Celebrating OUR NEWLY ELECTED Superior General
Dear Friends,

At just about the time that this issue of *JESUITS* magazine hit the presses, both of us were returning from the General Congregation in Rome, where, amidst many deliberations to preserve and grow the Society of Jesus, we joined more than 200 Jesuit delegates to elect a new Father General—Fr. Arturo Sosa, SJ. As we elected our new Superior General, everyone in the room felt a great sense of something new happening and of true joy. And while we prayed and celebrated in gratitude over this new dawn for our Jesuit schools, churches, international works and apostolates, we were also filled with awe and grace, recognizing that we had engaged in a tradition that dates back nearly 500 years, to the earliest days of the Society.

This is one of our greatest blessings and biggest challenges as Jesuits—continually adapting and reshaping our work and mission to best meet the needs of the communities we serve, while holding true to the foundations of our Jesuit heritage and of our founder, St. Ignatius. It was Ignatius who emboldened us to do everything for the greater glory of God, and in this issue of *JESUITS*, we share some of the ways that our provinces are committed to the work of transformation, enabling Jesuits and their partners to meet the changing needs of God’s people.

In his first homily as Father General at the Mass of Thanksgiving on October 17, 2016, Fr. Sosa proclaimed, “The audacity that we need in order to be servants of the mission of Christ Jesus can flow only from faith ... If our faith is like that of Mary, Jesus’ own mother and the Mother of the Society of Jesus, our audacity can go even further and seek not only the improbable but the impossible because nothing is impossible for God.” May we all seek this faith as we go forward into 2017, expressing love for our Lord through service to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Sincerely in Christ,

Very Rev. Robert Hussey, SJ
Provincial, Maryland Province

Very Rev. John Cecero, SJ
Provincial, USA Northeast Province

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—Fr. Arturo Sosa, SJ, newly elected Father General
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Father Arturo Sosa, SJ, Superior General of the Society of Jesus, celebrates the Mass of Thanksgiving at the Church of the Gesù in Rome.

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FROM OUR PROVINCES

New Appointments AND LEADERSHIP

FR. JAMES CROGHAN, SJ, was appointed provincial assistant for international ministries for the USA Northeast Province, effective Aug. 15, 2016. Fr. Croghan entered the Jesuits in 1974 and was ordained in 1985. After several years of pastoral work in Micronesia, he was assigned to Xavier High School in Chuuk and served as director of the school for 11 of the next 14 years, later serving as superintendent of Catholic schools for the diocese of Caroline Islands. Fr. Croghan most recently served as interim president of Regis High School in New York City. In his new position, he will work closely with Jesuits and lay colleagues from province apostolates in Jamaica, Jordan and Micronesia. In addition to being provincial assistant for international ministries, Fr. Croghan will continue his work as rector of the Xavier Jesuit Community and as director of Ignatian identity at Regis High School.

FR. JOSEPH SANDS, SJ, was appointed socius to the director of novices at St. Andrew Hall Novitiate in Syracuse, N.Y. Fr. Sands entered the Jesuits in 1981 and was ordained in 1992. He recently completed his term as rector at the Ciszek Hall Jesuit Community and previously served those in need in Brazil. In a letter shared this May, Jesuit Fathers John Cecero and Robert Hussey, provincials of the USA Northeast Province and the Maryland Province, commented, “In his work at Ciszek Hall, Fr. Sands has demonstrated extraordinary interest and skills in cura personalis. He has a profound understanding of the demands of Jesuit vocations and insists on doing all within his power to see that such demands are met with conviction and grace.”

MS. MAURA TOOMB was named associate provincial assistant for secondary and pre-secondary education for the USA Northeast Province. Ms. Toomb previously worked as director of campus ministry at Saint Peter’s Prep in Jersey City. She holds a bachelor’s degree in theology and psychology from Loyola University Maryland and a master’s degree in religious education from Fordham University. While at St. Peter’s Prep, she developed the Alumni Service Corps program, enhanced the school’s immersion offerings and retreat programs, and developed service and advocacy experiences for students. She also coordinated the school’s Arrupe Series, an annual week-long social justice summit.

Jesuit Alumni Sunday

On Oct. 22 and 23, 13 Jesuit parishes in the Maryland and USA Northeast Provinces participated in Jesuit Friends and Alumni Sunday by celebrating special Masses and receptions for over 450 Jesuit-educated graduates and friends of the Society. These Masses provided opportunities for friends and alumni, joined together in their shared Ignatian heritage, to foster a common bond, while highlighting opportunities for continuing spiritual growth and service to the local and global community. The receptions gave everyone a chance to catch up with old friends and meet fellow graduates striving to be men and women for others.

This is the second year that a series of Masses like these have been celebrated. “Our hope is that we can make this annual event grow larger each year,” said Fr. James Miracky, SJ, provincial assistant for higher education for the Maryland and USA Northeast Provinces. “The response so far has been a positive sign.”
After the first phase of a comprehensive renovation of the famed oceanfront facility, Eastern Point Retreat House in Gloucester, Mass., reopened this fall, welcoming friends and retreatants back to the incomparable location that so many have called their spiritual home over the years.

Highlighting the work was the total transformation of the living quarters for Eastern Point retreatants. Over a two-year period, an existing 1960s era living space was transformed into a new three-story resident retreat wing with ocean views, private baths and many other amenities more in tune with contemporary times. In addition to the 38 new retreatant rooms, this phase of work also included a new elevator, updated space for retreat directors and administrative purposes, and numerous utility improvements.

Acquired by the Society of Jesus in 1958, the retreat house is renowned for its full commitment to the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. In the past five years, more than 6,000 individuals have sought greater meaning through the various directed retreats, conducted in silence, for which Eastern Point is so acclaimed. For a full list of directed retreats, weekend retreats and special retreats offered for Holy Week and other occasions, visit www.EasternPoint.org.

A formal rededication and open house was held on Nov. 12. Overseeing the ceremony were Fr. George Witt, SJ, provincial assistant for spirituality ministries, Joanne Fantini, CSJA, director of Eastern Point Retreat House, who welcomed those in attendance and Fr. Randy Sachs, SJ, who offered the re-dedication prayer.

Initial planning is already under way for the second and final phase of the renovation, focusing on the original wing of the Retreat House, which was constructed as a summer estate in the 1920s. Fundraising efforts required to support this next phase are expected to begin in 2017. For more information on how you can be involved with this important Jesuit priority, please contact Michael Franco at 617-607-2859 or email mfranco@jesuits.org.
Committing themselves fully to God and to life in the Society of Jesus, nine Jesuit novices professed their first vows in front of a large congregation of their family, friends and brother Jesuits on August 13, 2016, at Holy Cross Church in DeWitt, N.Y.

Henoch Derbew (USA Northeast Province)
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Chia-Yang “C-Y” Kao (Maryland Province)
Joseph Lorenz (USA Northeast Province)
Jonathan Pennacchia (Maryland Province)
Nathan Sparks (USA Northeast Province)

First vows are professed after a Jesuit completes two years of formation in the novitiate. Unlike many other religious orders, first vows in the Society of Jesus are perpetual. Each Jesuit is promising to spend the rest of his life living in poverty, chastity and obedience. It is on this day that they add the letters S.J. after their names. For other religious orders, first vows are often temporary, lasting about two to three years.

In preparing to take first vows, Jesuit novices study the Constitutions of the Society and Ignatian writings, as well as make the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius, a 30-day retreat, which is the foundation for Jesuit life. In addition to studies, novices begin actual assignments—
hospital ministry, soup kitchens, mission work and teaching at Jesuit high schools—all to help ready themselves for lives of service. Kneeling in front of a priest who holds the Body of Christ, the novice professes his vows in front of everyone gathered. These vows are the same ones Jesuits have professed since the early days of the Society. They write their vows by hand and read from their personal documents at Mass, emphasizing that they understand their professions and are speaking them freely. At the end of Mass, each Jesuit is given a silver vow cross, commemorating the day he dedicated his life to God, the Church and the Society of Jesus.

With their time at the novitiate complete, these SJs will move on to philosophy studies as Jesuit scholastics, furthering their path to the priesthood or as a Jesuit brother. “Taking first vows makes it official that you want to join the Society of Jesus—that you want to live your life as a Jesuit,” said Tom Elitz, SJ, one of the nine men who professed first vows this year. Interestingly enough, another, Nathan Sparks, SJ, already an ordained priest from the Diocese of Rapid City, N.D., decided he wanted to be a Jesuit priest. He has now begun studies in the classics at Columbia University.
n October 14, 2016, two weeks after the start of General Congregation 36, Fr. Arturo Sosa, SJ, was elected the 31st Superior General of the Society of Jesus. Fr. Sosa previously served in Venezuela as provincial superior of the Society of Jesus and in Rome as delegate of the general for international houses and works of the Society.

Fr. Sosa was born in Caracas, Venezuela, on November 12, 1948. He entered the Society of Jesus in September 1966 and was ordained a priest in 1977. He holds a bachelor’s degree in philosophy from the Catholic University Andrés Bello in Caracas, a bachelor’s degree in theology from the Gregorian University in Rome and a doctorate in political science from the Universidad Central de Venezuela. Fr. Sosa speaks Spanish, Italian and English and understands French.

Prior to serving as provincial from 1996 to 2004, he was in charge of the social apostolate of the Jesuits in Venezuela, which includes the Jesuit network of schools for the poor, Fe y Alegría. He was also head of the Centro Gumilla, the Jesuit-run social and action research center.

Among his distinguished academic posts, he has served as a member of the founding board of the Andrés Bello Catholic University in Caracas and rector of the Catholic University of Táchira. He has taught and researched political science in many different institutes and colleges, and in 2004 was a visiting professor at the Latin-American Studies Center of Georgetown University.

In the moments after his election, Jesuits from around the world expressed their support, and the news was shared by global media outlets.

“HISTORIC Moment...
Jesuits Elect New Superior General

Our new Father General, Fr. Arturo Sosa, SJ, with Maryland Province Provincial, Fr. Robert Hussey, SJ.
General,” said Fr. John Cecero, SJ, provincial of the USA Northeast Province. “It has been a truly inspirational experience to take part in this election, and I have already extended our prayerful best wishes to Father Sosa. Let us continue to pray in thanksgiving for Father General and his leadership for years to come.”

Fr. Robert Hussey, SJ, provincial for the Maryland Province Jesuits, commented, “Fr. Arturo Sosa is the first Superior General of the Jesuits that is from Latin America—just as we now have a pope from Latin America. He is a man with wide-ranging experience as a Jesuit, who has a natural, personable presence. We are all looking forward to the new inspiration and direction his leadership will bring to the Society and our mission.”

More than 200 Jesuits from around the world, including provincials and democratically elected delegates, gathered in Rome this year not only to accept the planned resignation of Jesuit Superior General Adolfo Nicolás, SJ, and elect a new leader, but to also discuss issues of importance in the Society, including the mission and structure of Jesuit life and work. The process effectively provides the world’s Jesuits with the opportunity to set the priorities of the largest order of priests and brothers in the Roman Catholic Church.

The logo for GC 36, which depicts the Jesuit seal amidst waves of water, was inspired by Pope Francis’ message to the Jesuits on the 200th anniversary of the restoration of the Society of Jesus. In Sept. 2014, in the Church of the Gesù in Rome, the pope urged Jesuits to discern in difficult times; to be receptive of and obedient to the will of God; and to row with him in the service of the Church, echoing the words Jesus used in calling his disciples to “put out into the deep.”

General Congregation 36 was expected to last anywhere between 4 and 7 weeks, and in the months following its conclusion, full decrees, along with accompanying documents, will be prepared and shared with all members of the Society of Jesus.

To learn more about the priorities outlined in GC 36, visit gc36.org.
America’s Oldest Jesuit Parish Turns 375

By Mike Gabriele
The year was 1634. Father Andrew White, SJ, arrived in the English Colonies at the Province of Maryland aboard a merchant ship, the Ark, along with fellow passengers Leonard Calvert and Thomas Greene, the first two governors of Maryland. They landed at St. Clements Island on the Potomac River, where Fr. White erected a large cross and celebrated the first Catholic Mass in the Colonies. Seeking to help establish a land that permitted freedom of religion, Fr. White settled among the local Indian tribes, learned their language and even baptized their chief. Not far up the river at Chapel Point, he established what is now St. Ignatius Church in 1641, the oldest Catholic parish in continuous use in the United States. His missionary work is commemorated in a stained glass window above the choir loft, depicting the baptism of the king and queen of the Piscataway tribe.

2016 marked the 375th anniversary of St. Ignatius Chapel Point, celebrating all the trials and triumphs of this quaint parish nestled on some of the most beautiful waterfront countryside in Southern Maryland. Jesuit pastors have had a presence at St. Ignatius dating back to Fr. Henry Warren, SJ, in 1662. The church’s current pastor and historian, Fr. Thomas Clifford, SJ, addressed this significance. “The reason we have had Jesuits residing and serving the congregation here since 1662 is that this was at times the headquarters of the Maryland Mission and at other times the parish center of Charles County,” he said. “It ties us to the larger Church and Society of Jesus.”

The church that stands today atop the picturesque hill overlooking the Potomac is not the original building. The original chapel that served colonists and Indians was closer to the water. The Manor House was built on the hill in 1741 and remains the oldest continuous-use Jesuit residence in the world.

In 1773, despite suppression of the Society of Jesus by Papal decree, which banned all Jesuit activities, several Jesuits continued to call Chapel Point their home, and in 1798, Fr. Charles Sewell, SJ, built the present church on the hill. It was blessed by John Carroll, the first bishop of Baltimore. Pope Pius VII fully restored the Society of Jesus in 1814. “St. Ignatius Chapel Point

Since 1798, St. Ignatius Church has overlooked the Potomac River at Chapel Point. The original building, established by Fr. Andrew White, SJ, in 1641, was farther down the hill.
is one of the reasons the Society came back so quickly in Maryland,” explained Fr. Clifford. “In Catholic Europe, the suppression meant the loss of Jesuit churches, schools and houses. Here, we had always found ways to survive during periods of persecution, so we continued even as the Society ceased to exist.”

Immediately following the Civil War in 1866, a fire nearly destroyed the church and manor. Both were fully restored and rededicated less than two years later. For more than 150 years, many missionaries lived and worked at St. Ignatius Chapel Point. From this one church, priests set forth to Catholic homes and other new churches throughout the area, celebrating Mass and providing the sacraments. Most of the churches in Charles County were founded by priests originating at Chapel Point. They often carried with them the “saddle chalice” that remains at Chapel Point to this day. The chalice could quickly be taken apart and reconfigured to look like a bell if the early Jesuits were stopped by those trying to suppress their mission.

Today, people who visit St. Ignatius are moved as much by its deep history as its natural beauty and serene surroundings. It is a parish that was established more than 100 years before the birth of the United States. It is the place where the first Jesuits renewed their vows after the restoration of the Society. And it serves today as a strong community of faith, promoting Ignatian spirituality and social justice. St. Ignatius Church at Chapel Point continues to build on its rich history every day.

375 years is just the beginning. ■
Xavier High School in New York City and the College of the Holy Cross, in Worcester, Mass., marked new beginnings this fall, each celebrating the opening of impressive, new buildings that will serve the needs of today’s students while deeply connecting them to the Ignatian charism.

The Thomas P. Joyce ’59 Contemplative Center, located in West Boylston, Mass., was dedicated on Sept. 10 and will be a spiritual focal point for the College of the Holy Cross, offering expanded retreat opportunities and new programming for mindfulness and reflection for those of all faith backgrounds and traditions.

The center—the first building to be completed as part of “Become More: Campaign for the Future of Holy Cross”—was named for Thomas P. Joyce, a native of St. Louis who attended Holy Cross and, throughout a successful business career, established strong ties with the College as a longtime trustee. Mr. Joyce is a former chairman of Mercy Hospital and Medical Center, and was the first layperson to head Chicago’s oldest hospital, which was founded by the Sisters of Mercy.

Following the ribbon cutting ceremony, Fr. Philip L. Boroughs, SJ, Holy Cross president, led students, faculty, staff and alumni through the main building, reading a prayer in each room.

“Our approach to the educational experience is based on the Jesuit vision of developing the entire individual—body, mind and soul,” said Marybeth Kearns-Barrett ’84, director of the chaplain’s office at the College of the Holy Cross. “The Joyce Center will be a place for renewal—both individually and as a community.”

Also in September, the Xavier High School community gathered to celebrate the opening of Xavier’s new six-story, 33,000-square-foot addition, Fernandez-Duminuco Hall. The new building marked the first expansion of the school’s footprint since 1965. Its name honors lead donor Mike Fernandez ’72, a Cuban-born, Miami-based businessman and philanthropist, and his mentor, the late Fr. Vincent Duminuco, SJ, Xavier’s 45th headmaster.

Mr. Fernandez explained the pivotal role that Fr. Duminuco played in his life. “What he talked about was ethics, honesty, integrity, caring for others, humility and gratitude,” Mr. Fernandez said. “[Xavier] is the place that I think made me who I am today, so doing something in memory of Fr. Vincent Duminuco was something that I felt had to be done.”

Key features of the academic building include a multi-use space that will house theatre productions and assemblies; a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) classroom complete with 3D printers and power PCs; a music wing with a band room, ensemble room, private practice rooms and soundproof recording studios; a collaborative student activity space; and 11 classrooms, 6 offices, and 2 conference rooms.

The dedication ceremony on Sept. 15 took place in Keenan Commons (named for former Xavier President Fr. James Keenan, SJ) of Fernandez-Duminuco Hall. A dedication Mass followed in the Church of St. Francis Xavier. Bishop John O’Hara, the vicar for Lower Manhattan and Staten Island, was the main celebrant, with concelebrants including Fr. John Cecero, SJ, provincial of the USA Northeast Province.
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Jesuit novices from the Maryland and USA Northeast Provinces enter Saint Andrew Hall in Syracuse, N.Y., for the two-year Novitiate program, culminating in the profession of perpetual vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

In First Studies after the novitiate, most Jesuits study philosophy and theology for three years at Loyola University Chicago, Saint Louis University or Fordham University.

In Theology, Jesuits continue advanced studies for three years at one of three locations in North America (the School of Theology and Ministry at Boston College, the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University, located in Berkeley, Calif., or Regis University in Toronto) or at the Gregorian University in Rome.

In Regency, Jesuits work full time for two or three years at a Jesuit work or apostolate, such as an educational institution or in pastoral ministry.

Recently Ordained includes men who completed theology studies and who were ordained as priests.

Jesuit Brothers undergo a slightly different but equally rigorous formation process of studies and apostolic work.

Tertianship is the final step in the formation process and the period of preparation before making final vows in the Society of Jesus.
transformation is deeply rooted in the DNA of the Society of Jesus, and, for centuries, the Jesuits in the eastern United States have adapted to serve the changing needs of people in regional population centers and in places like Jamaica, Jordan and Micronesia.

This fall, the USA Northeast Province announced a major capital campaign to create the Jesuit Center on New York’s East 83rd Street. This center will be the home to a community of priests, brothers and scholastics, and the Jesuits and their colleagues who, together, oversee the mission and Ignatian identity of Jesuit ministries throughout the Northeast.

In 2020, when the Maryland Province unites with the USA Northeast Province in the final stage of a national restructuring of Jesuit provinces, the Jesuit Center will house the offices of the more than 40 Jesuits and lay colleagues who serve ministries from Maine to Georgia.

“FOR JESUITS, A COMMUNITY IS IMPORTANT—AS A PLACE TO CALL HOME AND A SPACE TO DECOMPRESS IN, IN THE MIDST OF OUR WORK.”

— Fr. James Keenan, SJ
“The Jesuit Center will be the premiere apostolic center for the province, to model how a residential community and an apostolic space can co-exist—to have, within it, conference areas and spaces created precisely for workshops, gatherings and meetings,” said Fr. John Cecero, SJ, provincial of the USA Northeast Province.

An Apostolic Center that Serves God’s People

The Jesuits and lay colleagues who work on the province staff are challenged with creating new ways to serve people at our parishes, retreat centers, social ministries and schools, while sustaining thriving partnerships across our region that have had a life-changing impact on those we serve.

The Jesuit Center will function in much the same way that individual Jesuit communities do. Following the inspired model of viewing Jesuit communities as apostolic centers, staff at the Jesuit Center will use discernment and collaboration to recognize the needs of God’s people and respond effectively using the Society’s pastoral, educational and spiritual resources.

The Center itself will be housed in two buildings that were once home to the Jesuit Seminary and Mission Bureau and, at one time, to more than 60 Jesuits who served in nearby schools, parishes and hospitals, and ministered to the sick on New York City’s surrounding islands. Since the 1980s, the province offices in New York have been located within this same space.

Throughout the East, Jesuit formation, spirituality ministries and social service ministries are already united in their efforts, but the close collaboration that will take place in the Jesuit Center will provide the structure that will benefit our ministries in perpetuity. Deeper partnerships between ministries, among assigned Jesuits and through the strategic plans of those who head different parts of the province will enhance the connections between the Jesuits and the people they serve.

“In 2020, the USA East Province will comprise more than 750 Jesuits, and our combined ministries will include some 90 parishes, high schools and middle schools, colleges and universities, formation houses and retreat centers,” said Fr. Philip Judge, SJ, provincial assistant for strategic planning for the USA Northeast Province. “When you look at our ministries in the East and our international works, it would be hard to imagine a province serving a greater range of people in need.”

Jesuit ministries in the Maryland province currently serve more than 100,000 students, parishioners and retreatants each year. By 2020, it is estimated that more than 220,000

The Jesuit Center...Projected Cost: $14 million

The Jesuit Center will transform two existing buildings into an environment that inspires collaboration among Jesuits and lay colleagues. As the central administrative office of the future USA East Province, which will span from Maine to Georgia in 2020, the Jesuit Center will be home to more than 40 staff members who will respond to crucial apostolic, spiritual and social needs. To accommodate this growth, the Jesuit Center project will include:

- Completely transforming the St. Ignatius Loyola Jesuit Community
- Completely renovating 16 new bedrooms
- The creation of six new office spaces
- Enhanced conference space with requisite technology upgrades
- Constructing two chapels for community and staff use
- Adding seven conference center guest suites
- New kitchen, dining and library areas
- Energy-efficient windows and electrical upgrades; new elevator
- A garden area for gathering, reflection and relaxation

The Jesuits of the USA Northeast Province have been blessed with vast opportunities to serve Christ and join in His mission. Gifts to this capital campaign will underwrite the design, construction and implementation of the new Jesuit Center. This fundraising initiative marks the first time donors have had the opportunity to create an important apostolic center that will shape the future of Jesuit ministries throughout the eastern United States.
people in the eastern United States will interact with and take part in ministries that stem from the Jesuit Center.

To accommodate expected growth, the Center will include the addition of six new offices and seven conference center guest suites to accommodate guests, alleviating unnecessary travel expenses for staff whose jobs call them to traverse different parts of the region. The project will also include the construction of a chapel and updated common space facilities for those working in the province offices.

“The work that will take place at the Jesuit Center will involve decisions that are truly going to affect parishes, retreat houses, colleges, universities—all of the places where people encounter the Jesuits,” said Fr. James Martin, SJ, a member of the Jesuit Center campaign committee. “This is an exciting step as Jesuit ministries in our region become more collaborative, interconnected and responsive to the needs of God’s people.”

A Home that Nurtures Ignatian Spirituality

Jesuit priests, brothers and scholastics are called to live in community—a hallmark of the Society of Jesus. For that reason, the Jesuit Center project also includes an ambitious renovation of the St. Ignatius Loyola Community. Since 1954, the community has been a home to Jesuits, but it was built for a different style of life, when many needed to live in a location close to where they served. The residence offered dormitory style living, with small, private bedrooms and a shared bathroom at the end of each hallway.

While Jesuits continue to live in the St. Ignatius Loyola community, critical improve-
ments are needed to allow the residence to meet contemporary needs. Chapels and kitchen facilities remain integral parts of modern Jesuit communities, but common spaces and multi-purpose rooms are recognized as important places that will transform the space into an open and inviting home where Jesuits intentionally gather to support one another, to eat together and to pray together.

A complete revitalization of the residence will include the creation of 16 bedrooms with individual bathrooms, new living and dining spaces, and a beautiful chapel—similar to the improvements to the New York’s Xavier Jesuit Community, which were completed in 2014.

“For Jesuits, a community is important—as a place to call home and a space to decompress in, in the midst of our work.” said Fr. James Keenan, SJ, campaign co-chair. “We live simple lives, but these dramatic enhancements will allow the 83rd Street Jesuits to strengthen their connection to one another and with the Lord.”

A committee comprising Jesuits and lay partners has been established to oversee this unprecedented campaign. The Jesuit Center campaign committee is headed by longtime friends of the USA Northeast Province John Meditz and Dan Denihan, who join Fr. Keenan as co-chairs.

“There is no doubt that this renovation that we are going to do is going to reinvigorate the Jesuits,” said Dan Denihan. “The idea of helping the Jesuits personally resonates with me, and I know it will resonate with others as we continue this important and unprecedented campaign.”

For more information, including our in-depth video, project details and naming opportunities, please visit www.JesuitCenterCampaign.org or contact Joe Naylor at jnaylor@Jesuits.org.
Office of IGNATIAN Spirituality at the heart of all things Jesuit

By Mike Gabriele

The Office of Ignatian Spirituality will help connect people with ministries and spiritual directors at their local Jesuit churches, schools, retreat centers and other apostolates.
Ignatian spirituality. Could two words ever fit so well together? Like Maryland crabs, Boston chowder or Philadelphia cheesesteaks, when you think of one, the other rolls off the tongue along with it.

Ignatian spirituality is at the heart of all things Jesuit. St. Ignatius Loyola’s Spiritual Exercises are the basis for how Jesuits and so many others find a deeper relationship with God. Yes, the Jesuits are indeed extraordinary, world-renowned educators. They are celebrated for mission work in some of the poorest communities on earth. Their tireless work for social justice spans the globe. But what is the common thread in all these Jesuit efforts? Spirituality—a way of both “looking at” and “being present in” the world that is founded on a deep and abiding relationship with Jesus and the Church. This is what St. Ignatius wanted not only for the priests and brothers of his order, but for everyone.

Earlier this year, the Jesuit Collaborative, an independent organization known for directing spiritual programs for Jesuit colleagues, young professionals and Hispanics, came under the direct supervision of the Maryland and USA Northeast Provinces with a wider mandate.

Tasked with building a more comprehensive spiritual network and fortified with a new name, the Office of Ignatian Spirituality moved to the Maryland Province headquarters in Baltimore. Its broader, updated mission is to help increase communication among the spiritual ministries at our Jesuit schools, parishes, retreat houses and volunteer organizations. These apostolates have so much to offer and yet too often exist as silos in their respective communities. This initiative hopes to bring together the very best of these programs, connect more people to them, and cultivate spiritual directors to meet the ever increasing demand.

When you step back and consider the sheer number of Jesuit schools and universities, parishes, retreat centers and volunteer organizations in our two East Coast provinces alone, you begin to realize the need for an organized bridge between these spirituality ministries so that development opportunities don’t fall through the cracks. More than 42,000 families are currently served by Jesuit parishes in the Maryland and USA Northeast Provinces. Add in our countless retreat participants, volunteers, students and alumni, and the potential number of people to be served becomes a bit daunting. The need to facilitate a cooperative link between the ministries themselves and with individuals committed to Ignatian spirituality has never been greater.

Fr. George Witt, SJ, provincial assistant for spirituality ministries, heads up the new Office of Ignatian Spirituality. “One successful ‘partnership’ has been the 19th Annotation Retreat programs in Boston and in Baltimore, where we share resources across Jesuit works to provide the Spiritual Exercises to a larger group of people than would be possible through any individual institution,” said Fr. Witt. “We want to connect those who are looking for spiritual programs or personal spiritual direction with ministries and spiritual directors at nearby churches, schools, retreat centers or other Jesuit apostolates.”

Opening communication channels between Jesuit ministries and providing a more robust database for those pursuing spiritual guidance is one of several goals for the Office of Ignatian Spirituality. Another objective is to offer enrichment opportunities for those already engaged as Ignatian spiritual directors and to train new ones for the future. Fr. Witt reviewed the fundamental questions, “Are we providing both Jesuit and lay directors proper formation for their ongoing growth? Are we grooming new directors and retreat presenters to carry the torch and to help ‘set the world on fire'? These are calls we hope to address.”

Popular programs that the Jesuit Collaborative has been known for will certainly continue through the Office of Ignatian Spirituality—Contemplative Leaders in Action, the Magis program, and Hispanic Ignatian ministries, just to name a few. But as an integral part of our Jesuit provinces, the office will also serve as a networking catalyst for all spirituality ministries and for those who seek their guidance.

Ignatian spirituality. The words have always belonged together. We will continue to update you on how the Office of Ignatian Spirituality is working to keep them at the forefront of all things Jesuit. Please visit www.JesuitsEastOIS.org.
It was a dark time for America, affecting millions of African-American lives. It ignited a war that saw the bloodiest single day in American history. And although slavery was abolished in 1865, its lingering effects continue to this day.

Several prominent newspaper articles this year drew attention to the disheartening history of slaveholding by Jesuits in Maryland—two in particular, Thomas Mulledy, SJ, and William McSherry, SJ, both presidents of Georgetown University and former provincials. Frs. Mulledy and McSherry were prominent churchmen and academic leaders in the early nineteenth century. They also played a central role in a notorious sale of slaves in 1838, whose involuntary labor supported various Jesuit projects, including Georgetown College. Jesuit historians have been at the forefront of bringing this episode to light over the last forty years, and study continues.
at Georgetown University under the auspices of the Working Group on Slavery, Memory and Reconciliation. The group released a report on Sept. 1 of this year, outlining initiatives and recommendations on how Georgetown can best acknowledge its past and reconcile with the descendants of the enslaved individuals.

Today more than ever, Jesuits and their collaborators in ministry react with dismay and regret to this chapter in our history. It highlights a lack of enlightenment in

longing for the opportunity to excel on their merits rather than be held back by circumstance. We have also established and supported Jesuit parishes in predominantly African-American communities, providing human and financial resources to meet the spiritual and economic needs of those parish communities.

Jesuits here and around the globe are dedicated to practicing a faith that does justice. Many events of the last year clearly indicate that the work of reconciliation between the races in our country still has far to go. Conscious of the participation of Jesuits in the origins of our country’s racial problems, we commit ourselves to contributing to their solution. We desire reconciliation and oneness in the face of the errors we find in our history. We remain inspired by the Jesuits and colleagues throughout our provinces and the Society of Jesus involved in advocacy and outreach to the poor and marginalized in our country and the world, and we dedicate ourselves to continuously testing for our own generation’s moral blindness.

Georgetown President Dr. John DeGioia welcomed remarks from descendants after releasing the report from the Working Group on Slavery, Memory and Reconciliation.
Deceased Jesuits of the Maryland and USA Northeast Provinces – July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016

IN MEMORIAM

Now in the Loving Embrace of their Creator

Fr. Robert J. Araujo, SJ
Born October 30, 1948; died October 21, 2015
Former law professor at Gonzaga University; former legal observer for the Holy See at the UN; held the John Courtney Murray Chair at Loyola Chicago 2009–2014.

Fr. Daniel J. Berrigan, SJ
Born May 9, 1921; died April 30, 2016
Teacher and activist; winner of the Lamont Poetry Prize in 1957; joined his brother, Philip, in peaceful protests against the Vietnam War. After time in prison, volunteered at pastoral ministries.

Fr. Bruce M. Bidinger, SJ
Born February 26, 1952; died February 23, 2016
Teacher at Gonzaga High School and Georgetown Prep in Washington, D.C., president of St. Joseph’s Prep in Philadelphia and principal at Scranton Prep. He was also vice president of mission and ministry at Saint Joseph’s University.

Fr. Joseph F. Brennan, SJ
Born November 17, 1925; died November 11, 2015
Former missionary in Jamaica; taught and established a diocesan seminary, working for the archbishop there and in the Bahamas until 2001.

Fr. John B. Breslin, SJ
Born August 19, 1943; died March 21, 2016
Former book editor for America and editor of Catholic Books at Doubleday; professor of English and chaplain at Georgetown, later serving as rector at Le Moyne College.

Fr. W. Alan Brichel, SJ
Born August 8, 1932; died September 14, 2015
Taught at Xavier HS for 20 years, later devoting his life to hospital ministry, serving almost 20 years at Elmhurst Hospital, N.Y.C.

Fr. John P. Carriero, SJ
Born October 23, 1932; died June 8, 2016
Served McQuaid Jesuit school community for 52 years as longtime member of counseling department; also served as chaplain at correctional facilities and hospitals.

Fr. Herbert J. Cleary, SJ
Born February 18, 1931; died April 30, 2016
Served in the Navy; as a Jesuit, taught at Cheverus High School before moving into hospital chaplaincy for the next 30 years in various locations.

Fr. Richard J. Curry, SJ
Born March 18, 1943; died December 19, 2015
Founder of the National Theater Workshop of the Handicapped in New York and Dog Tag Bakery in Washington, D.C., professor of Catholic studies and theater at Georgetown University, professional chef and author of Jesuit cookbooks.

Fr. Robert J. Dullahan, SJ
Born December 14, 1925; died August 11, 2015
Teacher in India and Ghana, assistant pastor at St. Ignatius Chapel Point in Maryland and a hospital chaplain in St. Louis.

Fr. Raymond T. Gawronski, SJ
Born September 9, 1950; died April 14, 2016
Parochial Vicar at St. Aloysius Church in Washington, D.C., and theology teacher at Marquette University in Milwaukee, St. John Vianney Seminary in Denver and St. Patrick’s University and Seminary in Menlo Park, Calif. He was also a regular on the Catholic Television Network.

Fr. Edward Glynn, SJ
Born October 6, 1935; died January 23, 2016
Former provincial of the Maryland Province Jesuits, president of John Carroll University in Cleveland, Saint Peter’s College in Jersey City and Gonzaga University in Spokane. He also taught at Georgetown University and was a contributing writer at America magazine.

Fr. Edward J. Hanrahan, SJ
Born February 4, 1926; died October 21, 2015
Served in the Army; assigned to Boston College for more than 40 years, serving as dean of students and later moving into fundraising.

Fr. Raymond G. Helmick, SJ
Born September 7, 1931; died April 21, 2016
After earning a doctorate at Columbia, his interest in conflict resolution led him all over the world for 40+ years. He had a lifelong interest in music and art.

Fr. John J. Higgins, SJ
Born June 12, 1935; died October 26, 2015
After doctoral studies at Catholic U., served as rector of three different communities (Cheverus 1972–76; Holy Cross 1994–98; Fairfield 1998–2004); twice served as socius to the provincial.

Fr. George R. Hohnman, SJ
Born August 12, 1925; died April 20, 2016
Teacher at St. Joseph’s Prep in Philadelphia, Loyola High School in Baltimore and Gonzaga High School in Washington, D.C. He served many roles at Wheeling Jesuit University for more than 20 years.

Fr. Raymond T. Holscher, SJ
(Philippine Province)
Born March 19, 1943; died June 7, 2016
Taught at Xavier University, Cagayan de Oro City, Philippines. Served the Ateneo de Manila HS as a chaplain, teacher and administrator, later working in prison ministry.

Fr. Paul L. Horgan, SJ
Born March 3, 1937; died November 9, 2015
Missioned to the Caroline and Marshall Islands; served the people of Yap for 15 years and at the Pohnpei Agriculture and Trade School as a guidance counselor and teacher.

Fr. James J. Hosie, SJ
Born November 26, 1932; died May 31, 2016
Spent over 25 years in Jamaica teaching at Saint George’s College before moving to BC High, where he taught for 26 years.

Fr. Edward A. Jarvis, SJ
Born October 5, 1925; died August 23, 2015
Teacher at the University of Scranton, assistant pastor at Old St. Joseph’s Church in Philadelphia and assistant to the rector at Wheeling Jesuit University.

Fr. John J. Karwin, SJ
Born October 5, 1923; died August 23, 2015
Teacher at the University of Scranton, assistant pastor at Old St. Joseph’s Church in Philadelphia and assistant to the rector at Wheeling Jesuit University.

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Fr. John J. Leonard, SJ  
Born June 5, 1920; died September 12, 2015  
Teacher, dean of studies, alumni chaplain and moderator of the drama club and Mother’s club at Fordham Prep; namesake of the Leonard Theatre. He also assisted at St. Denis Parish in Hopewell Junction, N.Y.

Fr. Thomas P. Martin, SJ  
Born September 22, 1914; died April 14, 2016  
Parochial Vicar at Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Pittsburgh, Pa., and assistant province treasurer for the Maryland Province Jesuits.

Br. Edward L. McCarthy, SJ  
Born October 14, 1931; died June 5, 2016  
Former assistant minister at Brooklyn Prep; he later held the same position for the Xavier Community. For 28 years, he assisted at St. Patrick’s Cathedral.

Fr. Paul T. McCarty, SJ  
Born June 13, 1924; died May 28, 2016  
Former teacher and chaplain in secondary education; he later engaged in pastoral work in New Mexico, Maine and Massachusetts.

Fr. Joseph M. McCloskey, SJ  
Born October 24, 1932; died March 2, 2016  
Retreat director for many Jesuit and Catholic communities, organizations and retreat centers, including in Chile and Samoa. At the age of 60, he became a marathon runner.

Fr. William J. McCurdy, SJ  
Born May 13, 1930; died February 28, 2016  
Former director of vocations; later served as a student counselor at Canisius HS and for some 20 years in campus ministry for students and faculty at Canisius College and McQuaid Jesuit.

Fr. William J. McGrath, SJ  
Born July 11, 1928; died July 9, 2015  
Teacher at Georgetown Prep and founder of the Bishop’s Latin School in Pittsburgh. He was also Scranton Prep’s longest serving Jesuit faculty member, a tenure that lasted 35 years.

Fr. Joseph B. McHugh, SJ  
Born March 13, 1928; died September 4, 2015  
Taught at province schools before becoming rector at Fairfield and, later, vice provincial; later worked at the Gloucester retreat house and as a spiritual director at Fairfield.

Fr. Francis X. Metzbower, SJ  
Born October 21, 1927; died March 2, 2016  
Parochial Vicar at St. Ignatius Church in Baltimore and Holy Trinity Church in Washington, D.C. Chaplain at the University of California Medical Center in San Francisco and for the Army Presidio Chapel.

Fr. William T. Miller, SJ  
Born July 4, 1941; died June 13, 2016  
Theology teacher at St. Louis University, Regis University in Denver and Gonzaga University in Spokane. He was formation director and teacher of Latin and Greek at the Mount Angel Abbey, a Benedictine monastery in Oregon.

Fr. William H. Millerd, SJ  
Born September 11, 1934; died October 18, 2015  
Director of the Interfaith Coalition on Energy for the Center for Science and Public Interest in Washington, D.C., and a teacher at Loyola High School in Baltimore.

Fr. Gerard C. O’Brien, SJ  
Born October 29, 1928; died August 24, 2015  
Taught philosophy at BC and devoted a major part of his time to counseling, 12-step programs, and retreats. He continued pastoral work until his death.

Fr. Kevin G. O’Connell, SJ  
Born May 22, 1938; died January 21, 2016  
Former faculty member at Weston Jesuit School of Theology; later became president of Le Moyne College and went on to work at an English-speaking parish in Amman, Jordan.

Fr. Joseph R. M. Palmisano, SJ  
Born December 12, 1974; died December 25, 2015  
After doctoral studies, joined the retreat team at Gloucester before moving to Campion Center. After a long illness, he died on Christmas Day at the age of 41.

Fr. Donald J. Plocke, SJ  
Born May 7, 1929; died March 5, 2016  
Former member of the biology department at BC, where he taught, researched and served as student counselor; later was named chair of the department.

Fr. Enrico “Rico” Raulli, SJ  
Born January 18, 1932; died January 6, 2016  
Taught English at Canisius HS before moving to St. Peter’s Prep, where he was a beloved counselor, teacher and activity moderator for 36 years.

Fr. Gerard C. Reedy, SJ  
Born October 25, 1918; died March 11, 2016  
Taught English at Fordham for 11 years, serving as dean for 6 years and academic vice president for 3 years; later was named president of Holy Cross College and then dean of Fordham’s Marymount College.

Fr. Eugene M. Rooney, SJ  
Born November 29, 1926; died June 22, 2016  
Teacher, minister and librarian in South America, as well as at St. Joseph’s Prep in Philadelphia and Scranton Prep.

Fr. Richard W. Rousseau, SJ  
Born September 26, 1924; died September 27, 2015  
Taught at Fairfield, later serving as dean of Weston School of Theology; taught at the University of Scranton for 26 years before beginning the Jesuit Oral History Program at Campion Center.

Br. Gilbert J. Scott, SJ  
Born February 22, 1926; died January 6, 2016  
Former assistant director of the Jesuit Seminary and Mission Bureau; later served as secretary to the provincial for 21 years and hospitality minister at Loyola Hall and Murray-Weigel Hall.

Fr. Francis E. Skechus, SJ  
Born August 1, 1941; died June 15, 2016  
Pastoral Minister of Old St. Joseph’s Church in Philadelphia and teacher at St. Joseph’s Prep for almost 30 years. He was also a part-time nurse at Temple University Hospital.

Fr. Herbert F. Smith, SJ  
Born December 31, 1922; died December 10, 2015  
Prolific author, including Hidden Victory: A Novel of Jesus, the assistant director of the Sacred Heart Retreat House and a member of the Maryland Province Mission Band, offering retreats and spiritual direction.

Fr. Louis E. Soloman, SJ  
Born November 25, 1930; died December 3, 2015  
Taught math in Zambia for 5 years and at Xavier HS for 3 years, later serving as chaplain at Fordham Hospital and St. Vincent’s Hospital on Staten Island; served the Jesuit Seminary and Mission Bureau.

Fr. Robert J. Suchan, SJ  
(Philippine Province)  
Born March 17, 1926; died August 22, 2015  
Former director of libraries at the Ateneo de Manila University; set up the Philippine Library Materials Foundation to improve libraries around the Philippines; worked in schools and parishes.

Fr. E. Corbett Walsh, SJ  
Born December 16, 1938; died September 24, 2015  
Taught at Creighton University before serving Marquette Univ. as associate dean. In 1989, he moved to Campion Center, where he engaged in pastoral ministry.
CHRISTMAS MASS ON THE EDGE OF HEAVEN

By Fr. Richard G. Malloy, SJ

Fr. Paul Dugan, SJ, is one of more than 50 priests and brothers who live in Murray-Weigel Hall, the Jesuit health care community located in the Bronx.
So spoke one elderly Jesuit to another after Mass on Christmas Day. One of the men once laughingly told me, “I’m not ‘elderly.’ I prefer, ‘Veteran of the long campaign.’” He himself is a veteran of the Second World War. Among these old men, something was being born.

The night before, Christmas Eve, I had the privilege and pleasure of celebrating an annual home Mass for some 50 people, families and friends. We had begun this holiday ritual about 25 years ago, when many of the group had little children, too small to easily take to church. Now, some of those children bring little ones.

We sing carols. We listen again to Isaiah and Luke. The Eucharist is filled with prayer and song, laughter and quiet remembrance of those no longer with us, the peace and gratitude that fills our hearts as another year passes. John McCutcheon’s “Christmas in the Trenches” is always our Communion meditation song. Afterwards, we enjoy coffee and cookies, candy and conversation. Over a glass, we catch up on where we are in our lives.

But for my brothers in Manresa Hall, the Jesuit infirmary at St. Joseph’s University in Philadelphia, life and prayer are different. These guys do not get to go out on Christmas Eve. As I had celebrated Mass the evening before, they were manning their posts in wheelchairs and hospital beds. As people listened to my homily, they were fulfilling the duties of their mission: praying for the Church and the works of the Society of Jesus. They were praying for me and others as we led prayers on Christmas Eve.

These priests and brothers, bearing the cross of infirmity and illness, turned the well-worn pages of their beat-up copies of the Liturgy of the Hours as we marked again the birth of Jesus in our minds and hearts. The force of prayer in their old age strengthens so many of us still able-bodied Jesuits.

**In Good Company**

Christmas Mass is set for 11:30 a.m. We gather in the large sunroom of the infirmary. The tree is decorated and the crèche is before the altar. About half the gang can walk or wheel themselves to their customary spots. The gentle aides wheel in several of the guys. Most are awake. Some are sleeping. The men are dressed in old man chic: slippers; comfortable, baggy pants; plaid, warm, woolen shirts. Some are able to place stoles themselves. On others, the kind and smiling women in colorful smocks and hospital scrubs gently place the symbol of priesthood, smoothing the vestment’s fabric over the shoulders of those unable to do so themselves.

Father Rector presides and preaches. Brother Jack, who each day lovingly serves the men in the infirmary, works the CD player and beautiful Christmas music fills the room. One seemingly frail, thin, former high school teacher proclaims the readings in a surprisingly loud and moving voice. The homily is a full 10 minutes,
a wonderful reflection on the meaning and mission of Christmas. The Eucharist is slowly distributed. Each priest receives the consecrated body and blood he so often provided for others. Each brother receives the Lord he so faithfully has served with his life.

These guys were once vibrant and vigorous Jesuit priests and brothers. In the corner, with a smile on his face, is a missionary who spent decades in India. Next to him, a man who ran big and challenging city parishes. Quietly praying throughout the Mass is one of the best known Scripture scholars of the post-Vatican II era. Another, in a celebratory green and red Christmas sweatshirt, was a legendary hospital chaplain. And sitting up front is one who was both a provincial and university president. Most are elderly. One younger man in his early 60s is carrying the cross of a long-term battle with cancer and other physical ailments. He is confined to a wheelchair and hospital room while those of us who were novices with him are still running around. His courage and grace amaze me.

“This is my body ... This is my blood.” The words of institution strike me with an almost physical force. Men like these taught me and formed me when I was a recalcitrant high school kid, befriended and guided me when I entered the order, and mentored me through the years. They are my brothers. They are my family. If I am lucky and do not die suddenly without warning, their lives now are my future.

We are joined by the body and blood of Christ and our shared vows in the Company of Jesus, this least society started by St. Ignatius almost 500 years ago. The men in this room are my body and blood, and they gave their all, their bodies and blood, their sweat and their tears, their talents and treasure, to the service of faith and justice and reconciliation as Jesuits in the Church. My chest is tight as I look in awe on these men who have borne Christ to so many. I am a bit stunned at how suddenly and unexpectedly grateful I feel to be part of their lineage and legacy. As the rector quietly and pointedly moves to each and every man as we all exchange the sign of peace, I feel a bond I cannot quite understand, nor articulate. Then, rough and raspy throats together voice the prayer Jesus taught us. Thy Kingdom Come. Here, at this Christmas Mass, the Reign of God is palpable.

Brother Jack pushes the button at Communion time and “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” fills the room. I look around the room and realize I am in the presence of those who will soon be angels.

After the final blessing and song, slowly, the procession to lunch begins. Suffering from severe dementia, one Jesuit turns to a man with whom he was ordained years ago. “I don’t know why I’m here. I think I’m supposed to be in Baltimore tonight.”

“No, Joe. Relax. We’re here now.”

“How long are we staying here?”

“I have a room here. You have a room here. We’re staying here.” He pauses and looks lovingly at his brother and quietly tells him, “Our next room will be in heaven.” There will be room in the Celestial Inn for these good servants of God.

And what he told Joe could well have been said to all of us in the sunroom that Christmas morn: “Our next room will be in heaven.”

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It’s not too early to start training!

The 5th annual Runners For Others 5K Race is set for Saturday, April 29, 2017, in Baltimore, Md. Also known as the Ignatian 5K Run and Fun Walk, this event brings hundreds of runners, their families and friends, volunteers and sponsors together to raise awareness of and support for Jesuit social ministries.

When the race was first conceived more than five years ago, the goal was to host an event that would foster stronger bonds and collaboration among the various Jesuit schools, parishes, and organizations. Looking at our track record of the past four years, this is indeed happening. Students, teachers, parents, parishioners, staff members and Jesuits all turn out—rain or shine—to cheer the participants and celebrate the Ignatian legacy. It is a wonderful event that draws the Baltimore area Jesuit family together. Some have described it as a Jesuit family reunion and a renewal of the Ignatian spirit.

In addition to fostering awareness, Runners For Others raises much-needed funds for the wide variety of Jesuit works taking place in the city and beyond. To date, more than $50,000 has been distributed among the nine Baltimore area schools and ministries, which include: St. Ignatius Church, St. Alphonsus Church, Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, St. Ignatius Loyola Academy, Loyola Blakefield, Ignatian Volunteer Corps, Jesuit Volunteer Corps and the Maryland Province Jesuits.

This past year, the Ignatian 5K introduced the “Beyond the Finish Line” award, and it was presented to Fr. William Watters, SJ, by Wayne Gioioso, chairman of MidAtlantic Properties. Fr. Watters was unanimously chosen for exemplifying the Ignatian spirit of magis—going deeper to achieve the greater good.

Volunteers are busy planning and fundraising for the 2017 race. Save the date, April 29, and consider being a runner, walker or a supporter. You can do so the day of the race or even from your computer. Virtual runners are more than welcome! Like our Facebook page for information and alerts: facebook.com/ignatian5k

Each year for more than seven decades, the Sant’ Andrea Society of Scranton, Pa., hosts a “fun” fundraiser for the Maryland Province Jesuits. This annual event has grown to include Jesuit-educated alumni who live and work in the Northeast corridor of Pennsylvania. The fundraiser yields innumerable intangibles, such as inspiration, community and connection, in addition to bringing in over $500,000 for the Formation Fund.

Granddaughters and friends of the founders of Sant’ Andrea are in the midst of planning for the 74th Gala to be held on April 28, 2017. It promises to be yet another example of the impact of our Ignatian legacy. Fr. Gene Nolan, SJ, who returned to Scranton last year, serves as the liaison with the Jesuit community and the Gala.

Call 570-346-7569 for information and tickets.
On Sept. 27, 2016, over 120 golfers and supporters attended the 7th Annual Friends of the Jesuits Golf Outing at the prestigious Quaker Ridge Golf Club in Scarsdale, N.Y.

Since its inception seven years ago, the outing has raised nearly $1.95 million to help with the care for senior Jesuits and those served by various ministries that rely on the province for support.

The Jesuits of the USA Northeast Province are grateful to the golf committee for their diligent work and to the friends and corporate sponsors whose support has been very generous. We especially acknowledge Presenting Sponsors, Gary Goodenough and Pat Kelly; Tournament Sponsors, Elizabeth and Robert Jeffer; Welcome Gifts Sponsor, MARSH; Dinner Sponsor, Thomas Johnson; Brunch Sponsor, Mark Miller; Cart Sponsor, Scout Energy Partners; Grill Sponsor, Tim Croak; Driving Range Sponsor, the Riley Family; Putting Green Sponsor, the Fund Evaluation Group; those who have sponsored Jesuits; the Hole and Tee Sponsors and others who supported the outing with gracious donations.

A special thank you is extended to Peter Zaffino of MARSH for a most generous leadership gift.

At the event, Fr. John Cecero, SJ, the provincial of the USA Northeast Province, spoke about the good work of the Jesuits and their colleagues and thanked the golfers for their generosity.

“Jesuits will continue to respond to the needs of the Church, and we can flourish because of friends like you,” said Fr. Cecero. “Thank you and God bless you for your generosity and goodness ... and be assured that the Jesuits ... and especially our Jesuits residing at Campion Health Center and Murray-Weigel Hall, pray for you every day.”

The guests were then treated to a lively auction and placed bids for the chance to play on some of the best golf courses in the country. Group awards were given out for foursomes with the best scores.

The USA Northeast Province Jesuits are grateful to the friends who supported the outing through their participation, sponsorships and donations.
Friends Celebrate 7th Annual Golf Outing
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Presented by Fr. Eric M. Sundrup, SJ

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Double Tree Hotel – 9 a.m.
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—Adam Rosinski, SJ

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—Vinny Marchionni, SJ

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