



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Alejandro Noel (6) and Daniel DeJesus (5) with John Costello, SJ, at the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish.

Dear Reader,

From South America to North America, the development office received many responses to my request for your thoughts and suggestions about the new format of *Partners* magazine. Fr. Bob Beckman, SJ, wrote from the Jesuit Seminary in Lima, Peru while Fr. John Loftus, SJ, sent kind words from Regis, the Jesuit Seminary in Toronto, Canada. From Washington, DC, the president of the Jesuit Conference, former provincial, Fr. Brad Schaeffer, SJ, added a most favorable

observation. Locally and among others, I was pleased to hear from long time friends and benefactors, Bert Hoffman, Bill Simpson, Emily Heringer, Kevin Hurley, Sr. Joan Roach, OS, Ann King, Richard Butryn, AnnMarie Mitchell and Sargent Shriver.

Keeping everyone up to date and informed, Provincial Dick Baumann, SJ, eagerly points out at Jesuit community gatherings the excellent ministry and quality of service he continually sees around the province. Fr. Baumann gratefully acknowledges our good and gracious God for those magnificent gifts and for you, the colleagues and benefactors whose collaboration and partnership make possible this ongoing and exciting success.

This issue features one of the province priorities, the Spiritual Exercises, authored by St. Ignatius, founder of the Jesuits. You will find the story informative and perhaps inspiring, but more importantly, you just might be moved to make an Ignatian retreat yourself, which I'm sure you would find rewarding. Whether at Milford or Barrington or wherever you find yourself at prayer, please remember the Jesuits, and know that you and those you love are with us whenever the community gathers for prayer.

Sincerely,

John Costello, SJ

