



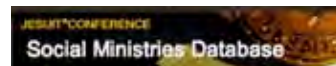
Loyola Academy Celebrates 100 years

In a celebration on September 20 in Wilmette, Illinois, Loyola Academy kicked off its year-long Centennial Celebration.

“Loyola is celebrating 100 years of forming students, men and women for others,” says James P. Hickey, a 1975 graduate of the school and chairman of the Board of Trustees. “I think the school is in the best shape it’s ever been and the future will just bring more of the same.”

During Mass Fr. Patrick E. McGrath, SJ, was installed as the eighth president of Loyola Academy. “It’s a joy, not only to celebrate the missioning of Fr. Pat McGrath, but also to celebrate 100 years of this great institution,” says Fr. Provincial Timothy Kesicki, SJ. “It is an institution that has moved throughout the city of Chicago and has seen thousands of students pass through its doors and yet looks always to its future, remembering its past, knowing what good it can do.”

At the celebration students, their parents, faculty, staff, and friends of the school were inspired by the words of Fr. McGrath’s homily: “Our story, the story of this place Loyola Academy, reaches back to this story; this story of Jesus and his disciples; this story of Jesus clearly telling his followers, ‘Come, take up your cross. Step into the stuff of life, the brokenness of the world and the joy of the world. And be a beacon of hope. And tell the world that the story has so much more to it. Tell the world that the story does not end in sin and death. Tell the world the story ends, begins, and is always sustained in love, in generosity, in compassion.’ May this place be the place that so many may find their path, their inspiration, their creativity, their vocation, for it is truly this day and every day, a great day to be a Rambler.”



New Jesuit Social Ministry Database

The Jesuit Conference has launched a new website focused on Jesuit social ministry, which can be seen at <http://iggy.jesuit.org>. Iggy, as the new website is called, seeks to make the task of connecting with colleagues in Jesuit social ministry easier. Sponsored by the Jesuit Commission on Social and International Ministries, Iggy provides a comprehensive on-line listing of Jesuit and Ignatian inspired social ministries in the United States. An interactive map offers access to direct service ministries, university social research institutes, social outreach staff at Jesuit parishes, schools, provinces, and many more resources. The centralized information encourages greater collaboration across the Ignatian family, allowing searches by people, topic, or geographic area.

Papal visit to Vatican Observatory

His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI officially inaugurated the Vatican Observatory’s new headquarters in Castel Gandolfo on September 16. “The pope very much wanted to be involved with our new headquarters,” says American Jesuit Fr. George V. Coyne, the former director of the Vatican Observatory. The new facility is located in a renovated monastery about one and a half miles from its previous location inside the papal palace, where it had been located since 1935, when it was moved from Rome to escape the light pollution coming from city streets. According

to Fr. Coyne, the pope “looked very carefully at the exhibits” and readily accepted the invitation of American Jesuit Br. Guy J. Consolmagno, to hold a meteorite.

A graduate of University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy, Br. Consolmagno will join over 50 other astronomers to create www.cosmicdiary.org, a new blog site that aims to put a human face on astronomy. The site will include daily reflections from Br. Consolmagno about the importance of astronomy and its impact on our cultural beliefs and values.



Br. Guy Consolmagno, SJ, hosts Pope Benedict on a tour of the Vatican Observatory’s new headquarters in Castel Gandolfo.



Jesuit Author Selected for Oprah's Book Club

Oprah Winfrey's latest book club selection is *Say You're One of Them*, by Nigerian Jesuit Fr. Uwem Akpan. Ms. Winfrey revealed her choice September 18, choosing for the first time a book of short stories. "These stories left me stunned and profoundly moved," says Ms. Winfrey. Oprah's Book Club is the biggest book club in the world, with nearly 2 million online members. Each of its selections has become a bestseller. Fr. Akpan's book, published in 2008, includes five stories; each set in an African country and narrated by a child. Fr. Akpan, who studied at Creighton University in Omaha and Gonzaga University in Spokane, was ordained in 2003. He earned an MFA in creative writing from the University of Michigan in 2006. He says he began writing fiction during his seminary days: "I wrote at night, when the community computers were free. Computer viruses ate much of my work. Finally, my friend Wes Harris believed in me enough to get me a laptop. The stories on that first laptop are the core of *Say You're One of Them*." Fr. Akpan, who won the 2009 Commonwealth Writers' Prize for Best First Book, African Region, serves at Christ the King Church in Ilesamaja-Lagos, Nigeria.



New Board Chair at John Carroll University

David Short, who graduated from John Carroll University in 1981, was appointed chairman of the John Carroll University Board of Directors on June 1 of this year. A member of the board since 1999, Mr. Short recently retired as chairman of the board of American Funds, one of the nation's largest mutual fund families. Mr. Short will continue the momentum built by Allyn Adams, who led Carroll directors since 2007. "I am very excited to work with Dave Short as Chair of the University's Board of Directors," says JCU president Fr. Robert Niehoff, SJ. "He is dynamic, full of energy, and the ideal person to serve in this important governance role for John Carroll University. Dave values the Jesuit education he received at John Carroll University and we deeply appreciate his willingness to lead our Board, which is his way of giving back to the place he cares so much about. Dave's leadership and insightfulness will serve John Carroll well. I look forward to working closely with him over the next years to celebrate John Carroll University's 125th anniversary in 2011 and our vision of 'graduating individuals of intellect and character who will lead and serve by engaging the world.'"



New Board Chair at Xavier University

Robert J. Kohlhepp, vice chairman of Cintas Corporation, was appointed chairman of the Xavier University Board of Trustees on September 25 of this year. He succeeds Joseph A. Pichler, retired chairman and chief executive officer of The Kroger Co., who served as chairman since 2004.

"Xavier University would not be where it is today without the loyalty, passion and leadership of Bob Kohlhepp," says university president Fr. Michael J. Graham, SJ, "The experience he brings as a business and community leader have helped strengthen and enhance Xavier in numerous ways and will continue to do so in the future." Mr. Kohlhepp has been a member of Xavier's Board of Trustees for more than 20 years. He is an avid supporter of Xavier athletics, which included lending his name to the Kohlhepp Family Auxiliary Gym on campus. Mr. Kohlhepp received his MBA from Xavier in 1971. He has served at Cintas in various executive capacities including vice president of finance until 1979, when he became executive vice president. He served in that capacity until October 1984, when he was elected president, a position he held until July 1997. Mr. Kohlhepp became chief executive officer in 1995, and served in that capacity until he was appointed vice chairman of the board in July 2003.



Br. David L. Henderson, SJ, has been missioned to Colombiere Jesuit Center in Clarkston, MI, to pray for the Church and the Society following his service as the plant manager of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Chicago, IL.



Fr. John A. Knappek, SJ, has been missioned to Colombiere Jesuit Center in Clarkston, MI, to pray for the Church and the Society following his service at John Carroll University.



Fr. Frank M. Oppenheim, SJ, has been missioned to Colombiere Jesuit Center in Clarkston, MI, to pray for the Church and the Society following his service as a writer and professor of philosophy at Xavier University.