

Jesuit Volunteer Corps, in Partnership with Loyola University Chicago, launches Magis Program



Sr. Rosemary Connelly, RSM, director of Misericordia has been a strong supporter of the JVC Magis volunteer program from the beginning. Rya Naylor is the first JVC Magis volunteer assigned to Misericordia. "Misericordia is thrilled to welcome Rya as a Jesuit Volunteer Corps Magis participant. We know that she brings a dimension of compassion and caring that we want from everyone who works with our children and adults."

Misericordia is home to over 550 children and adults with mental and physical disabilities.

This fall as thousands of students return to college campuses across the country, six Loyola University Chicago students will be doing much more than just obtaining a graduate degree. They are part of the inaugural Jesuit Volunteer Corps Magis program.

As part of its growth plan in the Midwest, the Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC) has partnered with Loyola University Chicago to offer recent JVC participants who are college graduates the opportunity to earn graduate degrees through the JVC Magis program. The JVC Magis volunteers make a commitment to the program for two to three years and work 30 hours per week in an inner city non-profit social service agency or school. In exchange for their important

work for these organizations, the volunteers can take Master's level courses at Loyola University tuition-free along with free room and board and a host of other attractive benefits.

The Jesuit Volunteer Corps was begun in 1956. The first program of its kind, its original volunteers began serving the native people of Copper Valley, Alaska. Since then more than 12,000 men and women have been a part of JVC and have been what they call "ruined for life." The term has become part of the JVC mystique and refers to the experience volunteers have of never being able to look at the world again without seeing the needs of the poor and doing their best to serve those in need.

JVC is currently a national

and international program with six regional offices.

This new partnership between Loyola University and JVC helps the JVC Magis program actively compete with similar volunteer organizations for heavily sought after participants. It also helps JVC Midwest draw more applicants to this under-served region. But it could not have happened without the inspired help of Fr. Michael Garanzini, SJ, president of Loyola University.

Dave Nantais, director of the JVC Magis Program as well as JVC Midwest, says "JVC Magis is an excellent opportunity for young adults to find their place in the world, to discern where God is leading them so that they may use their gifts for others."

Participants in the JVC Magis program this year are working toward a variety of degrees, including a Masters in Social Work, a Masters in Social Justice, Masters in Divinity and a Masters in Secondary Education. An important ingredient

of the JVC Magis program is the ability of the volunteers to mesh their hand-picked area of study with their volunteer agency that helps prepare the participants for their chosen careers.

Volunteers in the JVC Magis program will be working all across Chicago for such diverse organizations as Poder Center, St. Gregory's High School, Misericordia, and Chicago Jesuit Academy. Matthew Lynch, president of Chicago Jesuit Academy, is thrilled to have his organization be part of the program's first year. "The new JVC Magis program," he says, "gives talented and faith-filled young men and women the opportunity to be of service to the Church while they pursue graduate degrees that will prepare them for a lifelong position of lay leadership."

JVC Magis is currently accepting applications for the 2006-2007 academic year. For more information please visit www.JVCmw.org

— Annie DiMattina

New St. Ignatius College Prep Board Chair



Mr. William Kunkel, after six years on the board of trustees at St. Ignatius College Prep, was elected as board chairman in May. Mr. Kunkel, a graduate of St. Ignatius College Prep and Creighton University, replaces Dr. Anthony L. Barbato as chairman. Mr. Kunkel is a partner at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom.

New Director of Development at Chicago Jesuit Academy



Chicago Jesuit Academy (CJA) welcomes Catherine Cassidy as their new director of development. Ms. Cassidy is a graduate of St. Ignatius College Prep and comes to CJA with six years of sales and client service experience during which she managed many major accounts including Home Depot, Target, and General Mills. Ms. Cassidy joined CJA in July and will be working closely with

Mr. Matthew Lynch, CJA's president, to ensure the school's growth and success.

New Superior Named for Oak Park Jesuit Community



Fr. John J. O'Callaghan, SJ, has been appointed superior of the Jesuit community in Oak Park, a Loyola University Chicago community that houses Jesuits who work at Loyola Medical Center in Maywood, IL. Fr. O'Callaghan teaches medical ethics at the Medical Center's Stritch School of Medicine.

Woodlawn Jesuit Community Receives New Superior



Fr. George A. Lane, SJ, officially has been assigned as the new superior of Woodlawn Jesuit Community where he has been working as the acting superior for two years. In addition to his duties as superior, he is president of Loyola Press.

New Director of Major Gifts Cincinnati Region



Mark Maxwell has joined the staff of the Chicago Province as the Director of Major Gifts for the Cincinnati region. In 1989 Mark earned an MA from Xavier University. Previously Mark worked for the Girl Scouts as their Planned Giving and Foundation Relations Director. He replaces Mr. Michael P. Murray who served as the Director of Major Gifts for the Cincinnati region.

New Board Chair at Milford Spiritual Center



Mr. Tom Freeman will be replacing Mr. David Deye as the chairman of the board at Milford Spiritual Center. Mr. Freeman, who has served on the board at Milford for 4 years, graduated from St. Xavier High School in 1983 and Xavier University in 1985. He currently works at Benchmark, a design and advertising company.

New Director of Publications and Public Relations



Jeremy Langford joined the staff of the Chicago Province Development office in August as the new Director of Publications and Public Relations. Jeremy comes to the Province offices from Sheed & Ward and its parent company Rowman & Littlefield, where he was executive editor of religious studies. He began his publishing career with Loyola Press in 1993, where he acquired and edited Cardinal Joseph Bernardin's nationally best-selling memoir *The Gift of Peace*. Co-editor of *The Journey to Peace* and most recently *The Spirit of Notre Dame*, Jeremy replaces George Kearney, who served for four years as the Director of Publications and Public Relations.

Ignatian Lay Volunteer Corps on EWTN, November 16



George Sullivan (left) and Fr. James Conroy, SJ, spread the word about the ILVC program on the national television program EWTN Live hosted by Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ.

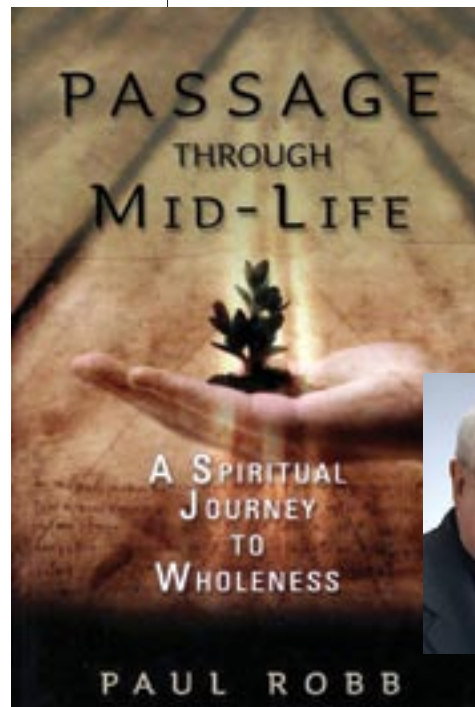
George Sullivan, the Chicago chapter director of Ignatian Lay Volunteer Corps (ILVC) and Fr. James Conroy, SJ, co-founder of ILVC, **will be featured on EWTN Live on Wednesday, November 16 at 8:00 P.M. EST/7:00 P.M. CST.** Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ, a Chicago Province Jesuit, will host the show, which will discuss the important work ILVC and its volunteers do.

New Books

FROM CHICAGO PROVINCE JESUITS

Passage Through Mid-life: A Spiritual Journey to Wholeness, by Fr. Paul Robb, SJ

Fr. Paul Robb recently published a new book, *Passage Through Mid-life: A Spiritual Journey to Wholeness* (Ave Maria Press). The passage through mid-life is often marked by hardships and challenges as well as breakthroughs that bring new life. In the book, Fr. Robb, an experienced spiritual director and psychologist, who founded the Institute for Spiritual Leadership, encourages readers to look inward at their emotions and affective experiences during this passage, for it is on this level that the Spirit of God often addresses us. Mid-life, he says, is an invitation to change and to grow, an opportunity to explore one's depths and to expand one's vision.



International Jesuits in the Chicago Province

Listed below is a sampling of those Jesuits throughout the world who are studying at Chicago Province universities. Their education and formation is possible thanks to friends supporting the Jesuit Seminary Association.

Jorge Alberto Castro, Colombia Province
Language studies at Xavier University

Wieslaw Faron, South Poland Province
Pastoral Studies at Loyola University Chicago

Rytis Gurksnys, Lithuania-Latvia Province
Graduate studies at Loyola University Chicago

Boniface Tigga, Nepal Region/Patna Province,
Masters of Education at Loyola University Chicago

Gvidas Vainorius, Lithuania-Latvia Province,
Philosophy studies at Loyola University Chicago

Lay Partner Profile

Kathleen Collins Smolinski

The Chicago Province Celebrates Kay's 45 Years of Service

Kathleen “Kay” Collins Smolinski began working at the Jesuit Seminary Association as a secretary on August 3, 1960. Forty-five years later Kay continues to serve the Jesuits, the Province ministries and many Jesuit friends and family members as the Director of Planned Giving. Throughout her decades of service she has worked closely with the Jesuits, donors and friends from the Jesuit Seminary Association, Jesuit International Missions and the Senior Jesuits. For all of what she has done for the Jesuits, Kay feels like she is the one who has received the most: “I have always

felt that the Jesuits gifted me. I have been blessed to do the work that allows our Jesuits to go forth and serve God’s people.” Monica Schmitt, a generous donor to the Chicago Province, remarked, “Kay is always available; whenever you need her she is there.”

Fr. Ed Schmidt, SJ, the provincial of the Chicago Province, also had some kind words about Kay, “I entered the Jesuits a month after Kay began working for us.” Fr. Schmidt continued, “Kay’s lively spirit and hard work have been vital to the growth and continued success of the Province.”

— Annie DiMattina



Kay has worked with many Jesuits, including those who serve in Peru, India and Nepal. Pictured with Kay are Fr. Pat Casey, SJ, and Fr. Robert Beckman, SJ. Both Jesuits have served in Peru for many years.



One of Kay’s many duties at the development office is to help plan and organize donor events such as mission luncheons or Days of Reflection. Here she is at a missions event in Florida with Fr. John Costello, SJ, Liz Schmidt and Rosemary Auer.



One of Kay’s greatest strengths is her ability to work closely with the Chicago Province’s many generous benefactors. Kay has formed close working and personal relationships with several donors over the years, including Monica Schmitt of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.



Fr. Peter W. Breslin, SJ, began serving this fall as a professor of molecular and cellular biology at Loyola University Medical Center after finishing his term as rector at Loyola Academy.



Fr. Raymond A. Dunne, SJ, has been assigned to pastoral ministry at Loyola Academy. His previous assignment was as associate pastor at St. Alphonse Liguori Parish.



Fr. Steven F. Hurd, SJ, has been missioned to Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House, in Barrington, IL, where he will serve as retreat director. He was formerly stationed at Milford Retreat House.



Fr. Richard J. Murphy, SJ, has been missioned to serve as the minister at Loyola House, the Jesuit novitiate after serving as superior of the community at the Vatican Observatory.



Jubilee 2006

December 3, 2005, begins a Jubilee year for the Society of Jesus. The jubilee celebrates the life of St. Ignatius and his two companions. 2006 marks the 500th anniversary of both Francis Xavier's and Peter Faber's births and the 450th year since St. Ignatius's death. Events are being planned around the world as well as within the Chicago Province to celebrate these important milestones.

For more information on Jubilee news and events please visit www.jesuits-chi.org/jubilee.



Br. Michael J. O'Grady, SJ, departed Claver Jesuit Community and began studies this fall at the Weston Jesuit School of Theology.



Fr. G. Paul Peterson, SJ, has been assigned to Brebeuf Jesuit Community where he will be doing pastoral work. His previous assignment was the Kentucky Jesuit Mission.



Fr. Robert C. Thul, SJ, who taught at St. Ignatius College Prep for over 30 years, has been assigned to serve as an associate pastor at Resurrection Parish.



Fr. Theodore J. Tracy, SJ, has been missioned to Colombiere Center in Clarkston, MI, where he will pray for the Church and the Society of Jesus. Previously he was a retreat director at Loyola University Chicago.

Save the Date PRAYER AND REFLECTION IN THE LENTEN SEASON



NAPLES, FL
March 1, 2006

Please join **Mr. Patrick McGrath, SJ**, for an Ash Wednesday Morning of Reflection and luncheon. Liturgy celebrated by Provincial Edward Schmidt, SJ. Mr. McGrath began theology studies at Catholic Theological Union in preparation for his priestly ordination in July 2006.



CINCINNATI, OH
March 12, 2006

Please join **Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ**, for a Morning of Reflection, liturgy and luncheon. Fr. Pacwa serves in television ministry with EWTN, Global Catholic Network.



PALM BEACH, FL
March 26, 2006

Please join **Provincial Edward Schmidt, SJ**, for a liturgy and luncheon. Fr. Schmidt serves as the provincial of the Chicago Province.



SCOTTSDALE, AZ
March 26, 2006

Please join **Fr. Eric Knapp, SJ**, for a Morning of Reflection, liturgy and luncheon. Fr. Knapp serves as pastor at St. Xavier Church in Cincinnati, OH.

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