



Jesuit novices from North America gathered at Regis University in Denver this summer to deepen their knowledge of the history of the Society of Jesus. Pictured are novices and superiors from the Detroit and Chicago Provinces: (back row) Brian Lehane, SJ, Michael Shawver, SJ, Joseph Adair, nSJ, Richard Ross, SJ, Matt Couture, SJ, Dan Forsythe, nSJ, Joel Medina, nSJ, Kryspin Turczynski, nSJ, Bill Verbryke, SJ, (seated) Buzz Johnstone, Bill Blazek, SJ, Chris Dierkes, SJ.



Jim Collins, SJ
Pastoral work at St. Procopius Parish Chicago, Illinois

While working as a summer assistant at St. Procopius Parish, Jim Collins helped organize a series of “street Masses” held in the Pilsen neighborhood. He also worked in the parish’s soup kitchen and clothing bank with Miceala Ibarra and Pablo Mora, SJ.

Forming a Summer

JESUIT FORMATION IS ENHANCED BY SUMMER SERVICE AND SPECIAL STUDIES

Formation of a Jesuit preparing to become a priest usually takes ten to twelve years. The bulk of that time is spent in classrooms: mostly as a student, but also for three years as a teacher in a Jesuit high school or university. “Studies for Jesuits are a means to an end. They’re not what we, as Jesuits, do,” says Jim Collins, SJ, who began his second year of theology studies at Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge, MA, this fall. “Studies are somewhat selfish,” Jim says. “You put your nose in a book. By its very nature, it’s a somewhat autonomous and individual process. That’s why it’s so important to spend the summers in ministry, in the world, working with people, being with people.” This summer, Jesuits in formation from the Chicago Province fanned out across the country and world to participate in various ministries and service projects, to be with people, and to prepare themselves for later ministries. Here are some pictures and stories of their summer service.



Pat McGrath, SJ
Internship in spiritual direction St. Ignatius Retreat House, Manhasset, New York

Pat McGrath, SJ, shown here chatting with a retreatant, directed and preached various retreats while participating in the St. Ignatius Internship in the Spiritual Exercises and Spiritual Direction.



Mike Conley, SJ
Bill Murphy, SJ
 St. Xavier High School
 Mission Trip, Mexico

Bill Murphy, SJ, (above) with residents of a village in the Rio Grande Valley in Mexico, and Mike Conley, SJ, led a group of St. Xavier High School students to Mexico for a summer service trip.



Kent Beausoleil, SJ
 French foreign language
 learning program
 Paris, France

Kent Beausoleil, SJ, takes part in a French lesson given by French Jesuit scholastics at the Rue Blomet Jesuit Community in Paris.



Bill O'Brien, SJ
Eric Knapp, SJ
 Retreat Ministry
 El Retiro San Inigo,
 Los Altos, California

Bill O'Brien, SJ, and Eric Knapp, SJ, meet early in the morning before directing retreatants making eight-day retreats at El Retiro this summer. In anticipation of his priestly ordination in June, 2004, Eric also visited Jesuit friends and benefactors in Indianapolis, Chicago, and Cincinnati to express his personal gratitude for prayerful and financial support of his Jesuit formation.

Andrew Wawrzyn, SJ
 Retreat Ministry
 Loyola of the Lakes,
 Clinton, Ohio



Andrew Wawrzyn, SJ, confers with a retreatant during one of the eight-day retreats he directed this summer.



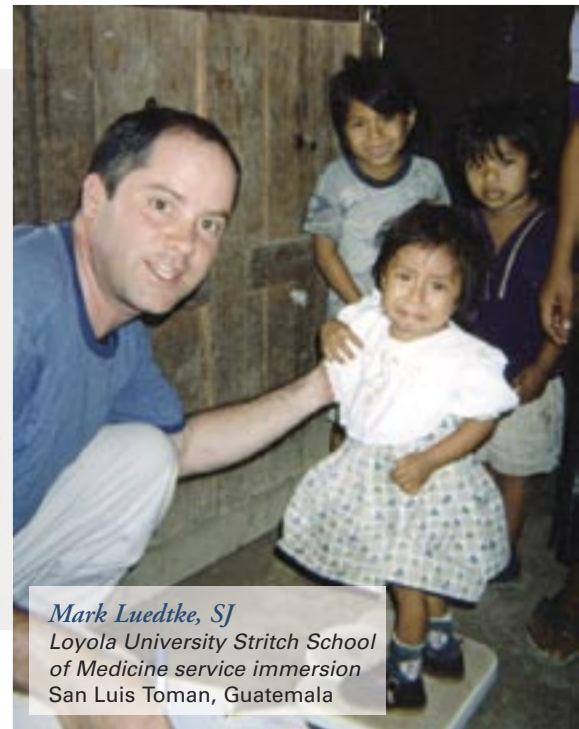
Jim Ackerman, SJ
 Neo-regency teaching
 program
 Bellarmine Prep,
 San Jose, California

Jim Ackerman, SJ, prepared for his regency assignment at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School by teaching expository writing to high school students.

Michael Christiana, SJ, and Lee Colombino, SJ
 Neo-regency teaching program
 St. Ignatius High School, San Francisco, California



Lee Colombino, SJ, and Michael Christiana, SJ, prepared for their regency assignments at Loyola Academy and Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School respectively by teaching in a summer enrichment program.



Mark Luedtke, SJ
 Loyola University Stritch School
 of Medicine service immersion
 San Luis Toman, Guatemala

Mark Luedtke, SJ, who served as a translator and spiritual presence on two Loyola University trips to Guatemala, weighs a child at one of the clinics held by Loyola's medical students.



Dave De Marco, SJ
 Retreat Ministry
 Sacred Heart Jesuit
 Retreat House,
 Sedalia, Colorado

David De Marco, SJ, pauses to reflect after completing one of the many 8-day retreats he helped direct this summer.



Pat Fairbanks, SJ
 English Language program
 for Eastern European Jesuits
 Krakow, Poland

Pat Fairbanks, SJ (far right), and Don Nastold, SJ (second from right), with some of their summer students: Eastern European Jesuits studying English.