

## Fr. Robert Ross, SJ, Honored for 27 Years as Hospital Chaplain

**Fr. Robert J. Ross, SJ**, pictured here with good friend Rosemary McNeeve, was honored this fall for his 27 years of ministry as director of the St. Elizabeth Medical Center's pastoral care department in Covington, KY. Bishop Roger Foys commented, "For almost three decades Fr. Ross has ministered to the sick, following the example of Jesus who, when he walked this earth, showed special care and love toward the sick. Fr. Ross brought the Lord's healing presence to many. I offer him my deepest gratitude and respect for his marvelous ministry."



## New Dorm Named after Fr. Raymond Baumhart, SJ



**Fr. Raymond C. Baumhart, SJ**, former president of Loyola University Chicago, was honored on September 7, 2006, when the Rev. Raymond C. Baumhart, SJ, Residence Hall officially opened on Loyola University Chicago's Water Tower Campus. The 25-story residence hall, just blocks from Michigan Ave., features 168 fully furnished units, a university chapel, Flapjaws Café, and the Terry Student Center. Fr. Michael J. Garanzini, SJ, president of Loyola University said, "With the addition of Baumhart Hall and the Terry Student Center, we were able to achieve something we desperately needed on the Water Tower Campus. It will now be convenient for our students to live, attend classes, and work in a great location in Chicago's premier downtown neighborhood." Fr. Garanzini continues, "This building is critical to our mission as a Jesuit, Catholic, urban university to be connected to the life of the City of Chicago."

## Jesuits in Formation

### Diaconate



Kent A. Beausoleil, SJ Michael T. Conley, SJ

**Kent A. Beausoleil, SJ**, and **Michael T. Conley, SJ**, were ordained deacons at the Church of St. Augustine in Oakland, CA. They will be ordained priests on June 9, 2007.

Jesuits training for the priesthood are first ordained transitional deacons, which allows them to proclaim the gospel; preach at Mass; and preside at baptisms, weddings, and funeral services.

**Michael T.**

### Tertiaship



**David A. Godleski, SJ**, has entered this stage of formation.

After ordination and active ministry, a Jesuit completes his formation of prayer, guidance, and

studies with tertiaship.

### Final Vows



After the tertiaship period, the Jesuit is called to final vows. **Fr. Robert E. Hurd, SJ**, pronounced his vows on November 14 at Bellarmine Chapel

on Xavier University's campus. Final vows represent the final act of incorporation into the Society.

## New Assignments



**Fr. Robert J. Bueter, SJ**, joined the Xavier University faculty as an adjunct professor in the education department. Previously, he was the associate director of the Lumen Christi Institute.



**Fr. Jeremiah W. Lynch, SJ**, has been assigned to Loyola Academy after working in the development office and teaching at St. Ignatius College Prep. He will work in campus ministry and development, as well as handle special projects for the admissions office.



**Fr. David V. Meconi, SJ**, has joined St. Louis University as an assistant professor of patristics after completing doctoral studies at Oxford University.

# Fr. Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, SJ, Visits Cincinnati

The head of the Jesuit order, Fr. General Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, SJ, graced Cincinnati with his presence on October 3 to celebrate the 175th anniversaries of Xavier University and St. Xavier High School. Earlier in the day he delivered the keynote address to faculty and staff at Xavier University's Academic Day; the talk was entitled "The Service of Faith in a Religiously Pluralistic World: The Challenge for American Jesuit Higher Education." Later that evening, over 400 guests of the university and high school, as well as the Chicago Province, gathered at the university's Cintas Center to celebrate the schools' anniversaries with Fr. General. Fr. Leo Klein, SJ, who had a key part in planning the festivities surrounding Fr. General's visit said, "We're very honored that, with all of Fr. General's commitments, he was willing and able to be here in conjunction with our 175th anniversary."



**Top left:** Peggy and Harry Robinson talk with Fr. General. Peggy is the sister of Fr. Dick Baumann, SJ. **Top right:** Fr. Walter Deye, SJ, (center), president of St. Xavier High School, proudly introduces class of '69 member Dr. Robert Heidt, Jr. to Fr. General. **Above:** Fr. Leo Klein, SJ, (third from left) looks on as Fr. Michael Graham, SJ, (second from left) president of Xavier University, introduces Rabbi Abie Inger to Fr. General Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, SJ.



Helen Klohe, sister of the late Fr. Gene Watrin, SJ, visits with Fr. General.



Fr. General (left) enjoys visiting with Fr. Eric Knapp, SJ, Provincial Edward Schmidt, SJ, and Mr. Michael Christiana, SJ.

## Lay Partner Profile

### Tom Neyer: *A Man for Others*

After 40 years in the construction and development business, Tom Neyer began his retirement with thousands of phone calls, hundreds of e-mails, over 1,500 hours worked, and countless late nights when he took on the enormous task of overseeing two massive construction projects at St. Xavier High School. These projects have allowed St. X to be on the cutting edge and remain one of the premier schools in Cincinnati.

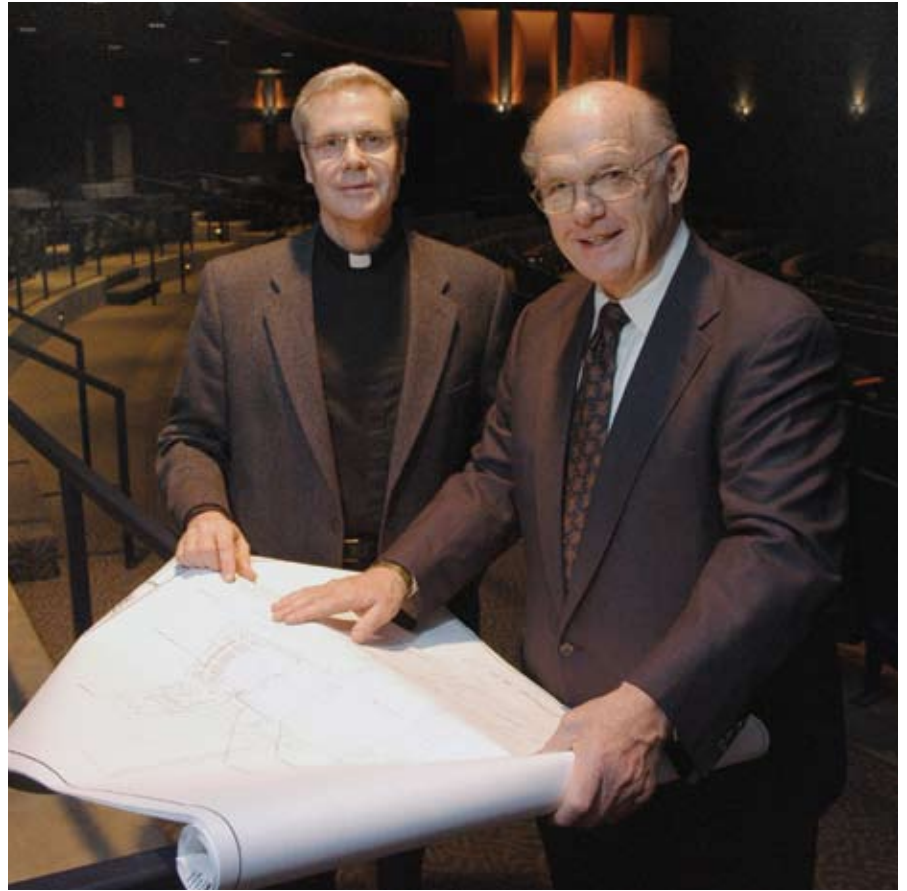
Tom, a 1955 graduate of St. X, has been involved with the Jesuits practically since birth and remembers his first Jesuit influences: “My uncle, Fr. William P. LeSaint, SJ, a professor of theology at West Baden College, was the one who made religion personal and important for me. I also grew up hearing stories of Hubert Brockman, SJ, and Harry Brockman, SJ, my mother’s uncles.” Besides his involvement with the Jesuits, Tom was also brought up in a tried and true Bomber family. His dad attended St. X as did his two brothers, and the tradition continued through John’s two sons and five nephews.

Through Tom’s work at St. Ursula Academy, a private girls high school that his wife and daughter attended, he became involved in the St. X construction projects. He served as a trustee on St. Ursula’s board and supervised a construction project on their campus. “In 2000, Fr. Bill Verbryke, SJ, the president of St. X at the time, asked me to join the St. X board of trustees and to chair the facilities committee,” Tom recalls. It was also Fr. Verbryke who got Tom involved with a construction project that St. X was undertaking at the time. “Under the guidance of Fr. Verbryke, St. X was able to purchase 30 acres of ground across the street from our main campus along with many old buildings and a church which had belonged to the Convent of the Good Shepherd,” Tom comments. “The buildings were in very bad condition and were not able to be saved. I led the team that oversaw the demolition of the old buildings and the construction of a new baseball field and dugouts, a soccer field and additional parking.”

Tom’s next and longest construction project started a year later when new president Fr. Walter Deye, SJ, brought with him a vision

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—Fr. Walter Deye, SJ, president, St. Xavier High School



Fr. Walter Deye, SJ (left), expresses gratitude to Tom Neyer for his expertise and many hours of dedicated service on the construction project and expansion of the St. X campus. They are pictured here in the school’s state-of-the-art auditorium.

of what could be done with the facilities at St. X. Tom remembers, “Fr. Deye had lots of ideas of how to change the school to increase educational opportunities and to improve the extracurricular experience.” Over a span of 19 months, Tom worked closely with fellow trustees and the administration to select architects and contractors to build an 8,000 seat stadium, new athletic fields, six fine art classrooms, and a new Broadway theatre as well as a black box theatre, administrative offices, religion classrooms, and a guidance office. Fr. Deye remembers, “As head of the building and grounds committee Tom lived, slept, and ate the construction project.

Without him we’d be sunk.” Tom estimates that he spent over 1,500 hours on this project which was all done on a volunteer basis, his only payment was gratitude from the St. X community.

“I am proud to be associated with St. X and appreciate the opportunity I have had to contribute toward their success,” Tom says. Fr. Deye who recently awarded Tom the St. Xavier Insignis award comments, “Although Tom was in the physical construction business, he is truly interested in building the minds and hearts of our young men here at St. Xavier.” ■

—Annie DiMattina