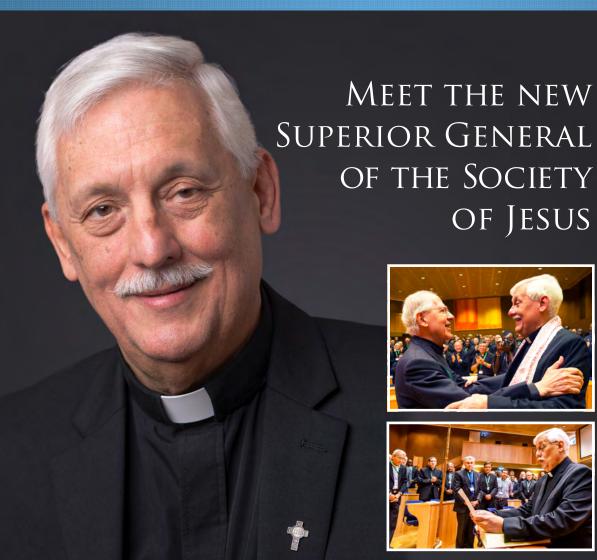
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he Society of Jesus welcomed a new Superior General, Father Arturo Sosa, SJ in October 2016. The election of Fr. Sosa in Rome during General Congregation 36, makes him the 31st General of the Society.

Fr. Sosa was born in Caracas, Venezuela in 1948 and, until his election, he was Delegate for Interprovincial Houses for the Society in Rome, as well as serving on the General Council as a Counsellor.

He obtained a licentiate in philosophy in 1972 and a doctorate in political science in 1990. He speaks Spanish, Italian, English, and some French. Between 1996 and 2004, Fr. Sosa was provincial superior of the Jesuits in Venezuela. Before this, he served as province co-ordinator for the social apostolate and was also director of the Gumilla Social Centre, a centre for research and social action in Venezuela.

Much of his life has been dedicated to research and teaching. He held different positions in academia including serving as rector of the Catholic University of Táchira, Venezuela.

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# LETTER FROM THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE JESUIT DEVELOPMENT OFFICE



Dear Friends,

We Jesuits have a new Father General and we are excited!

Our new Father General is 68-year-old Father Arturo Sosa, SJ from Venezuela. He was chosen on October 14, 2016 by the 212 Jesuit delegates gathered from 66 countries across the world. He is the first non-European-born General in the history of the Jesuits. He has been elected for life, or until such time as he feels the need to ask the Pope if he can resign.

Why is he so important to Jesuits? Because for each individual Jesuit, the superior even in his limitations represents Christ. In the discernment and dialogue that is Jesuit obedience, we Jesuits come to know God's will. We Jesuits have promised to go wherever the Superior General or his local delegates will send us. It is the Superior General who will guide the universal mission of the nearly 17,000 Jesuits scattered across the globe. He will govern the affairs of the Society of Jesus, and most importantly, he will appoint the local major superiors, the Provincials. It is he who, in one of his first acts in office, has just appointed the new Provincial Superior for French Canada and Haiti, who by 2018 will become the Provincial for all the Jesuits in Canada.

Fr. Sosa was elected General through a process of discernment that excluded any politicking. Before voting, the delegates privately chatted with each other, studied each other's curriculum vitae and prayed to the Holy Spirit to be guided in their voting. Meanwhile, Jesuits and friends all over the world were praying that the Holy Spirit would guide the delegates in their choice. Without any hesitation or debate, the delegates chose Fr. Sosa. And so, we are confident that Fr. Sosa is the one to lead the Jesuits at this time, and we will obey him. Please join me in praying for Fr. Sosa and for the Society of Jesus. With your support we want to strive to proclaim the Gospel and to build God's Kingdom.

I hope you enjoy the articles in this newsletter. They describe some of the happy moments we have had with you, our benefactors and friends. And they point to some interesting ways in which we are trying to serve the Church and the world today. You are part of our Jesuit mission. We depend on your financial contributions to the Jesuit Development Office for the formation and education of our young Jesuits and for the care of our elderly and infirmed Jesuits. We are very grateful to you and because you are part of the Jesuit mission, we hope you can say that in some way Fr. Sosa is also your Father General. Rejoice with us in the gift the Holy Spirit has given us.

Most gratefully,

Fr. Robert Foliot, SJ

National Director

Jesuit Development Office (JDO)

### MEN IN FORMATION 2016-2017



**OLIVER CAPKO** 

Oliver is a first year novice from British Columbia, where he recently finished a bachelor's degree in sustainable agriculture. He worked as an organic farm intern at the Ignatius farm in Guelph. Oliver entered the Society of Jesus as a brother.



**CURTIS MCKENZIE** 

Curtis is a second year novice with 18 years banking experience and an internship at the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace in Rome. He is in Haiti on his long experiment as a Jesuit novice.



#### **RICHARD MULROONEY**

A lawyer, he has commenced his studies of philosophy and the humanities at Regis College, University of Toronto. He helps in various ministries at St. Peter's Parish, in Toronto.



MARC-ANDRÉ VESELOVSKY

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



**ADAM PITTMAN** 

Adam is from Newfoundland's Burin Peninsula and is fluent in French. He is presently studying philosophy at Fordham University, prior to doing graduate work in communications.



#### **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 before going on to regency or internship in one of the Jesuit ministries.



#### **KEVIN KELLY**

A former pharmaceutical marketing director with Merck & Co. in Europe, Kevin is completing his regency or practical internship at the Jesuit Forum for Social Faith and Justice in Toronto.



#### **ADAM HINCKS**

With a doctrate in astrophysics, Adam is in his second year of theology studies in preparation for the priesthood. He is studying at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, not far from the Vatican Observatory.



#### **MATTHEW HENDZEL**

Before doing his regency, or internship in Jesuit ministry, Matthew is completing his doctoral thesis on the relationship between human suffering and the doctrine of purgatory at St. Michael's College, University of Toronto.



**BROOK STACEY** 

With a degree from Dalhousie University in earth sciences, Brook is studying philosophy at the University of Toronto. He is also a gifted musician.



#### **ADAM LALONDE**

Adam is doing his third year of regency or internship in the Democratic Republic of Congo. He is the education coordinator for the Jesuit Refugee Service in Masisi Territory, North Kivu province.



#### **GREG KENNEDY**

Greg entered the Jesuits with a doctorate in philosophy. Already ordained, Greg is just finishing his licentiate in theology in Bogota, Colombia and will go to the Ignatius Jesuit Centre in Guelph where he will work in the area of spirituality and ecology.



#### **TED PENTON**

Ted is a Harvard-trained lawyer who has completed his regency, or practical internship, giving the Spiritual Exercises to homeless people. He is studying theology at Regis College in preparation for the priesthood.



#### **EDMUND LO**

A neuroscientist from Vancouver, Edmund is beginning his licentiate in theology in Toronto. He speaks fluent Cantonese as well as Mandarin, and is an avid lover of choral music.



#### **ERIK SORENSEN**

An aerospace engineer and pilot, Erik is coordinating the 2017 Canadian Canoe Pilgrimage, where paddlers will journey in canoes from Midland to the Shrine of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha in Montreal. Erik is currently studying philosophy and the humanities.



#### HUGH O'HARA

Hugh is finishing his Master of Divinity degree at Regis College. He will begin a degree in education so that he can devote himself to high school teaching. Hugh's great gifts in computer science and in robotics make him popular in a high school setting.



#### **GERARD RYAN**

Born in Ireland, Gerard joined the Jesuits in Canada. Already ordained, he has almost finished his doctorate in theology at Oxford University. He is working in the area of culture and secularism.



#### **MATTHEW LIVINGSTONE**

Fluent in Arabic, Matthew is committed to Muslim-Christian dialogue. He continues to prepare himself for that ministry by taking courses in theology and scripture, while doing ministry as a young priest in various parishes.



#### **PAUL ROBSON**

Originally from Winnipeg, Paul is finishing a master's degree in theology at St. Paul University in Ottawa. Recently ordained, Paul is preparing for ministry with First Nations communities.



#### **JASON VAZ**

Born in Mumbai, India, Jason has a master's degree in philosophy. He has completed two years of theological studies. Prior to ordination he will spend some time in ministry with the Jesuits in Guelph, Ontario and some time with the Jesuits in India.



#### **JOHN D. O'BRIEN**

A former school principal, John is in his last year of theology prior to ordination.

John is a gifted musician, well-versed in communication, 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 directing the Spiritual Exercises and in preaching Hearts on Fire retreats





1. Mike Orlando, Ralph Schwarz, Masako Oishi and David Lee. 2. The first place winners from Rosar-Morrison: James Munro, Andrew Rawls, Bruce Cooke and Frank Pinelli. 3. Brad Foliot hit the longest drive - 346 yards.

The inaugural Fr. Jack O'Brien, SJ Golf Classic was held at Angus Glen Golf Club in Markham, ON, on September 28. More than 60 golfers enjoyed a beautiful sunny day on the North Course at Angus Glen in support of this Friends of the Jesuits event.

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eld in memory of Fr. Jack O'Brien, SJ, the event was established to help expand the Friends of the Jesuits program that Fr. O'Brien helped to establish with the goal of bringing together like-minded individuals, hoping to broaden the reach of the Jesuits, and to reflect the international scope of the Society of Jesus.

Father O'Brien was a cherished Concordia University professor and highly regarded author, speaker, and administrator. In 1965, he founded the Communication Arts program, the first university communication studies program in Canada, at Loyola College, one of Concordia University's founding institutions. He was also an avid golfer, a fine administrator, a zealous pastor and spiritual director, and above all, a Jesuit.

After an afternoon of golf, guests gathered in the club house to enjoy dinner, with wine generously sponsored by Grape Brands Fine Wine and Spirits. Prizes were awarded to various teams and individual categories. The foursome from Toronto's Rosar-Morrison Funeral Home & Chapel took first place with a team score of 63, edging out the Clancy brothers, who recorded a team score of 65.

Special thanks to our gold sponsors: JIT Automation Inc. and Towerhill Insurance Brokers Inc., our bronze sponsors: Dignity Memorial, Miller Thomson, Neil Conway, Kathleen O'Neill and Anthony Daley, and to all other sponsors, donors, and auction purchasers. Thanks to our golf committee which included George Longo, (Chair), Masako Oishi, Jim Clancy, Neil Conway, Matt Dawson, Fr. Robert Foliot, SJ, and Frank MacGrath.

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### SCOTCH NOSING & DINNER





The Jesuits in English Canada hosted their 4th Annual Scotch Nosing and Dinner fundraiser at Toronto's Albany Club on November 16.

The sold-out event featured the very capable and affable Scotch presenter David A. Wilson, award-winning author and professor in the Department of History and the Celtic Studies Program, at the University of Toronto. Wilson walked guests through four of the finest Scotch selections.

Acting Provincial, Fr. Winston Rye, SJ, spoke of the Jesuits' work in a variety of ministries from St. John's to Vancouver, while Fr. Bert Foliot, SJ, National Director of the Jesuit Development Office, spoke about the Jesuits' continued commitment to reconciliation with Canada's Indigenous peoples.

Special thanks to our generous sponsors: the law firm of Blakeney Henneberry Murphy & Galligan, HUB International, and JIT Automation Inc., and our table sponsors.

Funds raised from the evening will go to support senior Jesuits who, after many years of working in our ministries, now reside in our infirmary in Pickering, where they continue to work in the ministry of prayer.











1. Steven Blau, Greg Belton (HUB International), Fr. Bert Foliot, SJ, Katie Sheehan. 2. Gail and Bruce Young. 3. Ralph Pellegrino winning a bottle of Scotch. 4. Dr. Bud MacAulay Lush and M.C. Hugo Straney. 5. Emil Simon claiming his Scotch prize. 6. Jim Ward enjoying some Scotch.

# JESUITS AND CANADIAN YOUTH ATTEND WORLD YOUTH DAY



he Jesuits in English Canada organized a group of 40 young pilgrims from across Canada to participate in World Youth Day (WYD) in Kraków, Poland, during the summer of 2016.



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This group joined more than two million young people from around the globe to celebrate their Catholic faith with Pope Francis.

The WYD events took place from mid-July to July 31, with youth participating from 187 countries from Albania to Mongolia and New Zealand to Zambia. Nearly 50 cardinals, 800 bishops, and 20,000 priests from around the world also attended.

This year's WYD theme was inspired by the Jubilee Year of Mercy: "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy." Saint John Paul II, who inaugurated the World Youth Days, and Saint Faustina, who was a visionary and devotee to the Divine Mercy, both served as inspirations for the events.

The Canadian pilgrims in the Jesuit-organized group focused on Ignatian spirituality during the duration of the trip which included joining millions of pilgrims for large-scale Masses celebrated by the Pope. They also visited the shrine of Jasna Góra Monastery in Częstochowa, which is home to the famous

Black Madonna painting, the Tatra Mountains, and also the Auschwitz concentration camp complex. The group enjoyed daily Mass, prayer, and reflection, as well as catechism.

As one Canadian pilgrim Melissa Bieman wrote, "At WYD when you are surrounded by brothers and sisters in Christ and interact every day with people who are so enriched in the Spirit of Christ, you can't help but be affected by it. Every conversation, every action, had meaning in it. Little did I know how God was working through these conversations and actions."

The worldwide encounter with the Pope is typically celebrated in a different country every three years. Previous WYD's were held in Brazil (2013), Spain (2011), Australia (2008), Germany (2005), Canada (2002), Italy (2000), France (1997), the Philippines (1995), the United States (1993), Poland (1991), Spain (1989), Argentina (1987), and Italy (1985). The next WYD will take place in Panama in 2019.







### CANADIAN CANOE PILGRIMAGE

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1967 CANOE PILGRIMAGE



anada has been engaged in uncovering the tragic history of Residential schools through the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, (TRC). This Commission collected evidence from the Residential school survivors and issued a final report with recommendations, or Calls to Action, in June 2015.

The Canadian Canoe Pilgrimage wishes to work for reconciliation and address these Calls to Action by recreating a historic canoe voyage in July and August 2017. The pilgrimage will depart from Sainte-Marie among the Hurons in Midland, ON, the original site of the Jesuit mission to the Wendat people on Georgian Bay, and conclude at the St. Francis Xavier Mission, which houses the tomb of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, at the Mohawk First Nations reserve of Kahnawake near Montreal.

But more than simply recreating this historic voyage, the Canadian Canoe Pilgrimage focuses on bringing cultures together in practical and concrete ways. By allowing young adults and others, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, to be immersed in each other's customs and traditions for an entire month, the pilgrimage will foster deep respect, trust, dialogue and hopefully friendship, the building blocks for reconciliation. The pilgrimage will occur during the year-long celebration of Canada's 150th anniversary of confederation, contributing to the

context that will frame the historic nature of this pilgrimage.

The Canadian Canoe Pilgrimage is animated by a great desire to continue and expand the work of reconciliation through this practical experience of canoeing together into the future. In order to cultivate a lasting impact on the process of reconciliation, the project will develop training and educational materials, so similar experiences can be repeated in locations across Canada.

In order to facilitate participation in this pilgrimage, there will be a core group of approximately 30 paddlers, that will complete the entire month-long journey. At key points along the route, other interested people will be invited to join the pilgrimage for several days at a time. The main group of paddlers will include First Nations, French, and English representatives. There will be a mix of Jesuits, lay people and non-Christians. During the pilgrimage this core group will animate and participate in prayer and reflection that will be based in the traditions of Ignatian Spirituality and Indigenous Spirituality.

The Canadian Canoe Pilgrimage is currently looking for people who are interested in supporting this project, either through their participation or by their contributions. More information on this project can be found at www.canoepilgrimage.com or by emailing canoe.pilgrimage@jesuits.net.



For more details on the voyage, or to donate, please visit:

www.canoepilgrimage.com



the country's national shrine, honouring the lives of its co-patrons, LSt. Jean de Brébeuf and his companions, the Martyrs' Shrine for 90 years has been a place of spiritual renewal for millions of pilgrims. Walking alongside these faith-filled martyrs, pilgrims from 38 different cultural communities have sought a deeper union with Jesus Christ that brings them healing, reconciliation, hope, peace and, for the many new Canadians who visit, a deeper understanding of the roots of the Catholic faith in Canada. This past year, our journey with the martyrs has been blessed with both new initiatives and the extraordinary support of benefactors, which together have allowed us to fulfill our mission even more.

An exciting new synergy has emerged with the historic decision of Fr. Peter Bisson, SJ, Provincial of the Jesuits in English Canada, to formally establish a Jesuit community at Martyrs' Shrine. Six Jesuit priests have taken up permanent residence, and the fruit of their full-time ministry is already greatly appreciated by many. Believing that community life lies at the centre of our apostolic life, the Fathers have together felt a renewed vigour in their traditional ministry of offering Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation,

spiritual conversation, and education, whilst also deciding to expand their outreach, offering winter retreat programmes to students, preaching Lenten missions in the Archdiocese of Toronto, providing pastoral support to local parishes, and spiritual direction.

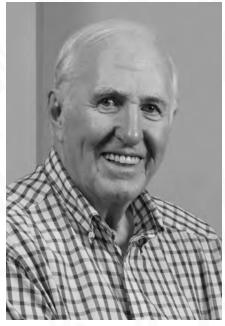
In the recent Year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis, the Martyrs' Shrine was also invited by Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, to erect a 'Door of Mercy.' Believing that the very grounds of the Shrine were sanctified by the blood of the martyrs spilt here, it was placed outdoors as a portal through which tens of thousands of pilgrims have now passed into the merciful arms of Christ. Carefully built by local craftsmen with regional stone and barn wood, and adorned with a vision of Mary, 'Our Lady of Mercy', painted by Ojibwa artist William Monague, this Holy Door will remain as a lasting testament to the many ways in which the lives of the martyrs continue to inspire both piety and creative generosity among a growing number of supporters.

This same spirit of faith-filled generosity has overflowed into the Shrine church itself, allowing us to proceed with a series of both restorative and renewing projects that will enhance the church. With a generous gift from an anonymous benefactor, the sanctuary of the church will be restored to its original form. When pilgrims return in the spring, they will see the high altar housing the Blessed Sacrament returned to the heart of the sanctuary. Moreover, the relics of saints Jean de Brébeuf, Gabriel Lalemant, and Charles Garnier once again given prominence in the east nave of the Shrine, allowing pilgrims a quiet space to pray with our martyrs. And, thanks to the generosity of those who attended our annual Tiawenk Fundraising Dinner, the Filion Centre located under the church, will be transformed into an adoration chapel that will also host each February students attending our new winter retreat programme entitled, "A Journey of Discovery with Christ."

As we carry on the mission of St. Jean de Brébeuf and his companions, as we journey alongside pilgrims to Christ on these sacred lands, we give thanks to God for the sundry ways that he has inspired many to generously support our ministry of healing and evangelization. And more than this, we gratefully continue to pray for the intentions of our visitors, knowing that our merciful Lord Jesus is never far from the needs of anyone who calls upon his name.







# A Lifetime of Listening: Father Norm Dodge, SJ

ather Norm Dodge, SJ doesn't like talking about himself but prefers listening to others when they speak. This gift for listening well goes back to his years of being present for others during his lengthy career in the field of social work.

"I'm more of a listener than a talker and you have to be a good listener to be effective in social work," says Fr. Dodge.

No longer able to visit with parishioners and clients, today the 88-year-old Jesuit lives at René Goupil House, the Jesuit Infirmary in Pickering, but still graciously takes calls and meets with visitors.

Born in St. John NB and raised in Montreal Fr. Dodge was the resuggest of four surgiving

Born in St. John, NB and raised in Montreal, Fr. Dodge was the youngest of four surviving children, (his twin passed away in childbirth). He exhibits all the warmth and kindness one expects from a good priest and counsellor.

His entrance into the Society of Jesus was slightly delayed due to a bout of Tuberculosis in his early 20s. He still remembers his mother and sister Connie caring for him during this difficult period. Connie is his last remaining sibling and she now suffers from Alzheimer's, but Fr. Dodge still manages to visit and be present for her.

After studies at Regiopolis (Kingston), Campion College (Regina), and Regis College (Toronto), Fr. Dodge studied social work in Ottawa and with the Federation for Catholic Charities in Montreal. From 1978 – 1990, he worked as a social worker and specialized in pastoral ministry to seniors and shut-ins, logging in countless hours with people in need, community groups, and volunteers. He was also instrumental in training volunteers who worked with seniors and shut-ins.

Some people don't have time to sit and listen.

Fr. Dodge fondly remembers all the years and hours he spent doing social work, "Some people don't have time and I had the time to sit and listen to others. It was a really wonderful experience." He remembers visiting one elderly man who was never visited by anyone else but the food delivery service Meals on Wheels.

His path took a slight shift when in 1990 Fr. Dodge took up an invitation to volunteer for the Jesuit mission in Jamaica, where he served as pastor at St. Theresa's Church in Kingston for three years. Upon his return to Ottawa, he continued his pastoral work with seniors until 2015, served as superior of the Jesuit community in Ottawa, and as province consultor from 1997 – 2003. In May 2016, he arrived at René Goupil House.

Today, Fr. Dodge is active in the ministry of prayer at the Infirmary and fondly recalls the wonderful life the Lord has given him. "I've been very blessed in so many ways and I am very grateful for that," says Fr. Dodge. He is especially thankful to Jesuit friends and donors, "I want to especially thank our donors for their dedication and long years of support. Without them we really couldn't do what we are doing."







ast summer, five Jesuit scholastics went to Regina for a six-week First Nations immersion experience that proved to be a very enriching one for all those who were involved.

As one of its fundamental goals, the experience stressed learning about First Nations culture from First Nations people. The idea seems relatively mundane, but people would be surprised at how often this principle is violated.

We attended two courses taught by top rate Indigenous studies scholars including Randy Lundy, Christian Thompson, and Blair Stonechild. We learned about the history of First Nations people on Turtle Island, about their contact with western society, and about their present-day reality.

We also learned about the tragic history of Residential Schools. This tragic stain is a part of the history of Canada and of the Christian churches, one that can never be forgotten. Our learning of this part of Canadian history was not limited to the classroom. Noel Starblanket, a prominent First Nations leader, took us to the Qu'Appelle Indian Residential School and showed us first-hand the experiences many

students had while attending the institution.

We were also very fortunate to experience a 'sweat' on a reserve. A small group of about 14, huddled in a dark confined space, praying, meditating, and "feeling the heat." For my companions and myself, this gem of Indigenous spirituality was a priceless experience.

We enjoyed two moving experiences during this time with First Nations people. The first involved questioning our assumptions on what First Nations people value. We remember once speaking to an Indigenous woman about the hesitancy of the Canadian government and the churches to apologize for Residential Schools. The woman pointed out, "[They] always think that we want your money. We just want to hear 'sorry."

In the western legal system, saying you are sorry in the public forum is construed as an admission of guilt, and therefore entitles the aggrieved to some type of compensation. But the Western legal system and its form of thinking, doesn't automatically apply to First Nations law and way of thinking. This experience helped me to shift gears and be aware that there is another perspective that sees an expression of regret as the apology.

Another experience was with a young man, when we were speaking about the right of self government for First Nations people. A bit skeptical of his argument, I asked about headlines relating to corruption among some The clever man responded with, "What happens when you have been living politically in a certain way for thousands of years, and then all of a sudden a foreign power imposes another form of government on you. Where do you think the corruption really comes from?" The young man was making the point that a certain political structure creates the division and tension that we see in First Nations politics. The point suggests a deeper underlying reasoning for some of the headlines that have been making news. We were grateful to him for the opportunity of being challenged, and going deeper in our understanding of Indigenous people's relationship to Western society.

The experience was a deeply enriching and moving one. One can only hope that this six-week program will continue, and many others will have the opportunity to discover the riches in culture and spirituality that First Nations peoples of Canada have to offer us all.

# Gonzaga Middle School of Winnipeg Update

fter two and a half years of planning and preparation, Gonzaga Middle School (GMS) opened its doors to its first Grade 6 class in September 2016, becoming the second Jesuit-endorsed Nativity-model school in Canada. The opening of GMS represents an exciting opportunity for children from low-income families in Winnipeg's North End and North East Downtown. Like its sister school, Mother Teresa Middle School in Regina, GMS will help students develop to their full potential, to break the cycle of poverty and to become leaders for the service of others through its delivery of a Jesuit Nativity-model middle school education.

In keeping with the best of the tradition of Jesuit education and the spirit of reconciliation called for by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report, GMS is committed to being inclusive and respecting of the faith and spiritual traditions of its students. The first Grade 6 class of 17 students of diverse backgrounds will be the lead group of students who will become the first Grade 7 class next year and the first graduating Grade 8 class the following year. 53% of the first class are from First Nations backgrounds, and 17% of Métis background, 17% are newcomer Canadians of African heritage, 17% Canadians of European heritage and 6% Canadians of Asian heritage. Upon graduation, GMS will continue to provide support to students at the high school of their choice, independent or public. However, both the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary High School, St. Mary's Academy and St. Paul's High School have agreed to accept and fully support qualified GMS graduates.

For more information: www.gonzagamiddleschool.ca



# Educating refugees



Education is a tool for building peace, restoring dignity, and recovering livelihoods.

he importance of education cannot be overstated, and most people would agree that education is a fundamental right and a key factor in human development. The global quest to ensure quality education for all by 2030 is included in the Sustainable Development Goals. However, meeting this ambitious target for the over 65 million people who have been forced to leave their homes by conflict, famine, fear of persecution, or a multitude of other reasons, remains an enormous challenge.

The Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) aims to address this challenge through their Global Education Initiative, which Canadian Jesuits International (CJI) is supporting. This initiative aims to educate 100,000 more refugee children, youth, and adults by 2020. This is imperative because education is a tool for building peace, restoring dignity, and recovering livelihoods.

A fitting example of how JRS works with refugees in improving livelihood prospects, is in their work in Dollo Ado, Ethiopia. Dollo Ado in southeast Ethiopia is an arid, rocky and isolated place. Despite its desert-like characteristics, this region across the border from Somalia has become a destination for refugees fleeing famine and conflict.

JRS runs a skills training centre in Dollo Ado that serves over 300 refugees a year. It offers plumbing, barbering, tailoring, henna, and embroidery classes. Trainees are provided with hands-on, skills-based learning that they can use to earn an income and gain employment in the camps and beyond.

CJI is raising awareness of the skills training centre through our "Go for Dollo" campaign within schools. Our school partners are invited to learn not only about the importance of education for refugees, but also about how and why access to education is a key social justice issue and a tool for achieving peace. Students are challenged to see why there are so many people today fleeing their homes, to reflect on what it means to have substantive barriers to education and how they can be overcome, and to act in solidarity with the work of our partners through advocacy, awareness raising, and fundraising for the Dollo Ado training centre.

While our hope is always towards a future in which people are no longer forced to flee their homes and rebuild their lives, today we work towards responding to their needs in order to help them recover their hope for the future.





FATHER
HENRY NUNN, SJ
JAN 23, 1930 –
JUL 31, 2016

Father Henry (Hank) Nunn died on July 31, in Bangalore, India. He was 86 years

old and in religious life for 65 years. Fr. Nunn entered the Jesuits in August 1951 after graduating from St. Mary's University in Halifax. In 1955, he began studies in philosophy in Montreal. He then taught for three years in Ethiopia at Tafari Makonen, the Jesuit-run school in Addis Ababa. In 1960, Fr. Nunn went to India to teach in the Jesuit schools. He remained in the Darjeeling District for the next 14 years. After first studying Hindi, he then began theological studies. He was ordained in 1964 at St. Mary's College in Kurseong. Fr. Nunn continued teaching in the Darjeeling Region at St. Alphonsus School in Kurseong and at St. Joseph's College, North Point, where he also served as principal for five years. In 1977, Fr. Nunn left Darjeeling and went to Bangalore in southern India to work as a retreat director and to continue teaching. Fr. Nunn is perhaps best known for his work as founder of a centre treating young people who suffer from serious mental disorders. In 1979, under his leadership, Fr. Nunn invited a group of international psychotherapists to establish an international community in Bangalore for the treatment of schizophrenia. Fr. Nunn began first as a psychology teacher and counselor and later in 1997, served as director of the Athma Shakti Vidyalaya Society. Under the directorship of Fr. Nunn, this society became a unique therapeutic community. Patients learn, through holistic psychotherapy supervision, to recognize, develop and use their own skills instead of being dependent on medication for the treatment of schizophrenia. Over the years, the centre has enabled 40% of young adults to return to normal life, while another 40% showed marked improvement in their ability to function. In 2013, Fr. Nunn was recognized by The Times of India as

a "Bangalore Hero." The same year he published a book about his life living and helping people with mental health challenges called *Opening to Trust.* Fr. Nunn's good works in the service of God will live on.



FATHER
JOSEPH
WANG, SJ
JAN 3, 1933 –
JUL 15, 2016

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Wang died
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July 15, Toronto. He was in his 83rd year and was in religious life for 64 years. Fr. Wang was born in Tianjin, China, on January 3, 1933. He was the son of Wang Pei Yuan and Wang Su Hwa. Fr. Wang converted to Catholicism when he was 16-years old and was baptized on April 16, 1949. Three years later, on November 11, 1952, he entered the Jesuit Novitiate in the China Region. He was sent to the Philippines to begin his Jesuit life. He taught mathematics and science during his regency. He was ordained a priest on May 9, 1965 in Taipei, Taiwan. Later, through an arrangement with his Provincial Superior and the Canadian Catholic bishops, he emigrated to Canada and served as a priest to many West Coast communities. He served in pastoral ministry in many areas of British Columbia, including Prince George, Victoria, Vancouver, Kamloops, Salmon Arm, Mill Bay, and other Catholic communities on the West Coast. He moved to Eastern Canada, first to Pickering and then to Toronto in 2011. In Toronto, he provided ministry at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Fudger House, Chinese Martyrs' Parish, and St. Agnes Parish. Every weekend he would do a full measure of ministry using both his Chinese languages. Fr. Wang was active in ministry every day until the day he died. He loved languages and was learning French in his later years. He was often seen

sitting outdoors in all kinds of weather praying the rosary. He was loved and appreciated and remembered for his gentleness and wisdom.

#### HALIFAX DECLARES

### Father Abraham Day

he City of Halifax declared September 26, "Father Abraham Day of Peace, Joy, and Love," in honour of Father Joseph Murray Abraham, SJ who was raised in Halifax but spent much of his life in the Kurseong region of Darjeeling, India. Fr. Abe, as he was affectionately known, worked among the people of India for over 60 years and died on August 28, 2012, at age 87.

The Canadian Jesuit is remembered as dedicating his life to giving education and agricultural livelihood opportunities to the poorest people in Darjeeling including founding SOJASI, (the Society of Jesus Agricultural and Social Institute). A Jesuit for 70 years, Fr. Abe volunteered for the Canadian mission in Darjeeling in 1948.





### EVENTS CALENDAR

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2017

#### 11TH ANNUAL JESUIT PROVINCIAL'S DINNER

TORONTO, ON

Join us as we honour Bruno and Eleanor Arnold with the MAGIS Award, and as we honour our Jesuit Jubilarian, Fr. Geoffrey B. (Monty) Williams, SJ, who is celebrating 50 years in the Society of Jesus.

MAY 20

#### **JESUIT ORDINATIONS**

TORONTO, ON

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

JUL 10

#### SIX WEEKS A JESUIT

MARTYRS' SHRINE, MIDLAND, ON

A summer immersion program to explore religious life in the Society of Jesus. This program is for men seriously discerning God's call to be a Jesuit. Program runs from July 10 – August 15.

JUL 31 2017

#### FEAST OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA

(FOUNDER OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS, THE JESUITS)

Principal celebration on grounds of Manresa-Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre in Pickering.

AUG 20 2017

#### **FIRST VOWS**

THE CHURCH OF THE GESÙ, MONTREAL, QC

Jesuit novices will profess their permanent vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

SEP 27 2017

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

ANGUS GLEN GOLF CLUB, MARKHAM, ON

The Father Jack O'Brien, SJ Golf Classic will bring together Friends of the Jesuits to support the formation of Jesuits who serve Canada and the world.



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

## TRUTH, RECONCILIATION AND HOPE – A VISION FOR A NEW CANADA





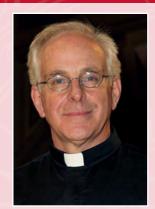


June 2016 saw the Jesuits partner with the University of St. Michael's College in the University of Toronto, to organize the Truth, Reconciliation, and Hope: A new vision for Canada conference to honour Residential School survivors, the First Nations and Métis peoples. Interviews and talks from the event, and in the days preceding, are now available online at www.jesuits.ca. Please click the box in the right-hand column called Truth, Reconciliation, and Hope, Conference Videos. You can also watch the documentary at www.InMyOwnWords.ca.

It is hoped viewers will be inspired to respond to the Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

For a DVD copy please contact jdo@jesuits.ca or call 416.481.9154.

#### **INTHENEWS**



#### ► FATHER ERIK OLAND, SJ NAMED NEW PROVINCIAL OF JESUITS IN FRENCH CANADA & HAITI

Jesuit Father Erik Oland has been appointed the next Provincial of the Jesuits in French Canada and Haiti Province by Father General Arturo Sosa. Fr. Oland will succeed Jesuit Father Jean-Marc Biron. Fr. Oland, 58, has served as the master

of novices at the Jesuit novitiate for French and English Canada in Montreal since it was founded in 2008. He is also vice-president of the International Jungmann Society for Jesuits and the Liturgy. Fr. Oland joined the Society of Jesus in 1994, was ordained to the priesthood on May 16, 2003, and took Final Vows on July 19, 2008. He studied theology at the Weston Jesuit School of Theology, (now the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry), and served as a retreat director at the Ignatius Jesuit Centre in Guelph.

Prior to joining the Jesuits, Fr. Oland had a 15-year career as an operatic baritone and sang with the Canadian Opera Company. His music profession led him to encounter the spirituality of St. Ignatius through the Jesuits, whom he first met while teaching singing at Concordia University in Montreal. As a Jesuit, he has sung at large Jesuit gatherings, participated in parish music ministry, toured with Jesuit music ensembles, and given retreats based on music and spirituality.



# Jesuits Divesting from Fossil Fuels

The Jesuits in English Canada joined other Catholic institutions around the world to announce they are divesting from fossil fuels extraction on October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

"Climate change is already affecting poor and marginalized communities globally through drought, rising sea levels, famine and extreme weather, and we are called to take a stand," said Father Peter Bisson, SJ, Provincial of the Jesuits in English Canada Province.

The Jesuits will immediately stop all future investments in fossil fuels and work to divest such holdings from the current portfolio within five years.

Today, given that climate change "represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity," (Pope Francis, Laudato Si' #25), the Jesuits wish to ensure their investment portfolio reflects their commitment to a clean energy future.

The Jesuits in English Canada joined other Catholic groups in Italy, Australia, Papua New Guinea, the United States, Brazil, and Hong Kong in this divesting announcement.

PLANNED GIVING

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.

#### 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 of changing circumstances.

#### Trusts for children

Many 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.

## Remember the Jesuits in your will

#### Sale of an asset

If a person who has a will has sold a cottage which is the subject of a bequest, that person 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, they should revisit the will to ensure the benefits are still appropriate. If the estate has decreased, the person making the will should ensure that his or her dependants are adequately provided for.

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.





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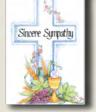


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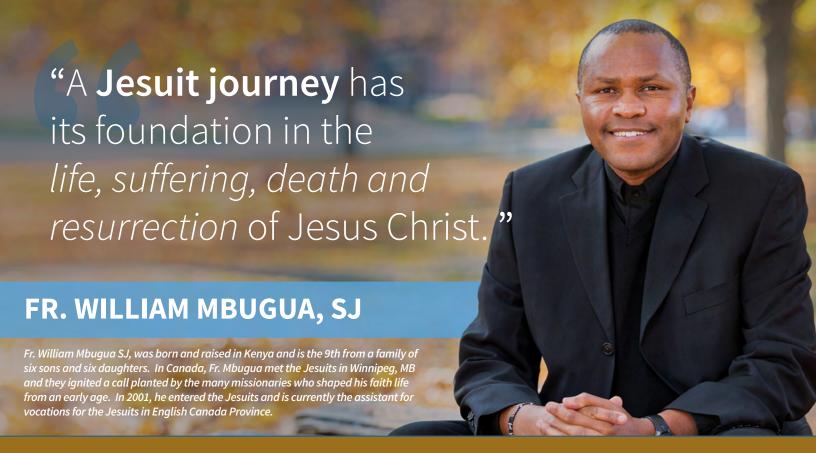
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