

Three New Novices

Career Changes Steer Men to Religious Life

THEY COME from professions as diverse as medicine, community organizing and child care advocacy. Their professions have given way to the calling of religious life. As of the end of August 1995, they have become Jesuit novices of the Chicago province.

Dr. David G. DeMarco, a Youngstown, Ohio, native, practiced medicine from 1984 until 1993 when he began taking seriously the prospect of a religious vocation. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Dominic E. (Alyce G.) DeMarco of Youngstown, he is an undergraduate alumnus of Wittenberg University. DeMarco, 39, received his medical degree from North-eastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine in 1984. He then completed residency at the Cleveland Clinic. Following that period, he worked as a clinician educator at Northeastern Ohio, Wright State University and the Kettering Medical Center.

Attracted to the Society of Jesus by "its rich history and my love of history," Dr. DeMarco first learned about Jesuits through his study of western civilization. This "motivated me to learn more about Ignatian spirituality," he said. "This served as the springboard from which I vaulted into a personally-directed Ignatian retreat" at the Milford Spirituality Center. He contacted Jesuits in the Cincinnati area and eventually spent several months living in a Jesuit community in Chicago.

When he relaxes, Dr. DeMarco enjoys traveling, canoeing, tennis, theater and classical music.

It was the example of Jesuits he knew while an undergraduate at John Carroll University that attracted **Joseph C. Koshay, Jr.**, to the Society of Jesus.

A native of Mountain View, California, Mr. Koshay, 29, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph (Stephanie) Koshay of Marine City, Michigan. He graduated from John Carroll in 1990. As a child care worker at Maryville Academy in DesPlaines, Ill., Mr. Koshay provided direct care and counseling as well as implementing individual treatment plans for troubled children in that residential setting.

"I have an interest in working with and helping young people and students," he said. "I feel my interpersonal skills, work ethic, energy level, enthusiasm, educational background and positive attitude could enable me to be happy and effective in a Jesuit ministry."

Mr. Koshay is learning to play the guitar. He is also fond of running, biking, swimming, hockey, sailing, roller blading, windsurfing, water skiing, music, reading and movies.

Michael J. O'Grady, 32, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James (Joan) O'Grady of Chicago, Illinois. He comes to the Society of Jesus following a brief career as a community organizer and a longer career as a pit trader at the Chicago Board of Trade. A graduate of Loyola Academy, Wilmette, he also worked as a trade show services director creating security programs for trade show clients as well as performing other duties.

In 1994, Mr. O'Grady began working for Citizens for Community Improvement in Des Moines, Iowa. There he helped build grass-roots organizations willing to challenge unjust and unfair practices in local government and institutions.

"I see myself using my talents and interests in whatever way God's spirit moves my life," he said. "I feel drawn to service in an apostolate in third-world countries as well as in rural and less developed areas of our own country." Mr. O'Grady said he enjoys working as an organizer based on justice issues "because I enjoy speaking truth to power."

For relaxation, he reads, exercises, gardens, camps and travels.

Dr. David G. DeMarco, Mr. Joseph C. Koshay, Jr., and Mr. Michael J. O'Grady (top to bottom) send warm smiles from Loyola House.

