



# MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

## ENRICHING HUMANKIND AND ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S PRESENCE IN THE WORLD

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One of the distinguishing characteristics of Jesuit education is the understanding that God is present in the world and in all aspects of our lives. Just as my family has grown from the spiritual value of Jesuit education, many of you have similarly had the opportunity to be a part of these extraordinary schools. Jesuit education has provided my family with the resources and spirit to use our vocations and societal interactions to better serve the needs of others.

Four hundred and fifty years of Jesuit education have been uniquely complemented by a notable history and ongoing pursuit in scholarship, research, and writing. This issue of *Partners*, which focuses on the intellectual apostolate of the Society of Jesus, explores some examples of the Jesuits' academic endeavors. This work has earned the Jesuits a well-deserved reputation as great scholars; but that's not the ultimate goal.

Rather the goal is to help us and our contemporaries find God in all things. The accomplishments of the Jesuits in fields such as science, philosophy, theology, film, history and others are designed to enrich humankind and acknowledge the worldly presence of God.

Following in the footsteps of many great Jesuit scholars of the past, today's Jesuits continue to impact a broad range of issues that presently confront society. Jesuit scholarship today is as strong as it ever has been. The excellent Jesuit education is enhanced by the intellectual apostolate, all of which is carried on in the renowned Ignatian tradition. The contemporary work of the Society of Jesus highlighted in this issue of *Partners* is a continuation of the priorities often expressed by Provincial, Fr. Dick Baumann, SJ, when asked to describe his vision of contemporary Jesuit apostolic goals. ■

