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Attending Pope Francis' Historic Address

Fr. Scott Santarosa, Provincial

The tension was mounting in the congressional chambers, as members of the House, then Senate, then Supreme Court justices, and finally cabinet members filed in and found their places. And then it was announced: "Speaker, I present to you Pope Francis of the Holy See." A simple man dressed in white entered the room, and all eyes were on him. The room rocked with applause, and the feeling was electric.

What I felt in the moment surprised me. It was a combination of pride and wonder.

I felt proud of a Jesuit brother, and his Jesuit journey which led him to this moment. His freedom, indifference, his commitment to the least among us. And I felt wonder at how he probably had no idea how he came to occupy this particular moment, at how we can end up in places we never imagine, at how I found myself in a place I never imagined, peering down at him, tears in my eyes, from the gallery.

As Provincial of the Oregon Province, it is a privilege and a joy to be a part of the formation of young men in the Jesuit traditions of discernment and faithful contemplation. Thank you to all of our benefactors who make this formation possible – we couldn't do it without you. As you look ahead to your year-end giving, please prayerfully consider a gift to our formation fund so we can continue to properly train and educate the Jesuit priests and

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brothers of the Oregon Province in Jesuit tradition.

Pope Francis' words to Congress and the U.S. public were moving. His conclusion stays with me: "You are a land of dreams. God bless America!" There was nothing to be gained in his saying these words, except to remind us, to bless us. May God bless our country.

I'd like to extend a blessing to friends, benefactors, ministries and Jesuits of the Oregon Province. May God bless your families and your works this Christmas season.

Photo: Fr. Scott Santarosa sits with Fr. Pat Conroy in the office of the chaplain of the U.S. House of Representatives.



Fr. Pat Conroy blesses Pope Francis

Fr. Pat Conroy, SJ, has been the chaplain of the U.S. House of Representatives for four years. He wrote the following reflection on the experience meeting Pope Francis:

September 24 was an historic day at the U.S. Capitol. Pope Francis, on a highly-scheduled visit, arrived in his black Fiat at the carriage entrance on the House side of the building. Met by Sergeants at Arms of both the houses of Congress, Francis was escorted into the hall and introduced first to the Senate Chaplain, Rev. Barry Black, and then to his brother Jesuit, the Chaplain of the U.S.



Fr. Pat Conroy blesses Pope Francis before his address to Congress. Photo courtesy of L'Osservatore Romano.

House of Representatives. That would be me.

Knowing the tight schedule, I figured I had all of 20, at most 30 seconds with Francis. So, I asked him if I might bless him. Personally, it is not hard to be humbled by such an experience.

The events that followed were equally historic. After a short stop at the beautiful statue of St. Damien of Moloka'i, Francis was led to a short meeting with congressional leadership, with whom he shared a short prayer. Then it was on to the House floor, where a joint session of Congress was gathered to hear his address.

It was the first time a Pope was to address the U.S. Congress. But what was also historic was the feeling of good will and spirit possessed by all those in attendance. The very presence of the man seemed to lift the spirits of all those gathered.

In the wake of the Pope's visit, many photos of my encounter with Francis have been seen on screen, mostly on Facebook. It is an ongoing blessing to have met Pope Francis, as so many people who have blessed my ministry through so many years and ministries now feel just a little more connected to a great pontiff – a priest who would build bridges where people and nations are separated from one another, sometimes seemingly without hope of reconciliation.

May we all, as he so often asks, continue to pray for Pope Francis and his vocation from God to serve as the Vicar of Christ.

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Novices Embark on Long Retreat

The first year novices at the Novitiate of the Three Companions in Culver City, California began the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola on November 2, 2015 and will come out of retreat on the Feast of St. Francis Xavier.

The first year novices of the California and Oregon Provinces (from left to right in the photo) are: Nicholas Collura, John Meyers, Anthony Belcastro, Raymond Parcon, James Millikan, Shane Liesegang, Jason McCreery.

The directors on the retreat are Steve Corder, SJ, Tony Harris, SJ and Bishop Gordon Bennett, SJ. Please keep all these men in your prayers.



Six West Coast Jesuits Ordained Deacons

This year, 12 American Jesuits were ordained at both the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry and the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University. For a Jesuit in formation, ordination to the diaconate is the last step before priestly ordination in the Society of Jesus. Of those 12 ordained, six were from the Oregon and California provinces: Patrick Couture, Francisco Javier Díaz Díaz, Andrew Rodriguez, George Teodoro, Marc P. Valadao, Jason Palmer Welle. Congratulations to all the new Jesuit deacons!

Jesuit Bishop Michael C. Barber, Bishop of Oakland, with the deacons ordained at the Oakland Cathedral of Christ the Light. Photo courtesy of Darwin Sayo.



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Crossroads Lecture Series

The Oregon Province will be hosting its annual Crossroads Lecture Series on February 1, 8 and 22 at 7 p.m. at the Loyola Jesuit Center at 2330 SE 43rd Ave. in Portland. There is no charge, however freewill offerings are accepted. For more information, call Tara Ballenger at 503-221-2313.

Pilgrimage to Spain

Fr. Natch Ohno is leading a pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Ignatius of Loyola" June 16-27. Participants will visit Loyola, San Sebastian, Xavier, Manresa, Montserrat, Barcelona and more. For more information, contact Fr. Ohno at 206-941-6739 or ohno@seattleu.edu.

Leadership Changes at the Province

This fall, we said goodbye to Fr. Sean Michaelson, who has left for a new position at the Jesuit Conference in Washington, DC, and Bill Lockyear, who has retired after two decades of service to the province. We also welcomed new faces - Winie Tungonno and Glen Butterworth, who will be based in the Los Gatos, CA, and Portland offices, respectively.



Fr. Sean Michaelson left the Oregon Province office and his position as Director of Formation for the West Coast at the end of October. He will start as executive secretary to the president of the USA Jesuit conference in mid-November.



Winie Tungonno is now the Director of Accounting for the Oregon and California provinces. This is a new position that will bring continuity to the accounting systems of both provinces.

Fr. Glen Butterworth will take Sean Michaelson's place as the Director of Formation for the Oregon and California Provinces in January. Fr. Butterworth is currently a pastor at St. Joseph Parish in Seattle.



Oregon Province's CFO Receives Award

Bill Lockyear, longtime chief financial officer of the Oregon Province who retired in October, was awarded the province's John Traynor Award for his decades of dedicated service to the Northwest Jesuits.

Oregon Provincial Fr. Scott Santarosa presented the award at an informal ceremony with colleagues and Jesuits on Oct. 20. The John Traynor Award was established in 2004 by the Oregon Province. It honors leaders who foster collaboration among lay people and Jesuits. Traynor was the first lay president of a Jesuit high school in the U.S. - Gonzaga Preparatory School in Spokane. Since then it has been awarded to a pastoral minister, a parish volunteer, a university professor and others.

Lockyear was praised for his long career with the province - which has spanned over twenty years. Fr. Stephen Sundborg, who established the Traynor award, was also the provincial when Lockyear was hired.

"Bill came to understand and to love our wider mission and saw how he could contribute to that mission. There is no question he upgraded our whole financial system," said Fr. Sunborg. "I think Jesuits



have come to feel that Bill is a Jesuit at heart. His length of service is remarkable; more remarkable is how he has served so personally, fully committedly and lovingly."

The Oregon Province thanks Bill Lockyear for his service and wishes him all the best in his retirement.

Fr. Martin Silva, SJ: Newly Ordained Priest Living the Mission

In June, seven men from the Oregon and California provinces were ordained as priests. Each man has since left for his first mission as a new Jesuit priest. Some are teaching in high schools, while others are pursuing advanced theology studies or working in ministry.

Fr. Martin Silva's first assignment was to Blessed Sacrament Parish in Hollywood, California. He serves as a pastoral minister to its diverse congregation in addition to being a coordinator for youth and young adult groups. He is also liaison to the communications ministry, helps with development for the parish school, and is part of the finance council.

"I couldn't have asked for a better first assignment," said Fr. Silva. "Looking back, this would be my first choice."

He especially enjoys the parish's diversity, with large populations of Latino and Filipino families, and parishioners from across the socio-economic spectrum. Despite these differences, the church sees itself as one body.

"You don't see a lot of ethnic divisions. By and large, they think of this parish as their home. I am really touched by the level of commitment of the people" he said. "The spirit of volunteering is high, and there is a deep sense of history, people say 'I was married here' or 'I was baptized here' and that really matters to them."

Fr. Silva is also enjoying the new demands of being a priest. He's celebrated weddings, baptisms, reconciliation, funerals, and anointing of the sick. At first each celebration took a great deal of preparation and learning, but now he's more able to be in the moment and appreciate the beauty of the sacraments.

"Suddenly you are in high demand, and there is a lot of energy being spent with people," he said. "It's more than just listening to people - it's the time spent being very present to them, and whatever issues they are facing."

One of his biggest goals is to spark dialogue - between parishioners, with the larger Hollywood community, and with Jesuit alumni in the Los Angeles area.

"We are in an opportune location to be right in the heart of Hollywood. It's a great place for dialogue. The Church has become more accessible, even to non-Christians, especially since Pope Francis. We are countercultural but not confrontational."



Fr. Martin Silva blesses Los Angeles Archbishop Jose Gomez at Silva's ordination ceremony on June 13. Photo by John Rou.

Fr. Silva said he is very grateful for his formation, which prepared him for this new mission, and for the donors whose generosity made his studies possible.

"I am so appreciative of the human development and the personal growth that Jesuit formation nurtures; and of course for the academic education," said Fr. Silva.

Looking back at ordination, which took place at Blessed Sacrament, Fr. Silva said it was a "holy beginning."

"Ordination offered a comforting reflection on where God has been in my life and how I was being prepared for this moment, said Fr. Silva. "It was exciting and joyous."

CECILIA ARNOLD: GIVING TO THE JESUITS

By Samantha Bronson

Cecilia Arnold has just one canine companion these days – a Scottish deerhound named Gwen – but there was a time when Arnold and her late husband, Edward, had nearly 20 Scottish deerhounds.

For years, the couple raised the dogs and showed them, traversing across California, Oregon and beyond to participate in dog shows. They made about 25 champions during their dog-raising days, though Arnold is quick to point out they weren't the most well-known breeders.

To accomplish that, she said, it helps to be very wealthy. That wasn't the Arnolds. Edward Arnold Jr. worked for the state of California and Cecilia focused on the dogs fulltime before attending law school and later teaching at McGeorge School of Law. Still, Arnold said, she always knew they would give to the Society of Jesus.

“Ed frequently mentioned that some day when we could afford it, he would like to donate to the Jesuits because they helped him when he needed it, with a scholarship that allowed him to attend Marquette University High School in Milwaukee. He wanted to help others share in the superb Jesuit education he had received,” Arnold said. “After he passed away in 2002, I would off and on remember our conversations about someday donating to the Jesuits and realized that ‘someday’ had arrived.”

Arnold has established a life estate that benefits both the Oregon and California Provinces, reflecting her connections with the two provinces. While Arnold's ties to California are more obvious – she lives in Lincoln, Calif., her husband taught Sunday catechism at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish in Sacramento, and both attended Loyola Marymount University during graduate school – she also has ties to the Oregon Province that began because of hymns sung in Spanish.

Arnold doesn't recall exactly how she first heard the beautiful singing by Colombian Jesuits, but she knew she wanted a CD of the music. A search for a way to buy the CD led her to the Oregon Province, which has strong connections with the Colombian Jesuits. She ordered that CD through the Province about 15 years ago and has kept a relationship with Oregon Jesuits ever since. Whenever she needs masses and prayers offered



for friends and relatives, for example, she sends cards through the Province.

Arnold's ties to the Jesuits even extend to her dogs. Years ago, the couple offered one of their deerhound puppies to the organizers of a fundraiser benefiting Jesuit High School in Sacramento. The dog, Mary, was purchased and then given to the principal, Fr. John Kelly, SJ, as a gift. She lived with him until her passing.

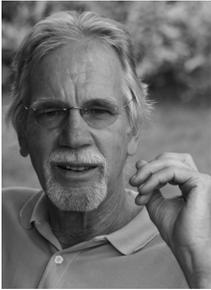
Arnold phased out of dog breeding and showing when she began McGeorge Law School in her 40s. Right after graduation, she was hired by the school as a supervising attorney in its in-house law clinic. During her more than two decades with the school, Arnold became a tenured professor and also directed the clinic for a number of years. She continued teaching well beyond the typical retirement age of 65 because she loved working with the students so much.

These days, Arnold is retired from McGeorge but still maintains her law license so that she can answer informal legal questions from friends and family. She also makes sure to retain her ties with the Jesuits, pleased to know that she is helping the organization and everything it does.

“When you give money to an organization like the Jesuits, it's a gift that keeps giving,” Cecilia says. “I believe in what they do.”

Transition

By Fr. Gary Smith, SJ



The airport in Juba, South Sudan was chaos in early 2014: civil war had broken out. The school where I worked with former refugees was closed, some of my students murdered. We lived with round-the-clock shooting, bodies on the streets and in the Nile. I was instructed to leave the country and was assigned by US Marines to one of the last planes out. It was a gripping scene: nationals from various countries queuing up, bandolier-strapped soldiers walking around with Kalashnikov guns, water and banana vendors making one last killer-price deal before people boarded. All this in the Sudan's insufferable afternoon heat.

I had been with African refugees for fifteen years.

I returned to Portland, regrouped, and asked for and was missioned back to the Old Town district - the epicenter of many of Portland's services for the homeless. I've spent many years working here in the nineties, so it was a homecoming of sorts.

Now I stay a few nights a week at Blanchet House, which serves meals to the poor and assists the addicted; I help at St. Andre's, the old Downtown Chapel, where I lived in the nineties; I help with the visitation program of MacDonal Center which has converted old hotels to single-resident-rooms; I resumed the ministry at the Justice Center jail.

The scene has changed. And the scene has not changed. There are more homeless now, more mentally ill, more gloom. I'm wiser. The human landscape can be breathtaking: people sleeping on the streets, and, blocks away, in paradoxical juxtaposition, the high-rent Pearl District hustles and bustles. Two worlds, nose to nose:

good times and bad times, the rich and the poor. It is strange. It is a sign of the times. It is challenging.

I move in it all. In proclaiming the Kingdom of Christ and responding to the call of God's heart, for some Jesuits—like me—it is important to be present in the midst of the poor. This sense of hearing the call of Christ by Jesuits and lay collaborators is true in different ways: the challenge of university and high school ministry, working with people of a parish, being a benefactor, back-up support and administrators that make my life of service possible. As German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote: In the end, our lives, in whatever ministry we do, are the answer to the question and call of the Heart of God.

Fr. Gary Smith has worked for Jesuit Refugee Services for a total of more than 10 years, serving in Uganda, South Africa, Kenya and most recently South Sudan. He was an outreach minister in street and jail ministry from 1994-2000 and returned to that work in 2014.



Homelessness continues to be a problem in Portland and throughout the United States. Photo by Jim Fischer.

Letter from our Development Director



This December marks my fifth Christmas as Development Director of the Oregon Province.

When I started working for the Jesuits in September 2001, I never would have expected that I'd end up in this role. I had never had any official training as a fundraiser, do not have the "CFRE" (Certified Fund Raising Executive) letters after my name and am not a member of the Association of Fund Raising Professionals. So, you can imagine my surprise when I was asked to apply for the job. In these past five years, it has become a true vocation.

So why do I do it and why do I love it?

I do it for the very same reasons you have been a benefactor of the Society - because I deeply admire and respect the work that is performed by the Jesuits, here in the Pacific Northwest and all around the world: the high schools and universities, the parishes and spirituality centers, the street ministry for the poor and the marginalized, the intellectual endeavors, the chaplains in hospitals and prisons and in the military, the work on the reservations and in Alaska...and on and on.

And I truly admire the men of the Society. I have met them all over the world and they have, due to their common training and spirituality, very similar ways of proceeding. They listen and are sympathetic to the

problems of people in the real world. They believe in a merciful Church.

I love this job because I am always talking to and meeting such very generous and kind people who also love the Jesuits and want to help them succeed. Many people think being a "fundraiser" is difficult because it involves asking for money. But we do not ask for ourselves, we ask for those people the Jesuits impact. The students, the parishioners in need, the ill and dying, the poor and the marginalized, those struggling with their faith.

Working with the generous benefactors who are so aware of these needs and so willing to offer financial support to address them is far from a burden. It is a privilege and a pleasure.

This year, as you plan your year-end gifts, I come to you again to ask you to prayerfully consider a gift to our Formation Trust so that we may continue to train Jesuits who will go forth and make a difference in the Pacific Northwest and the world Church.

Merry Christmas to you all and blessings for 2016.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chuck Duffy".

Chuck Duffy
Director of Development

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