



Fr. General visits Jesuits in Chicago and Cincinnati

Fr. General Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, SJ, visited the Chicago Province from Friday October 11, to Thursday October 17. He came to Chicago for a Jesuit Conference meeting with the ten provincials from the United States and both Canadian provincials. During his stay in this province, he also visited Jesuits in Cincinnati and Chicago.

As Fr. General of the Society of Jesus, Fr. Kolvenbach is responsible for overseeing and encouraging the many ways the Society of Jesus brings the gospel of Jesus Christ to peoples on every continent, in the ministry of word and sacrament, in service of the aspirations of the poor for social development, and in dialogue with the great religions of the world.



During his visit to Chicago, Fr. Kolvenbach (center) celebrated a liturgy with Chicago Jesuits at Loyola University. Concelebrants included Michael Garanzini, SJ, president of Loyola University, Frank Case, SJ, general counselor and regional assistant at the Curia of the Society of Jesus in Rome, Dick Baumann, SJ, Chicago provincial, and Jack O'Callaghan, SJ, rector of Loyola University's Jesuit Community.

While in Cincinnati Fr. Kolvenbach visited with first and second-year novices from the Chicago and Detroit Provinces:

Chris Dierkes, Joel Medina, Bill Blazek, Dan Forsythe, Mike Shawver, Richard Ross, Pat Kilroy, Fr. General, Buzz Johnstone, Matt Couture, Kryspin Turczynski, Mike McGovern, Bill Verbryke, SJ, director of novices, Joe Adair, and Brian Lehane, SJ, socius to director of novices.



Principals visit Jesuit schools in Peru

Principals from the five Chicago Province High Schools visited Peruvian Jesuit schools in September. Fr. Jim Stoeger, SJ, provincial assistant for secondary education, and Fr. John P. Foley, SJ, president of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, led the delegation of principals, which included Linda Skafish, Brebeuf Jesuit Prep, Pat Garrity, Cristo Rey, Fr. Terry Baum, SJ, Loyola Academy, Bill Watts, St. Ignatius, and Dave Mueller, St. Xavier. Goals of the trip included: experiencing Jesuit education in a different context, meeting leaders from Peruvian schools, seeing first hand and learning from the schools—many of whom welcome students from the Chicago Province who travel there on service trips—considering how Peruvian schools promote their Jesuit identity, and helping to create a broader perspective in the Chicago Province schools.



At the end of their journey, it was clear to the delegation that much separated their schools from the ones in Peru. More important, however, was the realization that much also united them.



Kevin Gallagher, SJ (center), rector at Colegio de la Inmaculada in Lima, shares his thoughts on Jesuit education in Peru with the delegation of principals: (from left) Pat Garrity, Bill Watts, John P. Foley, SJ, Linda Skafish, Dave Mueller, and Terry Baum, SJ.



The delegation was welcomed into school communities and classrooms at every stop on their tour.

Fr. Baum sings at Wrigley



Terry Baum, SJ, Loyola Academy headmaster, performed the National Anthem for a packed house at Wrigley Field before a nationally televised game between the Chicago Cubs and Houston Astros on August 12. As a student at St. Xavier High School, Fr. Baum also performed at the induction of then Xavier University President, Fr. Robert Mulligan, SJ. He's also performed at a number of Loyola Academy events.