

ICLM: Reshaping the Changing Church

Instituto Cultural de Liderazgo en el Medio-Oeste (ICLM), which translates roughly to Midwest Cultural Leadership Formation Institute, is a lay formation program for the Hispanic community with the goal of preparing leadership for the Church and Society. Fr. Tom Florek, SJ, directs the program, which offers classes in the dioceses of Grand Rapids, MI, Detroit, MI, and Toledo, OH, and was recently granted accreditation equivalent to that of a two-year associate degree. Fr. Florek says most of his students are Latinos anywhere between their mid 20's and late 30's.

ICLM helps parishes arrange introductory courses and also offers an intensive two-year program that meets weekly throughout the year. Fr. Florek says that each of the 12 to 15 people who are involved in the two-year program come to the program for

her or his individual reasons. Some attend for domestic or personal reasons, to better understand their faith, or to further develop their faith. Others come because they want to learn how they can do more to put their faith into action to better serve the Church.

The ICLM team is made up of the Detroit Province's Fr. Gary Wright, SJ, along with the Mexico Province's Fr. Alberto Vargas, SJ, and Fr. Javier Saravia, SJ. So far they have already graduated one eager group of students. Fr. Florek reports that four of the first six graduates are currently serving as part of a parish leadership council that is helping transform an Italian parish on the southwest side of Detroit into a booming Hispanic parish.

ICLM's ultimate goal is to develop leadership for full participation and decision making in the Church and in society. They hope that fostering this sort of new leadership will also make the Church more attentive to the Hispanic population. ICLM does not minister to the needs of a population; rather they are helping a population come into its own, and helping it appreciate the significant contributions it can make to the larger Church.



Tom Florek, SJ, ICLM coordinator



Fr. Pennington with Cristina Frederick, Cherie Cordero, and Mark Vild.

Ninty-Nine Years (and one day)

Fr. John Pennington, SJ, has stepped down from his post as director of Catholic chaplains after seven years of service to the low-income patients of Cook County Hospital in Chicago. The Jesuits—with the help of current chaplains Frs. Mark Andrews, James Chambers, Ron Ferguson, Bob Finn, and their many predecessors—have gently provided pastoral care for thousands of patients, families and medical professionals at Cook County for the past 99 years. In recognition of Fr. Pennington's years of service and the Jesuits' unyielding commitment to the hospital John H. Stroger, Jr., president of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, proclaimed April 25, 2002, "Father Pennington Day" in all of Cook County.

Fr. Eugene Nevins, SJ, has been appointed the new director of catholic chaplains at Cook County Hospital. He is currently serving as a chaplain at Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati and has previously worked as a chaplain at both Cook County Hospital and Children's Hospital of Michigan.



Eugene Nevins, SJ





Following in the Pope's Footsteps

Since its inception in July, 2000, Charis Ministries has continued to offer opportunities for prayer, reflection, and other Spiritual Exercises for young adults in both the Cincinnati and Chicago area. In the upcoming year, Charis intends to extend its outreach with more retreat and prayer opportunities.

This year, Charis proudly offers its first pilgrimage, to the world famous shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, Mexico. The pilgrimage, directed by Fr. Michael Sparough, SJ, runs from August 3 to August 10, just a week after Pope John Paul II visits Mexico, where he'll canonize Juan Diego, the Native American hero to whom Our Lady appeared in 1531.

Other upcoming Charis events include "Who Do You Say That I Am?" a retreat focusing on connections with Jesus, which will be held from July 12 to July 14. Charis will also offer individually directed retreats later in July.

For more information about upcoming events visit www.jesuits.net/charis.

Standing in for Mother Angelica

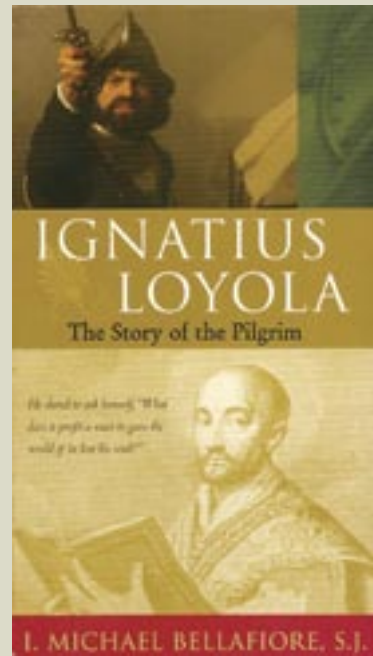


Mitch Pacwa, SJ, in front of the cameras while filling in for Mother Angelica

Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ, was missioned to Eternal World TV Network (EWTN) where he will fill in for Mother Angelica while she recuperates from a stroke she suffered on Christmas Eve, 2001. Fr. Pacwa, who most recently served as a member of the faculty of the Institute for Religious and Pastoral Studies at the University of Dallas, has appeared regularly on EWTN since 1984 and is not only filling in for Mother Angelica, but is also working with EWTN to develop new programming.

Province Priorities

Evangelization



Loyola Press: The Story of the Pilgrim

Loyola Press recently released the exciting new video, *Ignatius Loyola: the Story of the Pilgrim*, a three act play depicting St. Ignatius's legendary conversion. Mr. I. Michael Bellafiore, SJ, who holds a degree in playwriting from The Catholic University of America, deftly depicts Ignatius who through the course of the film transforms himself from a 16th century courtesan to a soldier of Christ. Fr. Michael Sparough, SJ, who holds a degree from the Yale University School of Drama, directed the play.

The video is especially recommended for Jesuit high schools and colleges, Jesuit retreat houses, and lay partners of Jesuit institutions. A study guide accompanies each video.

For more information or to purchase a copy of the video visit www.loyolapress.org or call 800-621-1008.



Fr. Baumiller Appointed to Federal Advisory Committee



Bob Baumiller, SJ

Tommy Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services, has appointed Fr. Robert Baumiller SJ, associate dean for health education programs at Xavier University, to the Advisory Committee on Genetic Testing.

Fr. Baumiller, who teaches bioethics and medical genetics, began his committee appointment on February 28, and will probably continue through 2005. His work on the task force will involve quarterly meetings in Washington to review federal policy in the area of genetic testing: what tests should be considered, how testing should be used, and how

the quality of the testing can be controlled.

Fr Baumiller also serves on the Ohio Public Health Department's Genetics Task Force, which was created two years ago.

Celebration in Peru

Provincial Richard Baumann, SJ, traveled to Peru this spring to express, on behalf of the Chicago Province, support for the Peru Province of the Society of Jesus, its men, and its various apostolic works. Fr. Baumann visited those Chicago Province Jesuits sent to Peru as well as many of the works of the Jesuits there.

While in Peru, Fr. Baumann and Fr. Ernesto Cavassa, SJ, Provincial of the Peru Province, signed a revised "convenio," an agreement assuring that the two provinces will continue to benefit from one another by exchanging resources, personnel, culture, and friendships. "The signing took place in Lima," Fr Baumann said, "and it was marked by great sincerity, warmth, and good humor. It could not have been a more touching nor moving ceremony."

Speaking of the Intellectual Apostolate

Fr. Ted Ross, SJ, professor of historical theology at Cincinnati's major seminary, The Atheneum of Ohio, has presented lectures and talks at conferences throughout this spring and summer. Priests from dioceses in Kansas were in the audience for Fr. Ross's talk on "Ecclesiologies as seen in Church History." Following the trek to Kansas, Fr. Ross gave a retreat to the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in San Antonio, TX, and wound up a whirlwind tour by addressing catechists, teachers, principals, parents and clergy in Nashville, TN.

Fr. Ross also presented "Loving the Church You Serve" in Cincinnati parishes as well as several lectures in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's Adult Spirituality Institute on the topic of "Reformation of Hope." St. Xavier Parish in Cincinnati invited Fr. Ross to preach at its Parish Day of Renewal this spring while the clergy convocation in Chattanooga and Nashville will host him this summer.



Later this year he will speak at the Cincinnati Women's Conference. He'll also venture to Chicago to help direct a retreat at Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House, and he'll also present the renovation triduum to Jesuit scholars at Loyola University.

Ted Ross, SJ, at the St. Xavier Parish Day of Renewal at the Milford Spiritual Center





Fr. Baumann speaks to a gathering of Jesuits from the Peru and Chicago Provinces. Fr Cavassa and Kevin Gallagher, SJ, are in the front row. Jim O’Leary, SJ, is second from left in the second row, and Pat Casey, SJ, is far right in the second row.



Fr. Baumann and Fr. Cavassa sign the *convenio*, assuring that the two provinces will continue to share resources with one another. (Top photo) Provincial Richard Baumann with Peruvian Provincial Ernesto Cavassa. The sign behind them says “In all loving and serving: Richard Baumann thank you for being with us and for your support of our province.”

Ignatian Spirituality Project At Home in the Spirit

In the next twelve months the Ignatian Spirituality Project (ISP) will offer a number of retreats for homeless people, many of whom also struggle with addictive behavior and substance abuse. Provincial Richard Baumann, SJ, first suggested ISP to Fr. Bill Creed, SJ, as a combination of two province priorities, greater solidarity with the poor and a desire to make the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius more widely available.

Since its inception in 1998, ISP has offered thirty-two retreats. While the bulk of them have taken place in Chicago, others have been held in Milwaukee, Indianapolis, and Cincinnati. Br. Mike O’Grady, SJ, joined the team in 1999 in Chicago and for the last two years has been leading the ISP operation in Cincinnati.

The ISP team consists of Jesuits and lay collaborators, some of whom, formerly homeless, once attended the retreats. Wayne Richard, who has been a team member on more than 15 retreats, has written an essay about the darkness of his experience on the streets and the light in his life since making his first retreat.

The full, and most inspiring, text of Wayne’s essay is available on the “What’s New” page at www.chicagoprovincejesuits.org.



Bill Creed, SJ (third from left), and Mike O’Grady, SJ (left) at one of ISP’s 32 retreats