

FORMING JESUITS

by Forming your Will

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Preparing a Jesuit for a lifetime of service is an enormous financial investment. While this issue of *Partners* has shown how the formation each Jesuit receives prepares him to carry out a lifetime of meaningful and valuable service, none of the stories have highlighted the substantial investment required to educate and form each Jesuit to serve future generations.

Forming a Jesuit for priestly ministry takes roughly 11 years; 8 of which are spent in study (two in the novitiate, three in the Jesuit First Studies Program, and three in theology studies). The cost for each year of gradu-

ate level studies is about \$30,000. The total formation cost for an individual Jesuit averages between \$250,000 and \$300,000.

The formation of young Jesuits is one of the most important parts of “cura apostolica,” the Province’s care for Jesuit ministries. Providing young Jesuits with formation and education has given the Society of Jesus tools it’s needed to serve God’s people for the last 450 years. Formation of young Jesuits will also keep the Society, and it many ministries, strong for future generations.

If you attended a Jesuit school and found your education there to be a



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challenging and enriching experience, and you want to help to make that experience a reality for others, please consider giving to support Jesuit formation.

In the center of this magazine there’s an envelope. Writing a check today, however, is not the only way you can contribute. Please also consider one of our planned giving options. You can remember the Jesuits in your will, or arrange a charitable gift annuity, a decision that helps both you and the Jesuits. In closing, we ask you to alert us if you’re planning to remember the Jesuits in your will so the Jesuits can personally acknowledge your thoughtful intention.

For more information about wills and estate planning or gift annuities, please contact Jeff Smart in the Chicago area (jeff@jesuits-chi.org) or Mike Murray in the Cincinnati area (mike@jesuits-chi.org) at 800-922-5327. ■



Pictured at the Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House are many of the Chicago Province Jesuits currently engaged in formation: (front row) Michael Christiana, Kryspin Turczynski, Gregory Demo, Eric Knapp, William O’Brien, David De Marco; (second row) Matthew Couture, Michael Conley, James Ackerman, Peter Nguyen, James Collins, Bernard McAniff, David Meconi; (third row) Patrick Fairbanks, Christopher Dierkes, Andrew Wawrzyn, Cyril Whitaker, Michael Shawver, Jeffrey Glaser, Lee Colombino, Timothy Hipskind, Kent Beausoleil, Eric Sundrup, William Blazek, Charles Rodrigues, Glen Chun, Jeremiah Lynch; (back row right) Mark Luedtke, Russell Plywaczynski, Richard Millbourn, Patrick McGrath, Benjamin Hawley, and William Murphy.

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April 28

Day of Reflection
with Fr. Al Bischoff, SJ
Fatima Retreat House
Indianapolis, IN

July 25

Chicago area Day of Reflection
with Fr. Mark Link, SJ

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