



CELEBRATING: ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA AND THE IGNATIAN YEAR 500

May 2021 to July 2022, the Society of Jesus celebrates the Ignatian Year. This anniversary marks 500 years since Ignatius of Loyola, then a Spanish knight, was terribly injured by a cannonball while in battle. Having nothing to do during his convalescence but read, he came to learn about Jesus and the lives of the saints. Here, he found peace and discovered meaningful direction in his own deep reflections.

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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends,

We are pleased to share with you the Summer 2021 edition of the Jesuit Office of Advancement Newsletter. In this edition, you will hear stories of Jesuits, Benefactors, and Jesuit Apostolic works. But you won't read much about events. Curtailed by the pandemic, the Jesuits genuinely miss the opportunity to meet you in person and look forward to the (hopefully soon) return to in-person activities.

The pandemic has undoubtedly been difficult on all of us and caused significant hardship and suffering. Despite this, it has also brought some unexpected graces. The forced time spent at home, though difficult for those living alone and those families trying to juggle remote work and remote schooling for their children, has also given many of us time to become closer as families. It has also allowed many of us to lead simpler lives and concentrate more on the things that truly matter. And it has allowed us to seek the Lord in the everyday yet precious gifts He has given us.

Sometimes grace stems from adversity. Five hundred years ago, Saint Ignatius of Loyola, soldier and nobleman, was wounded during the Battle of Pamplona. A cannonball shattered his leg, and he was forced to return home to heal. It was a tragic moment for the proud warrior, whose days in battle were over. But, during his recovery, St. Ignatius began to find God, realized the errors of his previous sinful ways, and started his transformation from soldier to saint.

In recognition of this pivotal moment in the Society of Jesus (and the Catholic Church), the Jesuits will celebrate an "Ignatian Year" from May 2021 until July 31, 2022, the Feast of St. Ignatius. Please follow us on social media and our website for information throughout the year.

In the words of Father Arturo Sosa, SJ, Superior General of the Jesuits, "*We ask for the grace to be renewed by the Lord. We wish to discover a new apostolic enthusiasm inside ourselves, a new life, new ways to follow the Lord. That is why we have chosen as our theme for the year: to see all things new in Christ.*"

The Jesuits invite you to "see all things new in Christ" along with them during this Ignatian Year.

As always, thank you for your support. The Jesuits are most grateful and remember you daily in their prayers.

Stay safe and well,

Barry J. Leidl
Director of Advancement
Directeur de développement

Ignatius ultimately came to the enlightened realization that his life was to be measured in things far greater than riches, honour, and fame. Inspired by the life of Christ and the lives of the saints and transformed by Jesus' lasting example, he devoted his life's energy and purpose to the service of God and others. Ignatius eventually established an order within the Catholic tradition, a religious community he called the Society of Jesus, more commonly known as the Jesuits.

Like other Jesuits worldwide, the Canadian Province of the Society of Jesus has planned several activities during the coming year that will be available to all members of the Ignatian family, both friends and Jesuits. The theme of the Ignatian Year is "To See All Things New in Christ."

Jesuits of Canada Provincial, Father Erik Oland, SJ called on all apostolates to participate fully in the Ignatian Year, to journey along the path toward seeing all things new in Christ, and to help others to do the same, through retreats, podcasts, conferences, or other activities that are part of their specific mission. All coming events are available on the Province website at Jesuits.ca.

One such online event to help inaugurate the Ignatian Year in Canada was a special liturgy to all Province members. Socius Fr. Gilles Mongeau, SJ, spoke of this year as an invitation to respond with greater freedom and depth to the call of the Lord.



Along with worldwide Provinces marking the important year, a special website dedicated to the Ignatian Year has been created and may be found at: ignatius500.global.

Here visitors can not only learn about St. Ignace's 'conversion' but how they too can deepen their faith life, how others have experienced life-altering 'cannonball moments,' and more. There is also an official Ignatian year prayer!

In Canada, too, the celebrations of the Ignatian Year extend to the entire Ignatian family, from the Sisters of St. Joseph, who are celebrating 170 years since the establishment of their order in Toronto, to the Xavières, who are celebrating 100 years since their foundation. ■





Diaconal Ordinations 2021

For the second year in a row, the Regis Jesuit Community in Toronto celebrated ordinations in a reduced and modest manner, with Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, SJ, the apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Heart-Moosonee, ON, ordaining Matthew Cortese, SJ (UEA) and Juan Ruiz, SJ (UCS) to the diaconate.

The ordinations took place at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Toronto, on May 29, where a liturgical skeleton crew ensured form and function due to local restrictions on the numbers who can gather for religious services.

The ceremony was livestreamed to Jesuits, family and friends across Canada and the United States. In his remarks to the ordinandi, Archbishop Prendergast referred to the conversion of St. Ignatius of Loyola after his collapse on the walls of Pamplona 500 years ago, which the Society of Jesus is remembering this Ignatian Year. He recounted Ignatius' discovery of spiritual consolation and desolation, of his desire to be a poor pilgrim, and of the central place of Mary in the hearts of the first companions.

"May Mary's obedience to the guidance of the Spirit in her life serve as a model for your journey of faith," Prendergast said, "And may Mary's Magnificat, which deacons and priests pray at vespers every evening, be your prayer all the days of your Jesuit ministry."

Like the first Jesuits who Ignatius instructed to serve the sick while they participated in Church councils, the archbishop exhorted the deacons to "strive always to reconcile people to God, living that out by repairing the damaged relationships of this murky world in which we live."



Matthew Cortese's vocation had "diaconal roots," planted in the field of service. As a Jesuit Volunteer, he worked with people suffering from severe illnesses, inspiring him to join the Jesuits. During formation, he worked in a hospice in St. Louis, with gang members in Belize, and on service trips from Le Moyne College.

Juan Ruiz's vocation had similar origins. A Jesuit uncle inspired him to consider the Society of Jesus, and as a novice he accompanied migrants, youth, and the dying in Louisiana and New Jersey. During regency Juan taught Spanish at a Cristo Rey school in Houston, and this summer he will be doing pastoral work in New Orleans, LA and Houston, TX and the Dominican Republic.

"By your life and your character, you will give witness to your brothers and sisters in faith that God must be loved above all else, and that it is He whom you serve in others," concluded Prendergast. ■



Meet the 2021 Ordinandi



Matthew Cortese, SJ, grew up on the eastern end of Long Island, NY, where he was involved in his parish—Sacred Heart, Cutchogue—and in

local youth ministry. He met the Jesuits both at Inisfada Retreat House and especially at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA, where he earned a bachelor's degree in theology and religious studies. After graduation, he served as a Jesuit Volunteer in Seattle, WA, at Providence Hospice's Transitions Program, working with those who were experiencing a terminal or life-limiting illness. He then obtained a Master of Arts in Religion from Yale Divinity School and the Institute of Sacred Music, after which he entered the Society of Jesus at St. Andrew Hall, Syracuse, NY. As a novice, he spent a semester working in campus ministry and the Appalachian Institute at the former Wheeling Jesuit University in Wheeling, WV. After taking his first vows, he studied philosophy at Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO, taught philosophy and theology at Le Moyne College, Syracuse, NY, and continued his theological studies at Regis College, Toronto, ON. Next year, he will be working as a deacon at St. Ignatius Parish, Chestnut Hill, MA.

"Some of the most influential moments in my formation have occurred during summers and during part-time apostolates: working with terminally ill children at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital in St. Louis, assisting in El Paso, Texas, during the migration crisis of

2018, spending time with former gang members in Belize. I am constantly learning that Jesus reveals himself most clearly in those who suffer, inviting all to deeper relationship with him and to work for concrete human healing."



Jean Francky Guerrier, SJ was born in Croix-des-Bouquets, Haiti. After his father's death, when Francky was four, the family

moved to Port-au-Prince. Guerrier grew up in a Catholic family of three brothers, three sisters, and their mother. From an early age, he developed a passion for communication and theatre. He even participated in various plays and appeared in some Haitian movies. It was at Saint Gerard's Parish that he began to discern his vocation to the priesthood because he was very involved in parish activities. After high school, he began studies in computer science. In 2008, he decided to end his computer science studies to enter the Jesuit pre-novitiate in Port-au-Prince. During that year, he taught mathematics. He was admitted to the Jesuit novitiate in Haiti in 2009, where he spent two years before being sent to the Dominican Republic to study philosophy and humanities. He helped at Santa Maria, La Vega, a radio station run by the Jesuits of the Dominican Republic. Four years later, Guerrier was sent to Haiti to work at the Jesuit Migrant Service-Haiti as a communication and advocacy officer. He was also the coordinator of several projects funded by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. He also taught philosophy of

history at Notre Dame de Cazeau Seminary and Spanish to Jesuit pre-novices. After two years of regency in Haiti, Guerrier was sent to Canada for his theological studies at Regis College in Toronto. He completed the Master of Divinity program. During his theological studies, he worked with Becoming Neighbours, an organization that accompanies newcomers to Canada. He also created his own podcast, "Talking with Francky," for Salt + Light Media in Toronto.

"In this time of crisis and uncertainty, I was called to be ordained a priest for the people of God who more than ever need the joy and the light of the Resurrection. As a Jesuit priest, my mission is to assist the people of God so that they can experience the joy of the Gospel during pandemic times. My way of proceeding as a Jesuit is critical to spread hope to those who are in despair. Therefore, I ask the Virgin Mary to accompany me so that, like her, my vocation to follow the Crucified Christ may never cease to be authentic."



Gérard-Myriam Paul, SJ was born into a Catholic family in Haiti and entered the Jesuit novitiate there in 2009. He studied philosophy and humanities at the Pedro

Francisco Bonó Philosophical Institute in the Dominican Republic from 2011–2015. During his studies, he was involved in the pastoral care of migrants, especially within the Haitian community. This experience led him to publish a booklet entitled "Two Languages, One Eucharist," which was designed to

facilitate the participation of the Catholic faithful of Haitian origin in Eucharistic celebrations. In addition, he was a member of the national Ignatian youth ministry team. From 2015-2017, during regency in Haiti, he served as regional pastoral coordinator for Foi et Joie schools (a Jesuit educational network) and later as regional director. He was also involved in pastoral ministry in a Jesuit parish. Following this, he went to Quebec to study theology at Laval University. These studies lasted three years, during which he participated in pastoral activities in a parish and was one of the hosts of a Radio Galilée program. After completing his degree, he was ordained a deacon at Notre-Dame de Québec Basilica-Cathedral in 2020. While awaiting priestly ordination, he began a Licentiate in Sacred Theology in the fall of 2020 at Regis College, Toronto, which he hopes to complete next summer.

"Receiving priestly ordination in this time of a global health crisis and uncertainty of all kinds invites me to focus more on Christ, to seek

to know Him better in order to love and serve Him better among his people. It is therefore an invitation to seize this time to strengthen our relationship of intimacy with Christ so that He can take shape in us, allowing us to discover Him in and through others and to remain united in Him even if we are required to social distance."



Juan Ruiz, SJ, was born in Baltimore, MD and raised in Memphis, TN. He is Hispanic by nature and American by nurture, which prepared him well for ministry as a Jesuit of the U.S. Central and Southern Province. Having both a Jesuit uncle and a long-running desire to serve others, he entered the Jesuit novitiate in Grand Coteau, LA. As a novice, he accompanied migrants, youth, and the dying, both in nearby Sunset, LA, and as far as Camden, NJ. He was sent to study philosophy in Chicago, IL, where he completed a Master of Arts in Social Philosophy and taught religion at St. Procopius Elementary School. Armed with solid philosophical training,

spiritual formation, and some theology, he was missioned to teach Spanish at Cristo Rey Jesuit College Preparatory School in Houston, TX where he also helped with retreats, video club, and the Corporate Work-Study Program. Currently, Ruiz is completing a Master of Divinity at Regis College in Toronto, ON, while serving as a deacon at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. This summer, he will be dividing his time between New Orleans, LA, and Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, where he will be engaging in both parish ministry and the educational apostolate.

"There but by the grace of God I go! What has made it possible for me to make it this far in Jesuit formation and this close to priestly ordination is a complete abandonment to Divine Providence. It is often marked by fits and starts, but inevitably leads to greater spiritual freedom. My hope and my joy is that my life may be a testimony to the power of the Triune God who remains active and engaged with us every day. Hallelujah!" ■

Annual Mother's Day Mass

On May 9, the Jesuit parish in Guelph, Holy Rosary, held the annual Jesuit Office of Advancement's Mother's Day Mass with Fr. Vernon Boyd, SJ presiding.

As in previous years, this Mass honoured mothers, grandmothers, sisters, aunts, guardians, and all the special women in the lives of our Jesuit supporters. Vases full of carnations were placed in the sanctuary representing the love we all share for these important women.

In past years, supporters were invited to attend the Mass; however, as in 2020, this was not possible due to COVID-19 lockdowns. The Mass was however available for online viewing.

On June 20, Father's Day, Fr. Boyd held our annual Mass to honour fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and all the important men in our lives. ■



Have you remembered the Jesuits in your estate planning?

As you develop your estate plan, you may be moved to provide a significant gift to the Jesuits of Canada.

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 will make a bequest to an individual or charitable organization such as The Jesuits of Canada.

Making a bequest offers you a great deal of flexibility. It ensures that your wishes are explained, documented and clear. You may choose to leave a specific dollar amount, a fixed percentage of your estate, or you can designate that the balance of the estate is left to a charitable organization after you have provided for selected individuals. You may also specify that your Canada Pension Plan Death Benefit be left to a charitable organization.

For more information, please contact the Jesuit Office of Advancement at **416-481-9154**.

+ *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.*





Brebeuf College School Raises Funds for Jesuit Infirmary

The Brebeuf Alumni Association recently donated \$1,000 towards the Jesuit Infirmary in Pickering, ON. Proceeds from the sale of artistic renderings of the original Brebeuf College School building at 211 Steeles Avenue East in Toronto helped raised these much-needed funds. The artist is Derrick Chow, Brebeuf Class of 2000. Further details are available online at: www.gtigolf.com/brebeufbuildingprint

Special thanks to Frank MacGrath, Chairman of the Brebeuf Alumni Association and all alumni members for their generosity. ■

Rene Goupil Infirmary Renovation Update

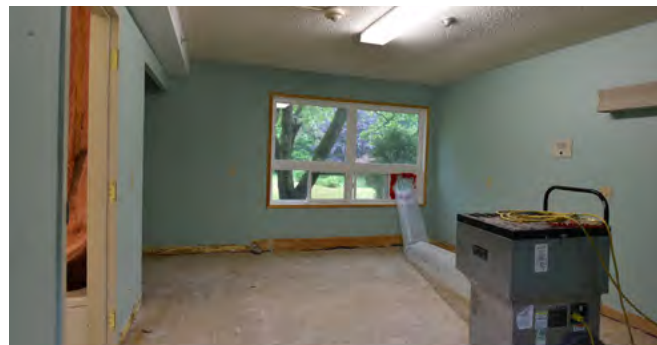
The much-needed renovation of the Rene Goupil House, Province Infirmary in Pickering, ON is continuing thanks to the generous donations of friends and donors.

Currently, the redevelopment of resident rooms and bathrooms in the north wing is well underway. Once this north wing is completed, the south wing will be redeveloped, followed by the west wing.

Some minor reconfiguration of the lobby offices and reception desk space will see the reception area relocated to the north side of the space to enable a larger gathering space for the residents. The final area to be redeveloped will be the kitchen and dining hall.

The entire project is expected to be completed by the end of September 2021 and then new residents will be welcomed to a completely renovated infirmary.

Special thanks to all the benefactors who have generously donated to this important project. ■



EVENTS CALENDAR

AUG.
21
2021

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD, ADAM LALONDE, SJ

10:00 a.m. at Saint Patrick's (Fallowfield) Church in Ottawa. To watch the ordination please visit our website at: <https://jesuits.ca/2021-ordinations/>

SEP.
23
2021

Please join us this Fall for a free online event on estate planning kindly presented by **Rosanne T. Rocchi**, Associate Counsel at Miller Thomson, LLP, Toronto.

Time TBD. For details please call **416-481-9154**.

The importance of giving: Ken Duggan

Ken Duggan has always been inspired by the Gospel of Matthew verse: “But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.”

A man of modest means and a big heart, the long-time supporter of the Jesuits doesn't like to brag about the support he has given the Jesuits since the 1960s.

Back then Duggan and his family moved from Halifax, NS to St. John's, NL and became active members of the then newly built Jesuit parish, St. Pius X. He, his wife Marie, and family participated in most activities at the parish; serving as lectors at Mass, Eucharistic ministers, and other important roles. In addition, Marie was a long-time member of the Catholic Women's League, and the couple co-ordinated visits with the Eucharist to shut-ins and seniors. Duggan proudly served as chair of the parish finance committee for more than 20 years.

The retired World War Two veteran, engineer, and principal of a college of trades and technology, was active in his parish until just before COVID-19 hit. The 97 years young widower became ill and had to slow down and move into a veterans long-term care facility. But daily Mass, prayers, and giving to others is still an important part of his life.

“The Lord has been good to me,” says Duggan, adding, “I give it when I have it so it can do some good now, since now is the time it's needed.”

The father of five, grandfather to eight, and great grandfather to six, has fond memories of his parish and some of his Jesuit friends

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there; men like Fathers Earl Smith, Wayne Bolton, Bill Browne, and Joe Schuck. He fondly recalls visits from Jesuits based in Darjeeling and Jamaica.

Duggan's support of the Jesuits extends from supporting his Jesuit parish, Canadian Jesuits International's Jesu Ashram and the Jesuit Office of Advancement through perpetuals, enrolments, and various appeals like the recent one to renovate the Jesuit Infirmary in Pickering, ON.

Duggan isn't interested in boasting, he simply wants to encourage people to donate: “If you have it to give, why wait until you die.” ■



Being a Jesuit is meaningful and fulfilling:

Father Robert Foliot

He is one of the most well-liked Jesuits in Canada - who is passionate about parish ministry and curling.

Father Robert (Bert) Georges Foliot, SJ, has served many apostolates in diverse places across Canada and has a lifetime of fond memories from serving the people of God.

"I love to be with people," says Foliot. "I love sacramental and pastoral ministry; celebrating the Eucharist and giving homilies is something I very much like to do," he adds.

Parish ministry - this is where his interest is and where he says his talent lies. Foliot has liked every place where he has been sent. While he has good memories of his work in general, St. Ignatius Parish in Winnipeg, MB is one of the parishes that stands out.

"I was there for 15 years, and it was there that the people taught me what it was to be a priest," says Foliot.

Foliot is also known for his other great passion - curling. Not only has he learned a great deal about himself on the ice, he has become good friends with other faith leaders while playing. When COVID took the lives of seven Jesuits in the Province infirmary, Foliot's rabbi friends from curling came to console him and comfort those who had survived.

Another ministry Foliot is very tied to is that of the Indigenous people. He served at Wikwemikong and M'Chigeeng on Manitoulin Island and has very good friends there. He remains very active in furthering reconciliation with the Indigenous.



"The Indigenous people taught me so much," says Foliot. "They taught me to give thanks to the Creator for all we have, to respect creation, to be present to the sick and the dying, to celebrate funeral rites with lots of care, and to laugh."

Foliot is also well-known for his care of the infirmed and elderly Jesuits from when he served as local superior of the senior Jesuits in Pickering, ON for nine years. These are men who taught him when he was younger and in turn he helped them as their earthly life was slowly coming to an end.

"It was a privilege to accompany them in the last and maybe most sacred lap of their life journey," says Foliot.

Since September 2020, Foliot has been assigned to Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, ON and the Indigenous community of nearby Christian Island.

Born in Longueuil, QC, Foliot was the fifth of six children. He attended the Jesuit-run Loyola High School and at 17 joined the Jesuits in Guelph, ON. God graced him with a spiritual life at an early age and Loyola High School nourished and preserved it.

"Being a Jesuit is meaningful and fulfilling," says Foliot. "There are thousands of people who have made me a better person, a better priest, and maybe I have helped them along their path," he adds.

To the many generous benefactors of the Society of Jesus, Foliot sends out a heartfelt thank you. He sees how much donors and friends care that there be Jesuits in the world. He wants people to know that they can always ask the Jesuits for pastoral ministry and calls it a privilege to assist those who have been so good to the Jesuits. ■





FATHER JOHN BURNS, SJ

FEB. 22, 1947 –
APR. 5, 2021

Father John (Jack) Burns died peacefully

on April 5, at René Goupil House. He was in his 74th year of life and had been a Jesuit for 58 years. Fr. Burns was born in Winnipeg, MB and knew the Society of Jesus growing up. His mother's uncle was a Jesuit, and Fr. Burns attended St. Paul's High School. He entered the novitiate at Guelph in August 1963. He studied philosophy at Mount St. Michael's in Spokane, WA and was a regent for two years at St. Paul's High School. Theology followed at Regis College, Willowdale, ON and he was ordained in June 1975 in Toronto.

From 1980 – 1986 Fr. Burns was assistant pastor at St. Andrew's Church in Thunder Bay, ON. Then he moved to Wikwemikong on Manitoulin Island and served four years there as assistant pastor of Holy Cross Mission. In 1991, he moved to St. Ignatius Parish in Winnipeg and then a year later in 1992 he was in Toronto to serve on the staff of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. He also spent two years in Bangalore, India, with Fr. Henry Nunn at Fr. Nunn's schizophrenia clinic for young people. Due to his own health challenges, Fr. Burns was assigned to the Jesuit Infirmary in Pickering in 1998. He bore his own epilepsy and schizophrenia bravely and pursued his pastoral ministry as well as he could under trying circumstances. He was a man of great prayer, wisdom, and kindness. ■



FATHER DAVID CREAMER, SJ

AUG. 20, 1946 –
APR. 17, 2021

Father David Creamer died peacefully on

April 17 at La Storta House, Pickering, ON. He was in his 74th year of life and was a Jesuit for 52

years. Fr. Creamer was born in Saint John, NB. It was at Saint Mary's University in Halifax, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry in 1968, that he first met the Jesuits. He entered the Society of Jesus at Guelph in August 1969. Following first vows in 1971, he went directly to regency at Gonzaga High School, St. John's, NL for three years, where he taught a variety of subjects.

In 1974, he began theology at Regis College, Willowdale, ON and was ordained in May 1977 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Toronto. For the next three years, he was in special studies in education, principally at the University of Toronto and the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE). His successful doctoral thesis was entitled "Moral Education: A Critical Evaluation of a Jesuit High School Values Program".

In 1982, Fr. Creamer began a 33-year residence in Winnipeg, MB. He was appointed Director of Apostolate at St. Paul's High School. In 1988, he moved to St. Paul's College as Director of the Jesuit Centre for Faith Development and Values and was Professor of Education and Religious Studies at the University of Manitoba. For many years, he was a member of the Jesuit Centre for Catholic Studies and Adjunct Professor in the Arthur Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice. He regularly took groups of students to Darjeeling, India. Fr. Creamer greatly appreciated the Jesuits there and urged them to send some Jesuits to Canada for studies in Winnipeg and Toronto. He travelled to different areas of India and Nepal in order to help his students understand multiple aspects of social justice.

Blessed with much energy and vision, Fr. Creamer in the early 1990s served in the chaplaincy of Stony Mountain Penitentiary. This involvement led to the founding of

Quixote House for newly released prisoners, to help guide them in adapting to a new life. During this time, he continued to direct persons writing their theses, and wrote articles for a variety of journals. Highly intelligent, his generous personality was down to earth, reflecting his Maritime family ideals; he was open to new trends in education and theology. He proved to be a considerate Superior of the Winnipeg Jesuits and also served as a Province Consultor. Due to his vast experience, he was appointed to several boards of Jesuit works in Canada.

His western life ended in 2014 with a sabbatical move to Toronto. For the next five years, he helped as consultant on planning at the Provincial Office, served as a superior, and did pastoral ministry. He had robust health, but after the removal of a lung and kidney, his health began to deteriorate. A move in late 2019 brought him to Rene Goupil House in Pickering, ON. ■



FATHER GAËTAN GIRARD, SJ

AUG. 8, 1950 –
JUN. 5, 2021

Father Gaëtan Girard died at Sainte-Marie

Hospital in Trois-Rivières on June 5, following a bout of pneumonia. He had been in the Society of Jesus for almost 30 years. He entered the novitiate at the age of 41 in September 1991 and was ordained a priest five years later in 1996.

Fr. Girard was born in Trois-Rivières and was the sixth of eight children. His father, who directed the choir of the church where he was baptized, had a great impact on him. He was an excellent Christian who always came to the aid of people in difficulty who turned to him. It was with his father in mind that he decided to transform the small grocery-butcher store he owned



into a food cooperative in the 1970s, so that his clientele, which was composed mostly of people with meager incomes, could pay less for the food they bought at his store.

Fr. Girard interrupted his studies at the end of primary school and learned the trade of butcher. From 1966 to 1980, he worked in various trades. He even owned a small farm for a time. He then worked on obtaining his high school diploma by attending night school. He pursued his studies from 1981 to 1988, while being first the manager of a grocery store and then being employed by a food products company.

It was at the age of 27 that he really began his spiritual journey, marked by personal readings and meetings. He read the Bible and became interested in the great Christian mystics, from Saints Francis of Assisi to Teresa of Ávila, John of the Cross to Thérèse of the Child Jesus. He explored the history of the Church. But the determining factor in his return to God was the reading of "Confessions" by St. Augustine, which gave him hope because he felt loved and welcomed by God.

He had his first contact with Jesuits at the University of Trois-Rivières which he attended from 1986 to 1991. He completed his undergraduate studies in theology. Encouraged by Father Jean-Marc Dufort, his spiritual director, he asked to join the Society after having done an internship in a L'Arche community. After completing his novitiate in 1993, he began graduate studies in spirituality at Laval University while living at the Centre Manrèse in Quebec City. He wanted to be ordained a priest "to witness to the love of God and to be a sign of the presence of Jesus in this world." It was in his weakness that he was a witness to the Lord, because he struggled for more than 20 years against the debilitating effects of Parkinson's Disease. ■



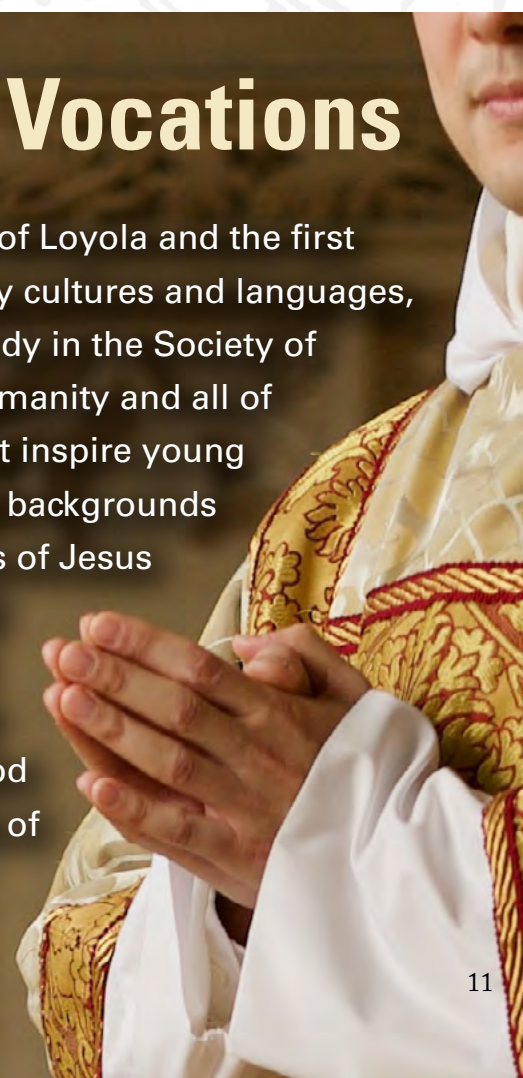
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Prayer for Vocations

God gathered Ignatius of Loyola and the first companions from many cultures and languages, uniting them as one body in the Society of Jesus to serve God, humanity and all of Creation. May the Spirit inspire young men of equally diverse backgrounds to become companions of Jesus and respond to the call to join our new Jesuit Province of Canada for the Greater Glory of God and the greater service of our neighbour.

Amen





Celebrating Indigenous Culture: Mother Teresa Middle School

At this time of global uncertainty and unrest, it is the words of Father Kevin Boyle SJ, “We belong to each other,” and those of Elder Harry Francis, “Love one another and help one another...*sákihitók mina wicihitók*,” that have helped shape and guide the work at Mother Teresa Middle School (MTMS); to live and breathe the *magis* as never before.

Mother Teresa Middle School is a Jesuit, Nativity-Modelled school located in Regina, SK, that serves students living in poverty. The school educates students in grades 6-8 and then continues to journey with them via a specialized Graduate Support Team that provides much needed coaching, advocacy, and support through high school and post-secondary, up to employment. The school’s mission is to break the cycle of generational poverty for students.

The idea of *cura personalis* remains the central tenet that animates MTMS’s approach to education. In order to support students in navigating their physical, social, emotional, mental, and spiritual well-being, the school introduced Mindful Mornings. Mindful Mornings occur daily and take place 15 minutes prior to the start of each academic day. These mornings are shaped by student voices and are rooted in prayer as well as current best practices around breathing, meditation, and visualization. The goal of each session is to equip MTMS students with the tools and resources needed to effectively navigate the global pandemic and combat anxiety, trauma, and stressful situations.

Another critical area of focus at MTMS is finding ways for students to experience and explore their Indigenous culture. In journeying with MTMS students, one will quickly notice how Indigenous traditions and spiritual practices are infused and woven into the overall curriculum at MTMS. While the medium of delivery has changed during COVID-19, students have been afforded the opportunity to celebrate and honour their diversity.

Students have been participating in Virtual Mindful Beading Sessions once a week, under the guidance of local artists Lorne Kequahtoway and Joely Big-Eagle Kequahtoway. These sessions are rooted in traditional Indigenous spirituality as well as the artistic, linguistic, and cultural history. Cultural Hour also occurs school-wide, on a weekly basis, and is led by MTMS Cultural Liaison Mr. Evan Whitestar, who is an Oskâpêwis (Elder’s Helper).

These sessions provide a space for knowledge sharing and teachings that emphasize the spiritual connection to Mother Earth and our relationships with one another – a timely message as experiences with COVID-19 have demonstrated that we are closely linked to each other as well as Mother Earth. These few examples have allowed the staff and students at MTMS to explore and model elements of the Universal Apostolic Preferences: Showing the Way to God, Walking with the Excluded, Journeying with Youth, and Caring for our Common Home.

For more information, please visit the school’s website at:
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Four hundred years later, despite the constraints of a pandemic, the Jesuits are demonstrating once again their courageous determination in Quebec City. While many religious communities in Old Quebec are selling their properties that have become too large, the Jesuits have decided to renovate the residence that they have occupied since 1856 and renew its mission. Looking beyond the construction work, it is important to recognize that faith has always been the vital force behind the mission undertaken here, whether in the early years of the colony or today, in the context of the twenty-first century.

After major renovations, the Résidence Notre-Dame at 14 rue Dauphine will reclaim its role in the formation of the next generations of Jesuits. The Centre de spiritualité Manrèse will be housed there as well to continue its work to promote the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius, especially in everyday life. Spiritual accompaniment and discernment, both individual and communal, are at the heart of its mission. The Jesuit chapel will also continue to play an important liturgical and cultural role. The combination of a church community, formation, and spirituality makes possible the rebirth of a powerful hub in Quebec City.

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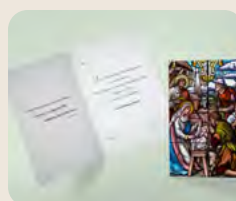
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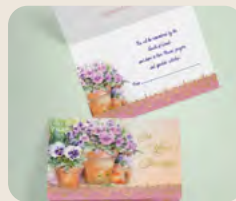
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FATHER MICHAEL ROSINSKI, SJ

A native of the Ontario's Niagara peninsula, Fr. Rosinski entered the Society of Jesus in 1994 and was ordained to the priesthood in 2006. He has served as a teacher and chaplain at both of the Canadian Jesuits' high schools in Winnipeg and Montreal. He also had pastoral assignments in Jamaica and South Sudan and served as associate pastor of St. Mark's Parish at the University of British Columbia. Currently, Fr. Rosinski assists with the formation of Jesuits, as a lecturer in canon law at Regis College, Toronto, and as rector of the Regis Jesuit Community.



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