eighteen vocations (14 men and four women) have come from his work. It has seemed to be a good fit for him and so he continues his fine work there. Ever self-effacing, Fr. Vu described himself as "just a simple Jesuit working with students, sharing with them the Vatican Council document 'Joy & Hope' as he brings God's message to the people of the world."

That we can consider doing something new is exciting. Fr. General Nicolás reminded us, as we made preparations for the new Jesuits West Province, that the primary purpose of forming a new province is to broaden our apostolic horizons. Saying yes to this new way of ministering to young adults is indeed going to stretch us and broaden our horizons. May God bless the work of our hands as we venture forth into these new horizons.

Sincerely,

Fr. Scott Santarosa, SJ

JVC EnCorps Seeks Volunteers

Jesuit Volunteer EnCorps, a program of JVC Northwest, is now accepting applications for 2017-18. JV EnCorps facilitates transformative opportunities for service, and community and spiritual formation for adults 50 and older who are committed to social and ecological justice. During their 10 months of part-time volunteer service, participants meet regularly in community to deepen their spirituality and explore the values of community, simple living, and social and ecological justice.

JV EnCorps recruits and supports volunteers for part-time, meaningful service positions where they

have a direct impact on people living on the margins. JV EnCorps was created to meet the needs of the growing number of retired people or those moving into retirement who seek to remain vital and active, perform meaningful work benefiting society, participate in a supportive spiritual community, and attain personal meaning and fulfillment.

JV EnCorps now has groups in Bend, Portland, Seattle, Spokane, and Tacoma. The priority application deadline is August 15. For more information,

please email JVEnCorps@jvcnorthwest.org or visit www.jvencorps.org.

JVEnCorps

A PROGRAM OF JVC NORTHWEST

Seattle Prep and Red Cloud High School Partner to Provide Students Unique Learning Opportunity

Working with the Jesuit Virtual Learning Academy (JVLA), a relationship has been forged between Seattle Preparatory School and Red Cloud High School to offer a unique collaborative course experience for select students at the two schools. This new relationship was spawned after a similar partnership between Seattle Prep (right) and Verbum Dei (Los Angeles) took root last year. “Our initial experience with Verbum Dei showed great promise for this new collaborative model of learning,” said Seattle Prep President Kent Hickey. “We look forward to working with Red Cloud while continuing to nurture our relationship with Verbum Dei.”

Through the new partnership, students from the two schools will participate in an Ethics, Economics, and Entrepreneurship course using a hybrid design that combines elements of online and brick-and-mortar modalities.

Located in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, Red Cloud High School serves as the upper division of Red Cloud Indian School, a Catholic institution administered by



the Jesuits and the Native American Lakota people. “Our Catholic Church calls us to be in communion with others to labor collectively for God’s greater glory. We are excited to have our students learning with and from their peers at Seattle Prep, and we are equally excited to have our students share their rich Lakota heritage,” said Red Cloud Principal Clare Huerter.

In Memoriam



Fr. Ron Funke, SJ April 7, 1933 – March 21, 2017

Father Ron Funke, SJ, possessed an upbeat approach and deep commitment to service which made him a treasured presence in many lives. The former teacher, hospital chaplain, parish priest, and sacramental minister entered into God's

peace at the Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in Los Gatos. He was 83.

Father Funke entered the Society of Jesus in 1953 and was ordained in 1968. He celebrated more than 63 years in the Society of Jesus and found it very joyful, exciting, and eventful. He studied at Seattle University, Gonzaga University, Santa Clara University, and Heythrop College, London, England, earning degrees in philosophy, English literature, and theology.

He developed his love of teaching and taught at Gonzaga Prep, Spokane, Jesuit High School, Portland, Seattle Prep, and Eastside Catholic High, Bellevue, Wash. Between teaching assignments,

he also served as a chaplain at various hospitals, including Sacred Heart Medical Center, Spokane, St. Mary's Hospital, Walla Walla, Wash., and Sacred Heart Hospital, Eugene.

During his early Jesuit Formation, Fr. Funke was assigned to work in the Vatican and in Germany microfilming rare theological books. He then worked and explored Europe in the summers, learning various languages, photographing architecture, and visiting stately homes that he used for teaching and various lectures. He was known for sharing his summer diaries and slide shows with family and friends.

Father Funke was always full of life and energy. His laughter and friendship will be deeply missed by his many friends, family, former students, colleagues, parishioners, and brother priests. He is survived by his sister, Jeanette Morgan and her husband Richard, in Lewiston, Idaho, and several nieces and nephews.



Fr. Michael Schultheis, SJ May 5, 1932 – April 11, 2017

Father Michael Schultheis, SJ, a staunch proponent of education who spent 40 years in Africa teaching and helping to open schools in several nations there, entered into God's peace in Monrovia,

Liberia. He was 84.

Father Peter Henriot, SJ, Fr. Schultheis' long-time colleague, offered the following reflection on Fr. Schultheis' life:

Mike Schultheis and I shared a common but unique vocation as Jesuits from the Pacific Northwest: most all of our priestly work was outside of the Oregon Province that we had originally joined, and Africa was the location of most of that Jesuit ministry. Mike and I worked together for five years at the Center of Concern in Washington, D.C., in the late 1970's and early 1980's, and then shared occasional times together in Africa after that.

Mike's record of 40 years in Africa is unmatched for dedication to a "faith that does justice" in serving people in many different ways. After securing his PhD in agricultural economics at Cornell University in 1970 he taught in Makerere University, Uganda, then for several years at University of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania.

His few years in Washington, D.C., saw publication of the best-seller he co-authored, *Catholic Social Teaching: Our Best Kept Secret*, and research on the structural causes of the growing global refugee crisis. The latter seminal work, published in 1983, brought him to Rome to be part of the early group gathered by

Jesuit Superior General Father Pedro Arrupe, SJ, to promote the Jesuit Refugee Service.

It was in Malawi that Mike's creative work in education began to flourish. I remember driving the border between Malawi and Mozambique and hearing Mike excitedly explain how under his guide JRS had begun schools in the Malawi camp that could simply move with the people when they returned to their Mozambican homeland when the war would end. This education dedication brought him then to Beira to help in the founding of the Catholic University of Mozambique, where he taught economics.

From there to Ghana, Mike moved to help establish the first Catholic University College where he served as its founding president from 2003 to 2007.

The Catholic Bishops in Sudan persuaded Mike to bring his talents and his good connections with universities in the USA to South Sudan. With his leadership as vice chancellor, the faculty of arts and social sciences was launched in 2008 in Juba, capital of the southern region. In 2009 a second faculty of agricultural and environmental sciences opened in Wau.

Mike was strongly convinced that education was central to the future development of Africa. He knew the brightness and dedication of African youth who had an opportunity for good schooling, especially at higher levels. Africa is the site of the fastest growing Catholic community in the world. Mike contributed greatly to the positive direction of that growth.

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Sculpture Installed on Bellarmine Campus

“Maternal Bond,” a sculpture by artist Timothy Schmalz, was recently installed on the Bellarmine Prep campus in Tacoma.

“Maternal Bond,” depicts Mary cradling the infant Jesus in her arms, along with a quote from Pope Francis on the base of the sculpture, that portrays the message that everyone is valuable – the unborn, the sick, the aged.

“Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in His image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.”

– Pope Francis
Inscription on sculpture pedestal

Schmalz has been creating large-scale sculptures for 25 years, many of which embody a spiritual theme. Some of his most renowned pieces reside in historical churches in Rome and at the Vatican. A similar version of the “Maternal Bond” sculpture lives at Villanova University in Pennsylvania.

The second action was to approve a charter for the new SRI Advisory Working Group, a permanent standing sub-committee of the board’s investment committee. As stated in the charter, the working group will provide information and make recommendations to the investment committee on SRI issues. It will consist of key stakeholder representatives, including students, faculty, administrators, alumni, and trustees.

Founded in 1891, the city of Seattle was considered somewhat of a backwater in 1891 when the Society of Jesus responded to an invitation to bring its educational mission to the Emerald City. The city had recently rebuilt itself after the Great Seattle Fire of 1889. The only Catholic school was Holy Names Academy and the nearest Jesuit outpost was in Yakima. Gonzaga College was well established and growing.

During this academic year, Seattle University held a year-long celebration of its 125th anniversary with a number of special and service events, including a speakers series before wrapping up the year with its annual Red Tie Celebration, this year honoring Tom Gorman, ’68 and Janet Hopps Adkisson, ’56, Seattle U tennis champions.

A Force for Good



Siobhán Lawlor

The more things change, the more they stay the same. July 1 will mark the dawn of Jesuits West as the Oregon Province and the California Province are rejoined into one larger province that marks a reunification of the two provinces which were separated from each other in 1932.

Together, the two former provinces will be stronger, will foster a great sense of collaboration, and will be more nimble to meet the emerging needs of a society in flux.

Together, the new province will cover a 10-state territory, from Alaska to the U.S.-Mexico border, west to Hawaii, east to Montana.

The move creates a new province structure better able to develop new or maintain existing ministries. The provinces have essentially been operating as one for a few years now as Jesuits from each province have been missioned to positions in the other for years. Even the healthcare system has been combined. For more than a year, senior Jesuits from the Oregon Province have been moving to the Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in Los Gatos, Calif., where they receive excellent healthcare and live in community with their brother Jesuits from the California Province.

For years, the two provinces have operated a joint Formation program, including a single Novitiate in Culver City, Calif., where novices from both provinces spend their first two years in the Society of Jesus. Part of their training includes service in local social ministries, hospitals, prisons, and schools, the first steps in their vocations as Jesuits, dedicated to service to others.

Jesuits West will have approximately 120 ministries and Jesuit communities, including universities, high and middle schools, parishes, retreat centers, volunteer organizations, and a number of social ministries, all founded by Jesuits to promote Ignatian spirituality and provide needed education and social services to the people of the West. Truly, we are emerging as a Force for Good.

I ask you to pray for us and join us as July 1 nears so that our new province – your new province – can continue its mission of service, of life-changing assistance, and life-giving impact that will strengthen our communities and be a positive force in our collective daily lives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Siobhán Lawlor". The script is fluid and cursive.

Siobhán Lawlor
Director of Development

With a service area that includes Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington, our ministries include universities, high schools, Nativity schools, retreat houses and spirituality centers, parishes and elementary schools, inner-city services for the poor and marginalized, Yup'ik missions in Alaska, and work with Native Americans in the Pacific Northwest. Jesuits—together with our lay collaborators—are called to these and many other ministries.

ALASKA

Alaska Missions
Catholic Schools of Fairbanks

IDAHO

St. Paul's Catholic Student Center,
Boise State University

MONTANA

Loyola Sacred Heart High School
St. Francis Xavier Church
SEEL Missoula

OREGON

Kateri Ministries and
St. Andrew Mission, Pendleton

PORTLAND

Loyola Jesuit Center
Faber Institute
Ignatian Spirituality Project
Jesuit High School
Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest
St. Andrew Nativity School
St. Ignatius Parish and School
SEEL Portland

SEATTLE-TACOMA

Bellarmino Preparatory School
Ignatian Spirituality Center
Intercommunity Peace and
Justice Center
Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative
Northwest, Seattle
Rocky Mountain Mission/Northwest
(8 missions)
Sacred Story Institute
St. Joseph Parish and School
St. Leo Parish
St. Rita Parish
Seattle Nativity School
Seattle Preparatory School
Seattle University
SEEL Puget Sound

SPOKANE

Gonzaga Preparatory School
Gonzaga University
St. Aloysius Parish and School
SEEL Spokane
SEEL Tri-Cities
(Richland, Pasco, Kennewick)
SEEL Yakima