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(L-R): Fr. Michael Rosinski, Fr. Peter Bisson, Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, and Fr. Winston Rye.

## Truth and Reconciliation

Commission of Canada



## THE JESUITS



The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) was created to inform Canadians about what happened in Residential Schools. The Commission was tasked to document the truth of survivors, families, communities and anyone personally affected by the Residential School experience. The TRC toured Canada from June 2008 to June 2015 and dealt with this dark and shameful era in Canadian history.

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## LETTER FROM THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE JESUIT DEVELOPMENT OFFICE



Jesuits are excited about what the coming year will bring. In October 2016, a General Congregation will be held where we will choose a new General Superior for the Jesuits all over the world. We will also take one more step toward union with the Jesuits of French Canada and Haiti by helping them choose a new Provincial Superior. And we will continue to work with Jesuits from the United States in our new Conference structure, doing what Pope Francis asks of us, to care for our common home.

We are excited because as you can see from the articles in this newsletter, our circle of friends keeps growing. People from all over Canada and the world are joining us in our mission. The strong attendance at our events tells us that you want to be a part of our mission of reaching out to people, especially those on the periphery, with the message of hope that Jesus offers.

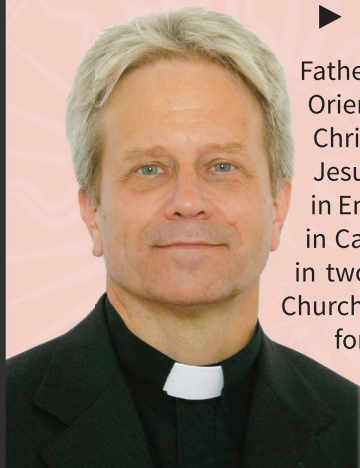
And we are excited because God keeps sending us exceptional new novices, men you can read about on the formation page in this newsletter. God keeps calling new Jesuits to serve the world. We feel blessed to receive them and we are grateful that through your donations we can form and educate them.

Thank you so much for choosing to be a friend of the Jesuits.  
Stay close.



Fr. Robert Foliot, SJ  
National Director  
Jesuit Development Office (JDO)

## JESUITS IN THE NEWS



### ► FATHER DAVID NAZAR, SJ

Father David Nazar, SJ, has been named rector of the Pontifical Oriental Institute, the premier centre for the study of Eastern Christianity in Rome, Italy. Fr. Nazar was serving as superior of the Jesuits in Ukraine and is a former provincial superior of the Jesuits in English Canada. He was born to a family of Ukrainian immigrants in Canada. There, he had the unique experience of practicing faith in two different Rites, the Byzantine and the Latin, in the Catholic Church. This experience became an aid for his later ministry, when former Jesuit Superior General, Fr. Peter Hans Kolvenbach, SJ, invited him to establish the Jesuit District in Ukraine. Besides being the superior in Ukraine, he was also involved in the Jesuit Refugee Service in the country.

# MEN IN FORMATION 2015-2016

## CURTIS MCKENZIE

Curtis is a first year novice with a Bachelor of Commerce and a CPA (CMA) professional accounting designation in Canada. After 18 years in banking & commerce he heard the call to be a "man for others" as a Jesuit.

## MATHIEW NINI

Mathiew is a first year novice from Chandler, Quebec with a Master's Degree in the Philosophy of Religion from McGill. He wrote his Master's thesis on Jesuit philosopher Joseph Maréchal.

## MARC-ANDRÉ VESELOVSKY

Marc-André is a first year novice from Ottawa. With a background in philosophy and psychology, he said "yes" to Christ, walked the Camino, and chose to become a Jesuit.

## DANIEL KRAEMER

After coming to the Jesuits from the automotive industry, Daniel just pronounced his vows as a Jesuit and has enthusiastically begun the study of philosophy at the Dominican College in Ottawa.

## RAJ VIJAYAKUMAR

The first Tamil in Canada to become a Jesuit, Raj is at the University of Toronto completing his studies in philosophy and the humanities.

## KEVIN KELLY

The former pharmaceutical marketing director with Merck for Europe, Kevin continues his study of philosophy and the humanities, and is also working at the Jesuit Forum in Toronto.

## ADAM HINCKS

With a PhD in Astrophysics, after two years of post-doctoral work and teaching, Adam has now begun his study of theology to prepare him for priesthood. He is studying in Rome not far from the Vatican Observatory.

## RICHARD MULROONEY

A former criminal lawyer, he is in his second year at the novitiate. Richard continues to study Jesuit spirituality and through various apostolic placements, is preparing himself to pronounce vows as a Jesuit.

## MATTHEW HENDZEL

Having just pronounced his vows as a Jesuit after his two years of novitiate, Matthew is writing his doctoral thesis on "the theology of purgatory" at St. Michael's College, the University of Toronto.

## BROOK STACEY

After completing the novitiate program and pronouncing his vows as a Jesuit, Brook is studying philosophy and the humanities at the University of Toronto. Brook is also an avid musician.

## ADAM LALONDE

Adam continues his regency or practical internship at Loyola High School in Montreal. There he does a lot of chaplaincy and retreat work with the students.

## ERIC HANNA

A quick wit, full of creativity and humour, Eric has a love for literature and philosophy. He is in theology studies at Regis College, the University of Toronto.

## TED PENTON

Ted is a Harvard-trained lawyer who continues his regency or practical internship giving the Spiritual Exercises to street-people throughout the United States.

## EDMUND LO

A molecular biologist from British Columbia, Edmund is fluent in Cantonese and Mandarin. A fine singer, he continues his study of theology in preparation for the priesthood.

## ERIK SORESENSEN

An aeronautical engineer and pilot, Erik is studying humanities and philosophy. He is co-ordinating the Canoe Pilgrimage 2017, to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary and to commemorate the Canadian Jesuit Martyrs.

## HUGH O'HARA

A computer whiz and avid robotics enthusiast, Hugh is currently assisting at Quixote House, the Winnipeg Jesuits' house of transition for men who were previously incarcerated.

## GREG KENNEDY

A newly ordained priest, Greg is a philosopher, who wrote his PhD thesis on the meaning of trash. He is currently finishing his licentiate in theology in Bogota, Colombia.

## MICHAEL ROSINSKI

Michael has almost completed his doctoral thesis in Canon Law at St. Paul's University in Ottawa. He will soon be available to teach and work in marriage tribunals.

## MICHAEL KNOX

Michael has just successfully defended his doctoral thesis in Church History at Oxford University. He begins as director of Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, Ontario on February 1, 2016.

## ADAM PITTMAN

Adam is in his second year of the novitiate. He is a communications specialist from Newfoundland's Burin Peninsula and is fluent in French.

## MARC DE ASIS

Having completed his Master's of Divinity and also a Master's of Education, Marc is teaching at St. Paul's High School in Winnipeg.

## JOHN D. O'BRIEN

A former high school principal, John is in his second year of theology prior to ordination. John is a gifted musician, well-versed in communications, and committed to pastoral work.

## ARTUR SUSKI

Trained in biochemistry, Artur has committed himself to advanced studies in theology and spirituality. Artur is experienced in the delivery of *Hearts on Fire* retreats.

## PAUL ROBSON

Paul is doing a licentiate in theology at St. Paul's University with the intention of serving among the aboriginal people of Canada. He will be ordained to the priesthood on May 21, 2016.

## GERARD RYAN

Born in Ireland, Gerard joined the Jesuits in Canada. He is completing his doctorate in theology at Oxford University. He is working in the area of secularism.

## JASON VAZ

Born in Mumbai, India, Jason has a Master's Degree in Philosophy. He is in his second year of theological studies prior to ordination.

## MATTHEW LIVINGSTONE

Fluent in Arabic, Matthew is completing a licentiate in theology before he attends Oxford University for doctoral studies in biblical languages. He is committed to Muslim-Christian dialogue.





## SCOTCH NOSING AND DINNER

More than 150 guests gathered at Toronto's Albany Club for an evening of fun and friendship for the Third Annual Scotch Nosing and Dinner on October 21.

The Provincial of the Jesuits in English Canada, Father Peter Bisson, SJ, stressed the importance of fellowship and anchored his sentiments on Robert Burns' poem "Auld Lang Syne." He expressed gratitude to guests and made special mention of the evening's chair, Bill Blakeney, who established the annual scotch nosing event.

Fr. Bisson spoke about the work of both the French and English Canada Jesuit Provinces, and how the nosing was one of many events that would

be hosted by a new joint Canadian Province, to be formed in 2018.

Under the guidance of Ed Patrick, guests learned to nose and swish some of the finest Scotch whiskeys. University of Toronto professor, Dr. David Wilson, also spoke about the bond between the Celts and Canada and the relationship of Canada's first Prime Minister Sir John A. Macdonald and politician Thomas D'Arcy McGee.

The evening was capped off with CHIN's Irish program radio host Hugo Straney rallying the crowd with a live auction.

The evening's sponsors were HUB International, Blakeney Henneberry, Murphy & Galligan, John and Aileen McGrath and Mako Oishi.



## ROMERO FILM SCREENING

Pope Francis declared Salvadorian Archbishop Oscar Romero a Blessed in May 2015, bringing the slain bishop one step closer to sainthood.

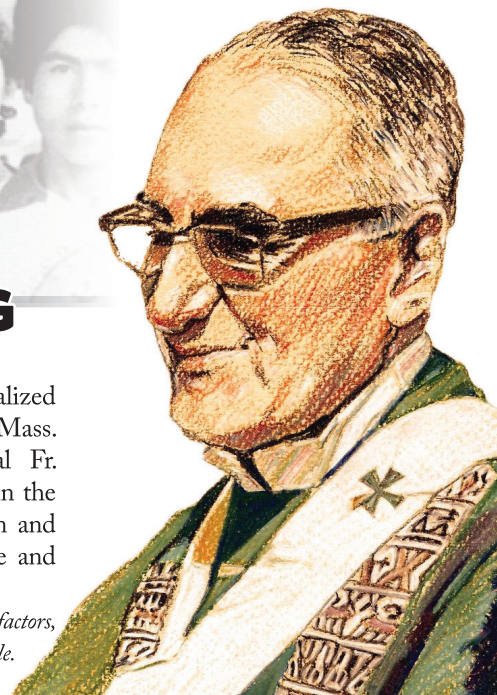
In honour of this announcement, the Jesuit Development Office hosted a screening of the 1989 feature film Romero at Toronto's TIFF Bell Lightbox Theatre last fall.

The film, which depicts the violent military regime that took power in El Salvador in 1979, shows

Romero's ministry to the poor and marginalized and his violent assassination while celebrating Mass.

Following the screening, Jesuit Provincial Fr. Peter Bisson, SJ, articulated the sombre tone in the audience and reminded attendees to focus on and gain strength from Blessed Romero's courage and generosity.

*Editor's note: The JDO acknowledges the benefactors, committees and volunteers who made these events possible.*



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## TRUTH & reconciliation

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The closing ceremonies of the TRC were held in Ottawa from May 31 to June 3. A number of religious groups were involved in the events including the Jesuits in English Canada. Jesuits in attendance included Provincial Superior Fr. Peter Bisson, Most Rev. Terrence Prendergast, Archbishop of Ottawa, Fr. Winston Rye, and Fr. Michael Rosinski, to name a few. Some participated in the Solidarity Walk on May 31, while Archbishop Prendergast and Fr. Bisson spoke at the TRC's closing ceremonies.

During the ceremonies, one of the highlights was the Commission releasing its report and a Calls to Action document with 94 recommendations.

There were many powerful images that stand out for participant Fr. Bisson during the proceedings but three were extraordinary memories.

"It was moving to experience the emotional standing ovation given to Justice Murray Sinclair," says Fr. Bisson. "I have immense respect for him, as do so many others. He and the other commissioners became spiritual leaders through the seven-year process, by listening respectfully to everyone who came before the Commission to share their painful stories."

A second experience for Fr. Bisson was receiving a pouch of tobacco from a First Nations elder who was offering this gift of reconciliation to any priests he encountered during the days in Ottawa.

Fr. Bisson's third memory was the mood of the gathering. "It was positive and hopeful even though it was a gathering about the pain of survivors of the schools. They became leaders and teachers, teaching us so much about reconciliation."

The Jesuits in English Canada are taking seriously the recommendations that apply to Christian churches. Fr. Bisson has asked



educational institutions affiliated with the Jesuits to update their curricula to reflect the truth about indigenous history, including the legacy of residential schools and life today.

Regis College in Toronto is developing a course on uniquely Canadian social justice issues, with a strong emphasis on aboriginal issues. An immersion program will give Jesuits in formation experiences of Aboriginal life and will start in the summer of 2016. The first will be offered at Campion College in Regina, which has close ties to the First Nations University of Canada.

The Jesuits minister to indigenous peoples in and around Regina and Fr. Bisson expressed his excitement about the initiation of an immersion program. "This program will be led by indigenous peoples and will raise the consciousness and engagement of this generation of Jesuits moving into their ministry as priests and brothers."

"The cultural sin of colonization and its impact is huge and getting beyond it is an immense task," says

Fr. Bisson. "It's one of our basic sins. We have seen indigenous peoples being marginalized from generation to generation. My desire is that the Jesuits can play some part in a new and more hopeful life for indigenous peoples, one where the educational and economic gap between aboriginals and non-aboriginals is not so vast."

*Editor's note: The Jesuits issued a Statement of Reconciliation on April 25, 2013 which may be found in the section entitled 'First Nations Ministries,' under 'What we do,' on the Province website [www.jesuits.ca](http://www.jesuits.ca).*







## Mother Teresa Middle School: FAITH IN POTENTIAL

Mother Teresa Middle School (MTMS) is an independent, Catholic middle school located in Regina, Saskatchewan that serves students whose chances of success have been compromised by social or economic factors affecting them and their families. MTMS aims to break the cycle of poverty among its target families through the application of a unique educational model. MTMS delivers the Government of Saskatchewan curriculum, permeated by the Catholic faith and enriched by extended school time, small class and school size, transitional supports and by an innovative middle years program.

Disparity in education and employment outcomes between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people in Saskatchewan remains one of the province's largest challenges. The employment disparity is driven by difference in education outcomes, specifically graduation rates between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students. In 2014, only 40.3% of Aboriginal students graduated on-time (within three years of entering grade 10), compared to 83.4% of non-Aboriginal students. Given two more years to complete high school, only 54.2% of Aboriginal students achieve grade 12. While MTMS is open to students of all ethnic backgrounds, currently 82% of students are Aboriginal.

MTMS is unique among schools in providing *cura personalis* or care for the whole person. The full-time, onsite social worker helps achieve a high level of care by ensuring disruption of student learning is minimized. Students come from complex, disadvantaged families and have several barriers to overcome. Extensive supports provided by the school include: transportation to and from school, two meals and two snacks a day, eyeglasses, dental care, professional counselling and supports, uniforms, enrichment programs and a summer program.

Something that sets MTMS apart from other schools is its Graduate Support Program. Successful transition into high school is critical to student success. The Graduate Support Program ensures students are attending high school and helps them problem solve around financial, social and emerging educational issues. The time at MTMS sets the foundation, instills positive habits, and provides necessary supports to ensure overall well-being and success. The Graduate Support Program then ensures that students transition successfully into high school, graduate, and pursue post-secondary education.

The Mentorship Program is also critical to the success of students who rely heavily on relationships and networks to find success. In grade 7, all students are matched with mentors who serve as a second wave of trusted, caring adults in their lives. The mentors provide valuable one on one support and guidance as well as the start of a network for the students. The program also helps students build trust, confidence and social capital as they grow and learn to ask for help when needed.

Currently MTMS has 54 students and supports 34 students in high school. Student attendance is a critical school benchmark and a key focus for MTMS. From 2014-15, MTMS achieved an overall attendance rate of 95% for students and an overall attendance rate of 92% for its students in high school. Six members of our first grade 9 class made the honour roll at their respective high schools. All graduates are still in school and well on their way to becoming "men and women for others."

Mother Teresa Middle School relies on the generous support of private donors and grants to make up 70% of its annual operating budget. The cost to educate one student at MTMS is \$25,000 per year but it is a great investment. Investment in education outcomes for vulnerable youth will result in future cost savings to education, social services, health and justice ministries, as well as have a positive impact on our provincial economy. If students can graduate from high school, pursue a post-secondary education, become gainfully employed, have healthier lifestyles and better habits—they will become an asset to their communities.

For more information or to make a donation please contact Cindy Kobayashi, Director of Development, MTMS, 306.569.6867 or [ckobayashi@mtmschoolregina.com](mailto:ckobayashi@mtmschoolregina.com).



# Stepping Into Simpler Shoes

A REFLECTION BY A JESUIT VOLUNTEER

What would happen if you decided to walk in a poor person's shoes for one year? We are about to find out. We are Louise French, Erica Osko, and Joshua Smith, the 2015-2016 Jesuit Volunteers of Jesuit Volunteers Canada (JVC).

JVC is a year-long formation program where young adults live out the values of Christian spirituality, social and eco-justice, community, and simple living. This year we are in Toronto, living in community and working with the urban poor and refugees.

On September 1, I met Joshua and Erica for the beginning of a two-week orientation. While we are all new university graduates, we come from quite different walks of life. Erica grew up on a farm in Vegreville, Alberta, majored in English at the University of Alberta, and brings her love of literature to our group. Joshua brings a passion for social justice and a degree in Jewish Roots in Christian Theology from the University of Saskatoon. I bring a background in Philosophy from the University of Western Ontario in London, ON – my hometown.

During orientation, I was inspired by former Jesuit Volunteer (JV) Lori Neale who shared her family's home with newcomers through Romero House. I had never seen counter-cultural intentional community in a natural way living out the Gospel. As Pope Francis says, "Theoretical poverty is of no use to us. Poverty is learned by touching the flesh of the poor Christ, in the humble, the poor, the sick, and in children."

We are now living in the new JVC community home, an apartment above the Seeds of Hope Lazarus House, in the heart of downtown Toronto. Each of us has a full-time work placement with a local justice

organization. Erica, Josh, and I share stories about sharing meals with the poor, helping new friends in rehab, and learning Spanish in a Latina women's conversation circle. JVC is offering us moments to be other-centered.



### ► WHAT IS JVC?

Jesuit Volunteers Canada is a ministry of the Jesuits in English Canada which offers young people the opportunity to live and/or work with Jesuits promoting justice and peace.

I am moving away from the question of who is my neighbour, to ask, to whom am I a neighbour (Luke 10:29)?

The JVC journey is one of *magis*: the greater good. Spiritual direction opens my heart to God in order to receive Christ in newcomers. We fully appreciate the face of God in the poor—both in their needs and their generosity to help us through ours. This is just the beginning of our journey; to step out of ourselves and into fellowship with the least of our brothers and sisters (Matthew 25:40). The inner pilgrimage to God begins by stepping into simpler shoes of the poor: our neighbours.

For more information about JVC's programs, please visit

[www.jesuitvolunteers.ca](http://www.jesuitvolunteers.ca)



## THE 2015-2016 JESUIT VOLUNTEERS



Joshua Smith



Louise French



Erica Osko



# Renewed in Newfoundland

A REFLECTION

Father Robert Foliot, SJ came to St. John's to thank friends of the Jesuits for 53 years of caring for them, but to his surprise, he was renewed in Newfoundland.

While meeting joyful Newfoundlanders, I immediately began to feel at home, to feel this is where I came from. For the first time, I began to think about my maternal grandfather, James Walsh, who died six years before I was born.

As a youngster in the late 1880s, he came from Ireland to Newfoundland with his family. Not long after they settled, his father and five brothers drowned in a boating accident. James survived and despite the horrible tragedy, he could not resist heading back out to sea. He became a ship chandler's scout, bringing liquor and provisions from St. Pierre et Miquelon to Harbour Breton, an outpost off Fortune Bay on the south coast of Newfoundland. There he met Mary McDonald, whom he married, and with whom he raised a family. To make ends meet, he moved to North Sydney, Nova Scotia, then on to Grand River on the Gaspé Coast, and finally to Montreal, where the family ran a fish and chips store.

Recalling this history brought back childhood memories of salt cod and corned beef and cabbage dinners. The greatest joy was when sun-dried caplin was trucked in to Montreal, the city where I was born and raised. I remembered how my grandmother served them up with fresh homemade bread and butter, tea, or sometimes a small glass of cold beer. All of this reminded me that my blood type is NL and that Newfoundland is part of my heart.

After seeing Signal Hill, Cape Spear, St. John's Harbour, Flatrock, and especially the Avalon Peninsula outpost of Renew's, I began to feel my roots and sensed that this is where I came from.

This was reinforced in Renew's while on a fishing trip into the Atlantic with Paul and Albert Kane. The ocean was calm while a magnificent sunrise framed the sky. I saw seals jumping out of the waves and gannets dive down into the water from 60 feet high to

catch mackerel. I sensed the presence of a whale, and amid the hundreds of sculpin caught were four beautiful cod. They were filleted in a flash, their tongues set aside for a feed later in the day of fresh cod tongues. The fish-fry complemented with fresh blueberry pudding and rhubarb wine, in the company of the very welcoming people of Renew's, was a heavenly banquet for me.

Before I had to leave the place where I felt so much I belonged, I saw a bell retrieved from one of the many shipwrecks off Mistaken Point, picked wild blueberries and a few bake-apples, saw the lighthouse where the first Titanic signal was heard, and walked a pebbly ocean beach.



Father Robert Foliot, SJ, and Ed Chidley, Renew's resident.

Newfoundland, I mused, why had I taken so long to experience it?

A cap, a beautiful green stone polished by centuries of rolling ocean tides, and a little bag of sun-dried caplin, all from my trip, are helping me to remember that I am indeed a Newfoundlander.

Newfoundland has formed many of our Jesuits for the half-century we have been on "The Rock." Its people have taught us resilience and joy. They have taught us about family, community, and the joy of conversation. I pray that Our Lady will ask her Son to continue renewing Jesuits, giving us big Newfoundland hearts, and that all Newfoundlanders may never forget from where they came.

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## JESUIT TIES TO NEWFOUNDLAND

*Jesuits host event in St. John's to honour more than 50 years of friendship with the Newfoundland faith community*

Jesuits and staff from the Jesuits in English Canada Province Curia visited Newfoundland on September 3<sup>rd</sup> to thank the community for more than 50 years of friendship and support of the Jesuits.

Provincial Fr. Peter Bisson, Socius Fr. John McCarthy, Jesuit Development Office (JDO) National Director Fr. Robert Foliot and Director of Major Gifts Eleanor McGrath, joined about 200 friends from: St. Pius X Parish, Gonzaga High School, St. Bonaventure's College, Memorial University, and the town of Renew's.

In a powerful moment of faith, unity, and mission, Archbishop Martin Currie of St. John's, NL, expressed his appreciation for the Jesuits and gave a moving blessing to all the Jesuits who had assembled.

Newly-appointed pastor at St. Pius X Parish, Fr. Earl Smith, Fr. Bisson, Fr. Foliot and Parish

Pastoral Assistant Maria Kelsey also spoke.

Fr. Foliot thanked the people of Newfoundland for generously welcoming Jesuits. "You have received and transformed Jesuits for more than 53 years," he said. "They think, act and feel with Newfoundland as part of their worldview." He went on to ask residents to send more men to join the Jesuits.

The night concluded with a presentation of an 'ugly stick,' a traditional Newfoundland musical instrument fashioned out of household items, as well as other gifts to Fr. Smith, to help inculcate him into his new home.

One guest stated that the evening was the first big sign of hope he had felt in the Newfoundland Church for many years.







# Finding God in All Things

MANRESA JESUIT RENEWAL CENTRE



A retreat centre located in Pickering, ON, Manresa attracts thousands of retreatants every year to its spacious and nature-filled grounds.



The Manresa-Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre is a 21-acre property that was built some 70 years ago on a property belonging to the Duke of Clarendon.

Manresa is all about accessing the treasure of the Spirit that God gives freely to everyone who comes to its hallowed grounds.

People come to be grounded in faith, refresh their hope, and deepen their charity. They come to realize how wonderful God's love is for us. The Centre's grounds are beautiful in all its seasons: the promise of new life in spring, the warmth of love in summer, the vibrant colours of fall and in the freshness of untouched winter snow.

Retreatants are challenged to dream. They are challenged to go where the brave do not go, to reach the unreachable star, to realize how precious they are in the eyes of God and how vital they are for our parish communities.

Last year at Manresa, nearly 2,000 retreatants attended 33 weekends. There were 3,000 students who attended Days of Recollection. There were groups that came to make private retreats or host conferences on various themes such as social justice.

The weekend retreats are barely 48 hours, but miracles take place each weekend in the silence which is precious, and in the retreatant's openness to God's working in them. The retreat is hard work. When retreatants arrive they are half a miracle by the very fact they are made by God. The miracle is completed with the hard work of the retreatant.

For more details on the history of Manresa and retreats offered, please visit their website at:

[www.manresa-canada.ca](http://www.manresa-canada.ca)



“Miracles take place each weekend in the silence which is precious, and in *the openness* of the retreatant to God's working in them.”



MIRIAM LOPEZ-VILLEGAS

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS  
COORDINATOR, CJI

The life of every Syrian has been affected by the war which began in 2011. It is estimated that half the population has now been displaced either inside or outside the country. Long lasting solutions will only come with peace; meanwhile, we have a responsibility to respond to human suffering.

Inside Syria, humanitarian aid continues to be extremely constrained and many agencies are not allowed to work there. The Jesuits are able to serve the affected population through local Syrian Jesuits and the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS), which was established in the country before the war. JRS teams composed of Jesuits and lay people of different faiths are working in places like Aleppo and Damascus, providing much-needed assistance, including food, health services and family visits. Thousands of Syrians have benefitted from their work.

JRS is also delivering emergency aid, education and accompaniment programs in the neighbouring countries of Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey. This work is supported by various organizations, including Canadian Jesuits International (CJI), which has raised more than \$500,000 to date.

As in Syria, the challenges in these countries are enormous. Refugees often live in substandard buildings or informal settlements (where they must pay rent).

They face extreme weather conditions with hot summers and freezing winters. While most dream of returning home, families nevertheless try to adapt to their new surroundings; however, students who miss four consecutive years of school are not allowed back into the formal education system. Without an education, much will be denied to this generation — a concern JRS is addressing through its education programs.

For a time, Syria's neighbours were responding quite well with basic services, but now their housing, education and health systems are overwhelmed. Refugees are often exploited or at risk of *refoulement*, (expulsion back to the war zone), if they engage in income-generating activities. Assistance is being cut, mostly due to a lack of funding. Even UN agencies such as the World Food Program are scaling down. As a result, Syrians are now also leaving the region due to a lack of humanitarian assistance and increasing opposition and barriers within neighbouring countries.

The most important call to us is to combat prejudice and fear. Our hope is that the work of Jesuits and partner organizations will help families to regain that sense of life as remembered, with some normalcy beyond mere survival.

To learn more or to support the educational and humanitarian work of CJI with Syrian refugees, please go to [canadianjesuitsinternational.ca](http://canadianjesuitsinternational.ca)



Syrian refugee home in Irbid, Jordan.



Syrian refugee children at Jbeil School in Lebanon.



Two women of different faiths greet each other in Aleppo, Syria.





**BROTHER LEO  
BRADY, SJ**  
JULY 29, 1919 –  
NOVEMBER 6, 2015

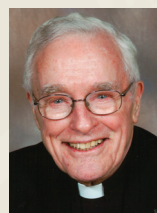
Brother Leo Brady died on November 6, at Ajax-Pickering Hospital in his 97th year of life and 68th year of religious life. Bro. Leo was born in Inverary, near Kingston, ON, the son of Michael Brady and Margaret Boyle. In 1948, Bro. Leo followed his older brother Daniel into the Jesuit novitiate at Guelph, ON. Two of his sisters also entered religious life. After pronouncing first vows in 1950, Bro. Leo began his long stay at Guelph as carpenter and assistant gardener. In those years, the large novitiate community was supplied with food from the farm and the orchards. In 1959, he was assigned as carpenter to the new Regis College in Willowdale, ON. Bro. Leo went back to Guelph in 1962 and was put in charge of the farm. With the Ignatius Farm Community in full operation, Bro. Leo's work was lessened. After the death of the legendary Bro. Benjamin Reischman in 1980, Bro. Leo took on work in the orchards. He also added the maintenance of the buildings on the property to his portfolio. In 2001, Bro. Leo ended 50 years of serving the Guelph community and moved to the Jesuit Infirmary, René Goupil in Pickering, ON. There he did house works and rarely missed a day walking outside. His outlook on life was so positive that many Jesuits regularly visited Br. Leo just for the sheer joy of witnessing his smiling face.



**FATHER PAUL  
GRANVILLE, SJ**  
MARCH 21, 1928 –  
AUGUST 1, 2015

Father Paul Granville died on August 1, at the Ajax-Pickering Hospital. He was in his 88th year and in religious life for 70 years. He was born in Bedford, NS, the son of Edward and Greta Granville. He completed four years at Saint Mary's High School in Halifax, NS and a year at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish in pre-med. Fr. Granville had thought of following his father in medicine, but then decided to follow his brother Edward who had joined

the Jesuits in 1943. He entered the Society of Jesus at Guelph, ON on July 30, 1945. Following the juniorate and philosophate, he moved to Montreal for three years of regency at Loyola High School. Theology followed in 1955 at the Jesuit Seminary in Toronto. Fr. Granville was ordained a priest on June 22, 1958, in Toronto by Cardinal McGuigan. He completed tertianship in Spokane and then a year of studies in education at Gonzaga University. Fr. Granville was posted to Champion High School, Regina, SK in 1961 as assistant principal and then in 1963 as principal at Regiopolis High School in Kingston. In 1971, Fr. Granville moved to St. John's, NL, as principal of Gonzaga High School. His years of teaching over, he took a clinical pastoral training programme in Halifax in 1975 and became chaplain at Victoria General Hospital in Halifax, a post he held until 1992. He was appointed pastor of St. Bernard's Church in Enfield, Nova Scotia and continued there until his move to René Goupil in Pickering in 2004.



**FATHER JOHN  
O'BRIEN, SJ**  
JULY 3, 1924 –  
NOVEMBER 7, 2015

Father John O'Brien died on November 7 at René Goupil in Pickering, ON at 92 years of age and in religious life for 71 years. He was born in Montreal, QC and schooled at Lajoie, Outremont, Loyola High School, and Loyola College. He entered the Jesuits in Guelph, ON in 1945. After studies, teaching at Loyola High School, and theology, he was ordained a priest on June 23, 1957. Fr. O'Brien studied educational psychology at Fordham and the University of Toronto and later completed a PhD in Communications at the University of Southern California. He returned to Montreal to establish the Department of Communication Arts at Loyola College, the first such department in Canada. There he served as professor, administrator, and acting vice-president. In 1983, he served as the International Secretary for Social Communications in Rome's Curia. He also served as professor at the Gregorian University and consultant for the Pontifical Council for Social Communications. In 1990, Fr.

O'Brien returned to Canada to become the director of the Manresa-Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre in Pickering, ON. His organizational and counselling skills were exceptional. He also did some teaching at St. Augustine's Seminary and established the Communications Desk at the Province Curia. Until his death, he provided spiritual direction and counselling to many. Fr. O'Brien had a vast research record connected with communications and the Church. One such project was the work he did on the Ecumenical Pavilion at Expo 67. He received many awards and recognitions throughout his life.



**FATHER MICHAEL  
STOGRE, SJ**  
JUNE 28, 1944 –  
JUNE 24, 2015

Father Michael Stogre died on June 24 in Vancouver, BC. The eldest of eight children, he was born in Summerside, PEI but grew up in Toronto, ON. He entered the Jesuits in 1962 and completed a BA, MA, and Licentiate in Philosophy at Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA. During regency, he taught Latin and Science at Brebeuf College, Toronto, then served as program director of education for Development and Peace. Theology at Regis College, Toronto and a Master of Divinity degree followed. He was ordained a priest in 1974. In Toronto, he taught medical ethics at George Brown College and pursued medicine at McMaster University, graduating (MD) in 1978, and interning at St. Joseph's Hospital. From 1979-1986, he worked at the Jesuit Centre for Social Faith and Justice, Toronto. He worked with Amnesty International and served on the Aboriginal Rights Coalition and the Ontario Health Coalition. For two years, he served on the board and medical therapy committee at Southdown. Later, he helped the Rama Indian Band start a health clinic, serving on their Health and Welfare Committee, and working on a number of environmental health issues in Ontario. Other work included preparing for the 1984 Papal visit, serving on the allocations committee of Catholic Charities of Toronto, and the ethics committee of the Catholic Children's Aid Society. From 1990-2012, he worked

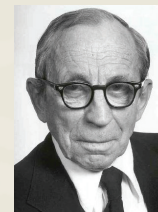
at the Anishinabe Spiritual Centre (ASC), Anderson Lake, Espanola. There he served as pastor for several parishes in the Algoma-Manitoulin area and on the United Chiefs and Council of Manitoulin's Health Board. He was also director of the ASC for five years. In 1992, he completed a doctorate in Christian social ethics at the University of St. Paul, Ottawa, ON. In January 2013, Fr. Stogre was sent to Vancouver, BC, where he worked as assistant pastor of St. Mark's Parish, including university and hospital chaplaincy at the University of British Columbia.



**FATHER GERARD  
VAN WALLEGHEM, SJ**  
MARCH 7, 1927 –  
JUNE 1, 2015

Father Gerard Adhelson Van Walleghem died on June 1 in Darjeeling, India, at the age of 88. He was a Jesuit for 70 years. "Fr Van," as he was known, was born in Winnipeg into a large family, that ran a dairy business. He joined the Jesuits on September 7, 1944. After completing his early training in Guelph and at Regis College, he went to Darjeeling in 1951 and was ordained on March 19, 1958. Given his talents, Fr. Van was repeatedly chosen for leadership roles and

filled many posts in virtually every part of the Darjeeling Mission, and some beyond. During his early days in Darjeeling, Fr. Van worked directly with young people. As the years went by, administrative responsibilities increased, but he never forgot the formative years of the many young people whose lives he touched. Fr. Van had a profound care for the most disadvantaged. Whether it was acquiring a job or decent housing, gaining admission to one of the many schools he ran, he focused on those in need. Jesuit responsibilities were Fr. Van's constant companion. He fulfilled the role of novice master, rector, principal, teacher and everything else as required. His legacy at St. Joseph's School, North Point, is permanent. His success in leading young men through Jesuit formation was great. In all these roles, Fr. Van built strong bridges between faith and cultures and service among the disenfranchised. Fr. Van spent his final days at St. Joseph's, North Point, where he was also laid to rest.



**BROTHER ALVIN VOISIN, SJ**  
FEBRUARY 12, 1917 –  
JULY 19, 2015

Brother Alvin Voisin died peacefully on July 19, at René

Goupil House in Pickering, Ontario. He was in his 99th year of life and was a Jesuit brother for 74 years. Bro. Voisin was born and raised in the small town of St. Clements, Ontario, son of Robert Voisin and Louisa Lunz. Bro. Voisin entered the novitiate in Guelph in 1941 as a coadjutor novice when he was 22. His first assignment after first vows was to Garnier School in Spanish, ON. He faithfully worked as overseer of the property and gardener, and he did the usual household tasks that the brothers did in those days. After Garnier School was closed in 1958, he moved to Loyola Retreat House in Oakville, ON, to supervise the care of the extensive grounds.

In 1960, Bro. Voisin began his long tenure at Guelph when he went there to work as custodian of the grounds and on the farm. This ended in 2000 when ill health brought about the move to the infirmary at Pickering. The only interruption in his long stay at Guelph was from 1979 to 1981, when he was appointed assistant to the minister, Bro. Paul Robin, in Pickering, ON. A lot of renovation was being done at Manresa Retreat House and his maintenance skills were called upon during those two years of steady work. A quiet man in later life, Bro. Voisin was always seen by his community as a solid and prayerful Jesuit.

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## PLANNED GIVING SEMINAR

GUELPH, ON

*Is it time to look at your will again?* A Planned Giving Seminar with Rosanne Rocchi, Partner, Estate Planning, Trusts and Succession Law Group and Pension Group at Miller Thomson LLP.

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## 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL JESUIT PROVINCIAL'S DINNER

TORONTO, ON

10th annual Jesuit Provincial's Dinner will begin with Mass at The Church of the Good Shepherd and followed by dinner at Le Parc Dining and Banquet Hall.

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## JESUIT ORDINATIONS

TORONTO, ON

Jesuit scholastics will be ordained to the diaconate and priesthood at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

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## TRUTH, RECONCILIATION AND HOPE CONFERENCE

TORONTO, ON

*Truth, Reconciliation, and Hope: A Vision for a new Canada.* All-day conference with workshops and speakers. Alumni Hall, 121 St. Joseph Street. Toronto.

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## FATHER JACK O'BRIEN, SJ, GOLF CLASSIC

TORONTO, ON

The inaugural Father Jack O'Brien, SJ, Golf Classic will bring together Friends of the Jesuits to support the formation of Jesuits who will serve in Canada and worldwide. We hope to see you on the links.

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## 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SCOTCH NOSING AND DINNER

TORONTO, ON

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Scotch Nosing and Dinner will take place at the Albany Club. Sponsorships are available. Tickets are \$150 per guest, and seating is limited.



For more details on any of the events listed above please contact JDO at 416.481.9154 or 1.855.962.4500.





PLANNED GIVING

# Have you remembered the Jesuits in your will?

*And why—and when—you should review your will*

By remembering the Jesuits in your will, you can help to prepare young men to work in the vineyard of the Lord. A will is a clear and legally binding statement of your wishes; however, you can make changes to your will if you desire.

In a will you may make a bequest to an individual or charitable organization such as the Jesuit Seminary Association. By remembering a charitable organization in your will, your bequest may help minimize taxes on your final return.

## Once you have a will, how often should you review it for changes?

In general, a will should be reviewed every five years, but life changes will necessitate a more frequent review.

In all common law provinces except for Ontario, a marriage will revoke a will unless that will is made in contemplation of marriage. Except for marriage and divorce, there is no presumption of an intention to revoke a will or change a bequest based on a change in circumstance.

## Why should a will be reviewed?

A person should review a will to ensure that the terms are still suitable. The following are some possible examples.

### Birth or death of a beneficiary

The birth of a new child may not require a new will because most wills will refer to “my children” or “my issue” (meaning lineal descendants) instead of naming each. The reason to use a generic description is to avoid the expense of amending a will if a child has died or has been born.

### Special needs dependants

If a child has developed special needs, that child may require greater benefits than the others.

### Trusts for children

Many testators, (persons who have a will), provide trusts for their children. If nothing is stipulated in the will, a child will receive any benefits on attaining the age of majority. In most provinces, that is the age of 18.

However, having a child receive a significant inheritance at a young age is not always prudent and may lead to dissipation of that wealth. It is popular to provide that a child receive an inheritance in instalments, starting at age 25 and extending to age 35 or 40. As children age, it may become apparent that they have a need for greater protection (due to alcohol or drug dependency) or that deferral until the age of 40 is not needed for a child who has demonstrated stability, common sense and maturity.

### Sale of an asset

If a testator has sold a cottage which is the subject of a bequest, the testator should decide if a different gift should be provided to the beneficiary who will no longer receive the cottage.

### Growth or diminution of wealth

If a person’s estate has increased or decreased substantially, the testator should revisit the will to ensure the benefits are still appropriate. If the estate has decreased, the testator will want to ensure that his or her dependants are adequately provided for.

### Elderly parents

If a testator is currently supporting an elderly parent, the will should be amended to include a direction to continue that support.

While there is no general rule of thumb, a review every five years will go some way toward ensuring one’s will is current and still suitable.

Whatever you decide to do, we encourage you to seek the advice of your own legal and financial counsellors when creating or revising a will.

*Your gift helps Jesuits in our mission, when we are younger and a little older.*

By remembering the Jesuits in your will, you can help to prepare men to work in parishes, education, international missions and with the marginalized.

Please contact the Jesuit Development Office at 416.481.9154 if you have any questions or would like to discuss your intentions of remembering the Jesuits in your will.



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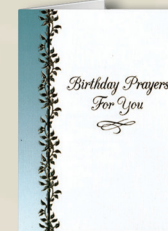
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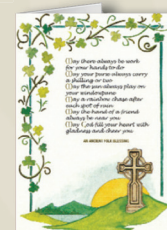
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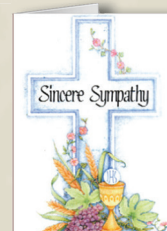
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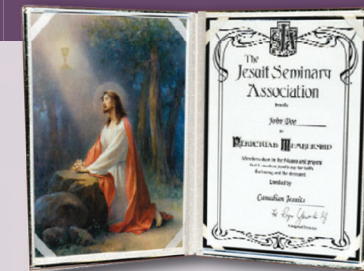
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Deacon Paul Robson, SJ and  
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(a Jesuit for 72 years)



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