

New Board Chair at St. Ignatius College Prep

Peter Q. Thompson has been appointed as chair of the board of trustees at St. Ignatius



College Prep. A 1986 graduate of St. Ignatius, he is president and chief executive officer of Chicago Asset Management Company, LLC, a Chicago-based investment management

firm. “We are so fortunate to have Peter serve as our board chair,” says Fr. Brian Paulson, SJ, president of St. Ignatius. “He brings abundant gifts to this critical role of leadership—love for St. Ignatius from his days as a student, the respect of fellow alumni and the civic community; deep faith and passion for the mission of the church, a wealth of board experience in a wide array of settings, considerable experience in financial management, and last, but not least, a great sense of humor. People love being around Peter—his enthusiasm is contagious. I look forward to working with him.” Peter succeeds Bill Kunkel, the previous board chair.

New Board Chair at St. Xavier High School

Michael K. Keating is the new board of trustees chairman at St. Xavier High School. A 1973 graduate of the school, he is the managing director of Keating Vollmer & Co., a Cincinnati investment firm. “Mike



brings a history of excellent leadership to the chairmanship of the St. X board,” says Fr. Walter Deye, SJ, president of St. Xavier High School. “As part of a three-generation St. X family, he has a

long history with the school and a unique handle on where we’ve been, where we are now, and where we want to be in the future. We have a great gift in Michael.” Michael replaces outgoing board chair Rob Heidt.

New Board Chair at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School

After four years of service as a board member, **Chris Perry** has become the board chair of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School. He is a Partner at CIVC Partners, a private equity firm located in Chicago, and also serves on the board of trustees at Loyola Academy. “Chris is a great believer in Jesuit education,” says Cristo Rey President Fr. Jim Gartland, SJ. “Not only are all his children going through Loyola, his oldest,



Matt, just started at Santa Clara. Chris and his wife Kathy have been extremely generous to the students of Cristo Rey, enabling many of them to earn a Jesuit education and dream of a better future.

Chris is a fantastic board chair. His sense of humor and intelligence keep us looking toward the *magis*, what more can we do for the students and families of Cristo Rey. I am blessed to have him at my side as a great companion of Christ, trying to serve for God’s greater glory.” Chris succeeds previous board chair Paul Purcell.

New Director of the Heartland Center

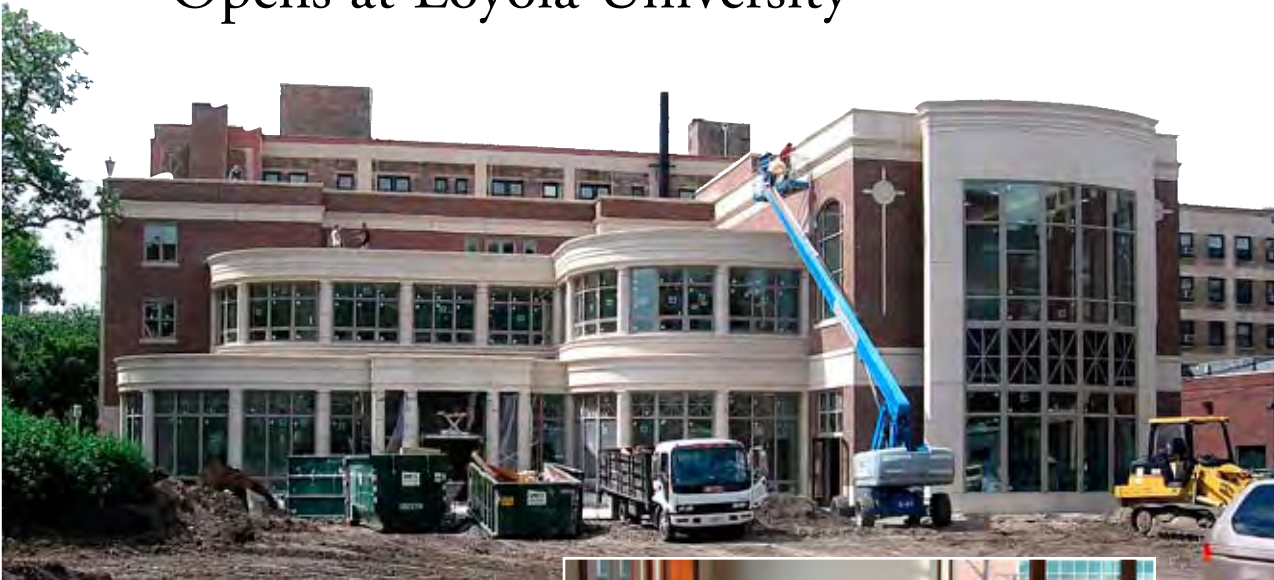
Fr. James M. Dixon, SJ, was appointed to be director of Heartland Center in Hammond, IN. Jim



served as an associate with Heartland Center for the past 6 years. Founded in 1987, Heartland Center’s mission is to work in solidarity with all segments of society, especially the poor, to construct a more just and humane society. Heartland Center researches and produces comprehensive studies on the causes and consequences of social issues including racism, poverty, inequity in health care,

crime, unemployment, and shifting demographics. With a staff of three, Heartland Center serves many roles: managing the Global Solidarity Partnership with Haiti in their role as the Office of Peace and Social Justice and Integrity of Creation for the Diocese of Gary; collaborating with Habitat for Humanity; administering the Catholic Campaign for Human Development; coordinating the Rural Life Ministry; serving as liaison to the Hispanic Ministry Office; and managing the diocesan-wide legislative advocacy network for the Indiana Catholic Conference. Father Provincial Edward Schmidt, SJ, says, “Jim and the Heartland Center staff serve the people of Northwest Indiana, and especially the poor, with spirituality and their intellectual abilities. I am grateful to Jim for taking on the leadership of this important ministry.”

Ignatius House Jesuit Community Opens at Loyola University



The new Ignatius House Jesuit Community at Loyola University Chicago opened this fall, replacing the former "JR" which served as the main Jesuit residence for 86 years.

After 86 years of the "JR" as the main Jesuit Residence at Loyola University, the Ignatius House Jesuit Community opened this fall, replacing the JR. Besides housing over 20 Jesuits, Ignatius House has a chapel and dining room designed to be a center of hospitality for the whole Loyola Jesuit community and the larger Loyola University Chicago community.



Mike Singhurse, SJ, a Jesuit in First Studies, speaks to the Jesuit Community from the lectern in the Ignatius House Chapel.

ICLM Celebrates Ten Years

On August 23, the Instituto Cultural de Liderazgo en el Medio Oeste (ICLM) marked ten years of service to the church in the Midwest. ICLM (translates to Midwest Cultural Leadership Formation Institute) is a lay formation program for the Hispanic community with the goal of preparing leaders for the church and society. The focus of the program also encourages the church to be more attentive to the Hispanic population in general. Fr. Tom Florek, SJ, serves as founding director of the institute. The anniversary celebration included a grand Eucharist, complete with an Aztec dancer, lively music, and former Detroit provincial Fr. Bob Scullin, SJ, presiding.



Fr. Tom Florek, SJ (right), is the founder and director of ICLM. ICLM alumni and members of the Lansing, MI, diocese use a fishing net as a symbol of their leadership in the church. Nine midwestern dioceses were represented at the celebration.



new books
FROM CHICAGO PROVINCE JESUITS



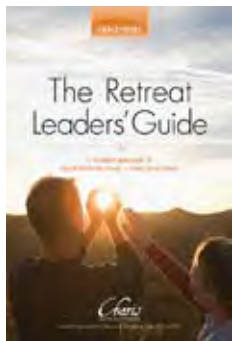
Michael Sparough, SJ, and the staff at Charis Ministries in collaboration with Loyola Press has released a series entitled *Grace Notes*. Each Charis retreat model and book in the series features a distinct theme and is designed to lead and invite men and women into a fuller spirituality and deeper relationship with God. The books of this series will have much of their material available online for download and easy manipulation of the text.



Who Do You Say I Am? The Jesus Retreat Resource Book

Michael Sparough, SJ, Patrick Curran, and Jenene Francis

This work details a retreat that challenges young adults to come to a deeper appreciation of who Jesus is in their lives. It provides leaders with complete materials for planning, promoting, and implementing the Jesus retreat.



The Retreat Leaders' Guide

Michael Sparough, SJ, Diane Michutka Fraser, and Mary Anne Reese

This book presents the Charis Ministries philosophy of young adult retreat ministry. It provides the framework upon which the resource guides are built and includes theological reflections about the nature of ministry to those in their 20s and 30s.



The Seekers' Retreat Resource Book

Michael Sparough, SJ, Patrick Curran, and Diane Michutka Fraser

An introductory retreat that focuses on the young adult search for meaning in life, this book provides leaders with complete materials for planning, promoting, and implementing the Seekers' retreat.



Born in Chicago: A History of Chicago's Jesuit University

(Loyola Press)

Written by Chicago historian Ellen Skerrett, this book shows how Loyola University Chicago and the city of Chicago have evolved together for over a century, from the time of the Great Fire and Father Arnold Damen to the present day. The 320-page hard cover book features lush photography and includes a foreword by renowned sociologist and author Fr. Andrew M. Greeley.

new
ASSIGNMENTS



Fr. John R. Crocker, SJ, has been assigned to retreat ministry in Chicago following his service at the Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford in Ohio.



Fr. Charles L. Jurgensmeier, SJ, has been assigned as associate professor of music at Loyola University Chicago. He previously served as professor of music at Creighton University.



Fr. L. Charles Murtaugh, SJ, has been assigned as associate pastor at Avenida Antenor Orrego in Trujillo, Peru. He previously served at Parroquia Nuestra Senora de los Desamparados in Lima, Peru.



Fr. Robert C. O'Connor, SJ, has been missioned to Colombiere Center in Clarkston, MI, to pray for the Church and the Society following his service as associate pastor at St. Xavier Church.



Leadership at Jesuit High Schools

Front Row: Kevin McGoff (Brebeuf); Rosemary Croghan (Loyola Academy); John McCartney (St. Ignatius); Janet Clark (Brebeuf); Barb Bennie (St. Xavier); Pat Robertson (St. Xavier); Sarah Garvey (St. Ignatius); Andy Sweeney (St. Xavier); Ed Schmidt, SJ; Pat McGrath, SJ; Chris Devron, SJ (Christ the King); Brian Paulson, SJ (St. Ignatius).

Back Row: John Ackerman (Brebeuf); Jim Gartland, SJ (Cristo Rey); Janet Underwood (St. Ignatius); Mark Howell (Brebeuf);

Mike Corr (Brebeuf); Mike Singhurse, SJ (Loyola Academy); Peter Thompson (St. Ignatius); Chris Perry (Cristo Rey); Dave Godleski, SJ (Brebeuf); Joe Nemmers (Christ the King); Tim Reilly (St. Xavier); Jim Hickey (Loyola Academy); Ted Munz, SJ (Loyola Academy); Walter Deye, SJ (St. Xavier); Mike Keating (St. Xavier); Matt Hayes (Brebeuf); Steve Baine, (Cristo Rey); Mark Gargula (Brebeuf).

Not Pictured: Tony Barbato (Christ the King)

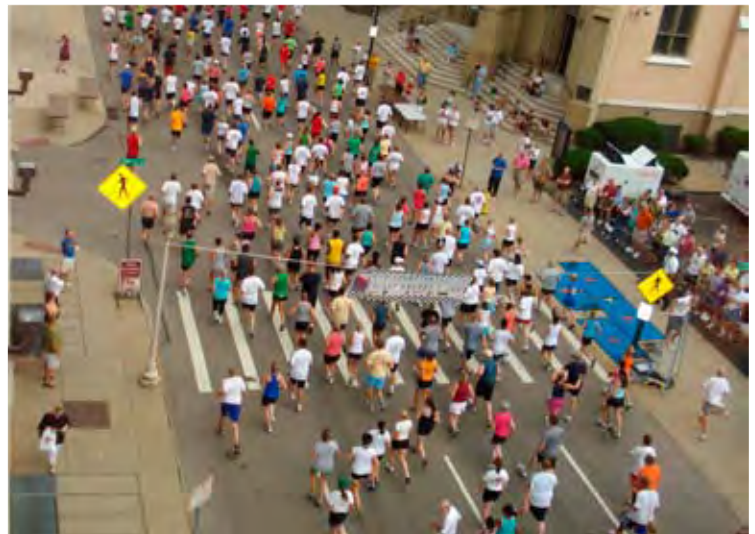
Trustees and presidents representing the six high schools of the Chicago Province gathered at Loyola University on October 26, 2008, to discuss Jesuit secondary education. Fr. Provincial Edward Schmidt convened the group for a day of prayer and conversation. Presenters included Frs. Ray Guiao, SJ, Pat McGrath, SJ, and Brad Schaeffer, SJ.

Conversation topics included Jesuit commitment to secondary education, Jesuit sponsorship and trusteeship, enhanced formation of board members in the Jesuit tradition, insights into Jesuit formation, and the future of Jesuits working in high schools.

Pat McGrath, SJ, provincial assistant for secondary education, said, "The mission and identity of Jesuit schools is held in trust by the school's governing board. As a result, it is utterly essential that board members not only understand the Jesuit mission and Ignatian vision but that they also have a lived experience of it."

The meeting at Loyola University was another in a series that attempts to enrich the conversation that goes on between the schools and the Society of Jesus and to deepen our shared experience of Ignatius' vision. Specifically, attendees heard from Frs. Schaeffer and Schmidt about the ongoing commitment of the Society to secondary education. Each spoke of high schools as one of the most significant and effective works of the Society. Fr. McGrath offered some perspective on canon and civil law issues involved in school sponsorship, and Fr. Guiao spoke with the trustees about Jesuit formation. The conversation that took place among the trustees was lively and engaged.

St. Xavier Church Block Party and Fun Run



St. Xavier Church's second annual block party included a three-mile fun run with over 100 participants. The block party doubled in attendance in two years, and St. Xavier expects an even greater turnout for the third annual block party in August 2009.