

Fr. Ed Schmidt, SJ, extends his personal gratitude to Marilyn and Joe Antonik for their generous companionship in the Magis Society.



Fr. Pat McGrath, SJ, visits with Magis Society members Elaine (left) and Richard Brennan and friend Eileen Nelson in Naples, Florida.



Magis Society member Fred Faulstich (left) is a lifetime supporter of Jesuit ministries both locally and in Delhi and Patna, India. From left to right, Fred, his late mother, Ruth, Most Rev. Ben Osta, SJ, archbishop of Patna and his aunt Sr. Maria Carmencita, CSC. Not pictured are Bill (brother) and Cathy Faulstich, along with Mary (sister) and Bill Underwood who have also been generous to the missions over the years. Another brother, Fr. Paul Faulstich, SJ, is on the staff at Loyola Academy, Wilmette, IL.

Fr. Bill Murphy, SJ, thanks Ed and Elizabeth Connelly for their prayerful generosity as Magis Society members.



The Magis Society

The Jesuits extend their prayerful gratitude to over 3,000 friends this past year who were generous partners in the Jesuit mission of service “to the greater glory of God.”

Many Jesuit families and friends have opted to support the mission and work of the Jesuits by planning their estates to include the Jesuits. Friends have received tax benefits and shared their estates with the Jesuits through a wide variety of options, including annuities, IRA rollovers, life insurance, charitable remainder trusts, and bequests. The Jesuits offer gratitude and recognition to the extraordinary generosity of these partners through the Magis Society.

“We have been blessed by friends who include the Jesuits in their estate plans,” says Fr. Provincial Ed Schmidt, SJ. “Especially in this very difficult economy, those who become members of the Magis Society with a planned or estate gift have had a great impact on Jesuit formation, Jesuit ministries, and senior Jesuit health care. In short they give greater opportunities for the Jesuits to serve God’s people.”

Magis Society members recently designated gifts to support Jesuit Formation, Patna Jesuits, Chicago Jesuit Academy, Peru Jesuits, Christ the King Jesuit College Prep, senior Jesuit health care, and the provincial’s greatest needs.

Your generosity makes the ministries of the Jesuits today a reality, and ensures that their service to God’s people will continue in the future. Please know that the Jesuits are grateful for your partnership and keep you daily in their prayers. ■

Magis is a Latin word, meaning “more,” that’s often equated with generosity, magnanimity, and selflessness. Fr. Francis J. Daly, SJ, explains that, in the Jesuit world, magis means choosing what will contribute most to a life of love and service. “We need to deliberate in prayer and choose well that which leads us to more of the original purpose for which we were created.” He goes on to say that a person needs to ask ‘Given my responsibilities, my gifts and talents, my weaknesses and limitations, how can I best embrace this desire to be a man or woman for others?’

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