

Francis “Buzz” Johnstone, Fr. Michael McGovern, and Kryspin Turczynski entered the Chicago Province of the Society of Jesus this August. They are presently working in local hospitals as they begin Jesuit life as novices at Loyola House in Berkley, MI.

by George Kearney

## WELCOME TO THE THREE MEN WHO ENTERED THE CHICAGO PROVINCE OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS THIS SUMMER

**F**rancis “Buzz” Johnstone, 35, graduated from Marquette University in 1989, and then set out on a winding career path that provided him experience in both business and youth ministry. Buzz has held positions with Lind Waldock at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, with Hewitt Associates, and with Washington Mutual Home Loans. Buzz says, however, that he’s been more fulfilled in his work as an outreach specialist at Connections for the Homeless in Evanston, IL, and as a director of youth ministry at various parishes in the suburbs of Chicago.

After graduating from Marquette, Buzz also spent a year in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Seattle, WA, where he worked with elderly homeless men making the transition to substance-free independent living, and later worked as a residential counselor at Boys Hope Girls Hope in Evanston, IL. Though he was enrolled in North Park University’s Center for Management Excellence Program during the last academic year, Buzz opted instead to enter the Society of Jesus. “I’ve always felt most called to Ignatian spirituality. Many of the great men I know are Jesuits, and much of the most rewarding and challenging work I’ve done has been with Jesuits,” Buzz says of his decision to enter the Society. He’s quick to add that Jesuits Pat Boyle, William Leahy, and Don Hayes have been profound spiritual influences for him, and that he is excited to join them in the Society.

**F**r. Michael G. McGovern, 38, an ordained priest in the Archdiocese of Chicago, also joined the Jesuit novitiate at Berkley this summer. Fr. McGovern, a graduate of St. Ignatius College Prep and Loyola University Chicago, left DePaul University Law School for the archdiocesan seminary in Mundelein, IL in 1990 when he decided to pursue a priestly vocation.

During his studies to become a priest, Fr. McGovern completed his M. Div. at University of St. Mary of the Lake. He was ordained a priest by Cardinal Bernardin on May 21, 1994. Since then he has served in a number of parishes in the Chicago area as well as in the Chancery, where his primary responsibility was to create a cultural orientation program for extern and international priests, and to



Buzz Johnstone (third from left in back row) worked at Boys Hope Girls Hope, where he accompanied a group of scholars who met the late Federal Court Judge Abraham Lincoln Marovitz.

facilitate an ESL and inculturation program for such newcomers. “It’s a call within a call that I’m responding to,” Fr. McGovern says of his decision to join the Society after having already been ordained a priest. “I feel called to live in community and to work with young people. I’ve found deep satisfaction in the teaching and ministry work I’ve been able to do with young people.” Fr. McGovern in this respect follows in the footsteps of Jesuits Al Bischoff, Bob Flack, Steve Hurd, and Tom Widner, all of whom had already been ordained priests before they joined the Jesuits.

**K**ryspin J. Turczynski, 22, who was born in Zlotoryja, Poland, emigrated from there at the age of two, and ultimately settled on the north side of Chicago, where he grew up a neighbor of the Polish Jesuits at Sacred Heart Mission on N. Avers Street. For years Kryspin was an altar server in their chapel. “They were men of



Fr. Mike McGovern was ordained a priest in 1994. He's pictured above in the sacristy at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago.



Kryspin Turczynski graduated from Northwestern University this Spring.



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God, but they were also regular people," he says of the Jesuits at Sacred Heart. "There was something that drew me to their lives. I was attracted to that way of life even then."

He graduated from the Illinois Math and Science Academy before matriculating at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL. He spent his junior year abroad studying in Berlin, Germany at Humboldt University. Kryspin graduated earlier this year from Northwestern with a BA in German language and literature. He says he entered the Jesuits because "this is how I can best bring people the love of God." ■

### First Vows for Pat McGrath



Timothy Shepard, SJ (right), presents Pat McGrath with a crucifix during the First Vows Ceremony in Detroit while Ralph Cordero, SJ, looks on.

On August 15, 2002, Patrick E. McGrath, SJ, a second-year novice from the Chicago Province, pronounced his first vows at the University of Detroit Chapel. Pat's pronouncement of first vows was significant in that it brought to an end his period of novitiate. More importantly, it was the first time he was called to publicly commit himself to the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. In doing so he became a vowed member of the Society of Jesus. After pronouncing first vows, Pat began the Jesuit First Studies Program at Loyola University, where he'll spend three years studying philosophy and theology.

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