Ordinations
New Province, New Provincial
Moving Forward with Renewed Hope
Not to us, LORD, not to us
but to your name give glory
because of your mercy and faithfulness…

It is we who bless the LORD,
both now and forever.

Hallelujah!

Psalm 115: 1,18
New Province Leadership Appointed

Fr. Ronald Mercier begins his assignment as provincial of the new U.S. Central and Southern Province on July 31 (see profile on pg. 16). He has appointed Fr. John Armstrong socius of the new province. Fr. Armstrong begins this new assignment after five years as formation assistant for both the Missouri and New Orleans provinces. Previously, he was the New Orleans Province formation assistant for 11 years and socius of the New Orleans Province for eight years.

Fr. Kevin Cullen will serve as formation assistant for the new province. A former director of novices for the Missouri Province, Fr. Cullen also served as the province assistant for higher education and worked in the mission offices of Rockhurst University and Regis University. Fr. Cullen has served as treasurer of the Missouri Province for the past three years.

The treasurer of the new province is Fr. Dan Daly who has served as socius of the Missouri Province for the past four years. Fr. Daly, who earned his doctorate in accounting from the University of Michigan, worked as a professor of accounting at Boston College and Regis University.

Fr. Tom Greene has been appointed province assistant for international ministries. He has served as secretary for social and international ministries of the Jesuit Conference for the past two years. Additionally, Fr. Greene has been named superior of Bellarmine House of Studies in St. Louis, home to Jesuit scholastics in studies at Saint Louis University, as Bellarmine House and St. Matthew the Apostle Jesuit community join to form one community. This new relationship will help foster the formation of the scholastics through ministry at this diocesan parish pastored by Jesuit Fr. Patrick Quinn.

Two Jesuits Profess Final Vows

Fr. Brian Garry and Fr. Anthony Rauschuber professed final vows as Jesuits on March 8 during Mass at Jesuit Hall in St. Louis. Fr. Garry is a pastoral minister at Saint Louis University, and Fr. Rauschuber is a retreat director at Manresa House of Retreats in Convent, La.

TRANSITIONS

Fr. Anthony McGinn is serving as president of Jesuit High School of New Orleans while a search is underway for a new president. He relieves Fr. Raymond Fitzgerald who announced in January his intention to step down at the end of the 2013-2014
Fr. T.J. Martinez has stepped down as president of Cristo Rey Jesuit College Preparatory School of Houston to undergo treatment for stomach cancer. Paul Posoli is serving as interim president. Posoli, a 1987 alumnus of Jesuit High School of Tampa, is managing director in the JPMorgan Global Commodities Group. He has served on Cristo Rey’s capital campaign committee and teaches First Impressions classes to incoming freshman and a Leadership class to the seniors. Fr. Anthony Wieck, who concludes tertianship this summer, will join the Cristo Rey community as a teacher and director of campus ministry this fall. Before his tertianship he taught theology and ministered at Jesuit College Preparatory in Dallas.

Having completed tertianship at the Mwangaza Jesuit Center in Nairobi, Kenya, Fr. Derrick Weingartner has been appointed pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Church in Grand Coteau, La. He relieves Fr. James Lambert who will be assigned associate pastor at Gesu Parish in Miami.

Fr. Anthony Wieck will join the Cristo Rey community as a teacher and director of campus ministry this fall. Before his tertianship he taught theology and ministered at Jesuit College Preparatory in Dallas.

Fr. Raul Navarro has departed Immaculate Conception Parish in New Orleans, his first assignment after his 2013 ordination, for an assignment as assistant dean for the School of Graduate and Professional Studies and undergraduate internship coordinator at Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Mo.

Fr. Daniel Tesvich has been appointed associate pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish after serving for the past year as associate pastor at Holy Name of Jesus Parish in New Orleans.

Fr. T.J. Martinez

Dean, Cristo Rey Jesuit College Preparatory School

Fr. Raul Navarro

Dean, Immaculate Conception Parish

Fr. Daniel Tesvich

Associate Pastor, Immaculate Conception Parish

Fr. Donald Hawkins, 67, died on Dec. 30, 2013, in Opelousas, La. He was a Jesuit for 48 years and a priest for 37 years.

Fr. Hawkins was born on August 27, 1946, in Mobile, Ala., where he graduated from McGill Institute. He attended Spring Hill College before entering the Society of Jesus in 1965 at St. Charles College in Grand Coteau, La. He graduated from Spring Hill College and earned degrees from the University of Texas in Austin and Regis College in Toronto. He was ordained a priest on June 5, 1976, at Spring Hill College.

His early work was in the area of secondary education at Jesuit High School of New Orleans where he taught English and theology and later served as chair of the theology department, director of campus ministry and school chaplain.

He returned to St. Charles College where he was assistant director of novices and directed retreats at the Jesuit Spirituality Center housed there. He also assisted with campus ministry at the University of Southwestern Louisiana. Later, he was parochial vicar at Holy Name of Jesus in New Orleans, after which he was rector of
the Jesuit Community at Spring Hill College and director of campus ministry. He returned to New Orleans as a parochial vicar at Immaculate Conception Parish and then was pastor at Holy Name of Jesus where he worked until 2013. Prior to his death, Fr. Hawkins was once again assigned to St. Charles College, where he briefly worked as a retreat director at the Jesuit Spirituality Center.

Fr. Fred Reynolds

Father Fred G. Reynolds, 72, died on Feb. 3, 2014, in Grand Coteau, La. He was a Jesuit for 42 years and a priest for 35 years.

Fr. Reynolds was born on December 2, 1941, in New Iberia, La. He graduated from the University of Southwestern Louisiana in 1965 and served in the U.S. Navy through 1969.

He entered the Society of Jesus in 1971 at St. Charles College in Grand Coteau. After studies at Spring Hill College he was assigned to Strake Jesuit College Preparatory in Houston. He completed studies at Weston School of Theology in Cambridge, Mass., in 1978 and was ordained a priest on June 3, 1978, at St. Peter's Church in New Iberia.

After ordination, Fr. Reynolds served in a variety of assignments, including retreat director at Our Lady of the Oaks in Grand Coteau; a counselor, teacher and chaplain at Jesuit College Preparatory School in Dallas; and a chaplain at St. Paul Hospital in Dallas.

He studied Orthodox Theology and the traditions of the Melkite-Greek Catholic Church at the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox College, living and assisting at Our Lady of Annunciation Cathedral in Boston.

Fr. Reynolds returned to Grand Coteau in 1985 as associate pastor at St. Charles Borromeo Church for six years. For two years, he was chaplain at the VA hospital in Pineville, La., followed by an assignment as a Catholic campus minister at Southern University in Baton Rouge. Between and following these assignments, he was missioned to St. Charles College from where he engaged in a variety of pastoral works, including spiritual direction, retreat ministry and chaplaincy.

In 2008, he was assigned to the Ignatius Residence community; he later moved to the Southeast Louisiana Veterans War Memorial Retirement Home in Reserve, La., where he lived and assisted in ministry at the retirement home. In 2013, he moved to the Southwest Louisiana War Veterans Home in Jennings, La., where he resided until shortly before his death.

Fr. John Schroder

Father John F. Schroder, 95, died on Jan. 25, 2014, at St. Charles College in Grand Coteau, La., where he had entered the Society of Jesus in 1941. He was a Jesuit for 72 years and a priest for 60 years.

Fr. Schroder was born on January 11, 1919, in Atlanta. A graduate of Georgetown Preparatory School in Washington, D.C., he earned degrees from the University of Notre Dame and St. Mary's College in Kansas. During formation, he taught at Loyola College in Montreal and at Jesuit High School in Tampa, Fla. He was ordained a priest on June 17, 1953, at Spring Hill College.

From 1955 to 1974 he was a member of the Jesuit “Mission Band,” offering parish missions throughout the south. Afterward, Fr. Schroder served as pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church in Harriman, Tenn., and superior of Ignatius House in Atlanta. In 1980 he began 33 years of missionary work in Belize, spending most of those years at St. Francis Mission in Corozal Town where his ministry extended to some 20 area villages.

In 2003, Fr. Schroder retired to Jesuit Hall in St. Louis. He joined the Ignatius Residence community in New Orleans in 2008 and moved with the community to Grand Coteau in May 2013.
Jesuits Celebrate the Summer Ordinations of Six New Priests

Jesuits of the Missouri and New Orleans Provinces are celebrating the summer ordinations of six new priests.

While the formation journeys of these newly-ordained Jesuits have been similar, and at times shared journeys, each Jesuit has been shaped by his own story and brings his individual gifts and skills to this deeper mode of apostolic ministry to the Church.

Robert E. Murphy, 37, was born and raised in Metairie, La., just outside of New Orleans. He attended Jesuit High School of New Orleans and earned a bachelor’s degree in physical therapy at the University of South Alabama in Mobile. He pursued a career in physical therapy in Laurel, Miss., and later, certification as an athletic trainer at the University of Southern Mississippi, where he helped start a youth ministry.

Murphy entered the Jesuits in 2003 at the novitiate in Grand Coteau, La. He earned a doctorate in physical therapy at Saint Louis University and spent a semester at the Jesuit university in El Salvador, honing his Spanish skills and working in a medical clinic. He spent his regency from 2008 to 2011 at Jesuit College Preparatory School of Dallas, as director of campus ministry, theology and Spanish teacher, freshman soccer coach and assistant to the athletic training staff.

He earned both a Master of Divinity and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology at Boston College School of Theology and Ministry while training Boston College athletes and serving as a parish deacon in Medford, Mass.

“My introduction to Ignatian spirituality and dis-
cernment of a priestly vocation in the Society of Jesus began on a silent retreat during my senior year at Jesuit High School. With the help of my director, I felt God was calling me to go to college and study physical therapy in order to help heal people’s bodies. During my training, I received tools and gained experiences in walking with people through difficult and painful circumstances.

My time as a health care professional in the Bible belt afforded me many opportunities for spiritual conversations about God and sickness. Through these encounters, I began to feel a need to receive training in order to help heal people’s souls. This desire led me to reconsider a call to the priesthood. While making an Ignatian discernment retreat, I realized that this spirituality was how I prayed and related to God. This understanding confirmed my decision to enter the Jesuits.

During my formation, I have learned skills and had experiences in order to minister to people during times of loss and suffering. As I prepare for ordination to the priesthood, I feel ready to be God’s instrument to bring both physical and spiritual healing to people. I am also excited that I will be beginning this ministry at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Grand Coteau, La., for the summer and Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in San Antonio in the fall.

I would like to thank my family, friends, and Jesuit brothers for their love and support of my vocation through which I receive great joy and peace.

Nathan W. O’Halloran, 32, grew up on The Lord’s Ranch, a Catholic lay community founded in 1975 in southern New Mexico. The son of Catholic missionaries who met and married at The Lord’s Ranch, O’Halloran and his seven siblings were home-schooled and worked the ranch. He frequently entered Juarez, Mexico, to distribute produce and work with prisoners.

Profoundly influenced by the work of Jesuit Father Richard Thomas who died in 2006, founder of The Lord’s Ranch, O’Halloran began considering a vocation to the priesthood at an early age.

After earning bachelor degrees in philosophy and theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, he entered the Jesuits in 2003 at the novitiate in Grand Coteau, La. He earned a master’s degree in philosophy from Fordham University in New York City, then spent his regency teaching Greek and theology at Jesuit High School of New Orleans and coaching its Ultimate Frisbee team to the state finals. He earned a Master of Divinity and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University in Berkeley, Calif., while also serving as an AIDS hospice chaplain and parish deacon. He hopes to continue pro-life work.

“Pedro Arrupe once observed in a speech: ‘A long time ago it was said that the Company’s strength lay in its well-trained mediocrity... In St. Ignatius’ thinking, excellence is not of an intellectual order. It may of course be of that order. But true excellence lies in our gift of ourselves.’

Knowing my own natural gifts and also the formation that I have been given as a Jesuit, I know the words of Arrupe to be true. By nature I am mediocre. I have some gifts and I do not have others. What I do have is a training that has taught me the excellence of the gift of self, and in that excellence also lies the secret of the priesthood.
Pope Francis recently reminded a group of young priests that ‘priestly joy is a joy that is sister to poverty.’ To be a priest is to know the poverty of self-gift, the poverty of knowing that I have so little to offer of my own. It comes with the realization that if I reach into my basket of mediocrity to feed the 5,000 people, I will only draw out moldy bread, but if I receive from the hands of Christ, then I can offer no less than his own Body and Blood.

In these days I find myself turning often to Mary, ‘Untangler of Nets.’ It’s an image that came to me in my eight-day retreat before ordination. Called to be a fisher of men, I often find my nets of ministry and myself as well quite tangled up. Yet Mary is always in the boat next to me, calmly, patiently and gently untangling my nets so that I can continue haltingly to respond to the call of Christ. It is to her that I continue to turn, to Our Lady of Guadalupe, to Our Lady of Tenderness, and to Mary, Untangler of Nets, begging her to stay at my side as she stayed at the side of Christ.”

Eric R. Ramirez, 34, grew up in San Angelo, Texas, and earned a bachelor’s degree in English from Angelo State University and worked at the Newman Center. His correspondence with Jesuit vocation director, Fr. Marvin Kitten, was delivered by the family’s mail carrier, who, by coincidence, was the nephew of “Uncle Marvin.” With that extra sign, Ramirez entered the Society in 2002.

Ramirez studied philosophy and earned a master’s degree in English at Loyola University Chicago, where he was chaplain for the men’s volleyball team. For regency, he taught English and theology at Jesuit High School of Tampa while helping with the school’s retreat program, the hockey team and fathers club.

He studied theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, although he arrived in Rome in 2011, not knowing a word of Italian. He learned the language and culture and earned a bachelor’s degree in sacred theology while contributing to The Jesuit Post. A deacon at the Church of the Gesù in Rome, Ramirez served as the Gesù’s master of ceremonies for special feast day Masses celebrated by Pope Francis.

Michael D. Rozier, 32, grew up in historic Ste. Genevieve, Mo., and met the Jesuits while studying at Saint Louis University, where he was active in campus liturgies, studied pre-med, contributed to public health research projects and played French horn.

After graduating in 2003 with a bachelor’s degree in chemistry, Rozier entered the Jesuit novitiate in St. Paul, Minn. He earned a diploma in philosophical studies from Regis College at the University of Toronto and spent a semester in El Salvador. He received a master’s degree in public health at The Johns Hopkins University in 2008 and did a five-month fellowship at the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland. He spent his regency teaching global health and public health ethics at Saint Louis University and helped design its first undergraduate curriculum in public health.

He earned both a Master of Divinity and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, while serving as a parish deacon in Winchester, Mass. He contributed to the Jesuit Post, and was a fellow for the study of professional ethics in Auschwitz. He will begin doctoral studies this fall at the University of Michigan’s School of Public Health.

“Originally, I wasn’t thrilled about a vocation to the priesthood. In fact, I stopped going to Mass my sophomore year at Saint Louis University because the call was strongest during celebration of the Eucharist. But when I began to take the possibility of entering the novitiate more seriously, the fear of the unknown was replaced with nervous excitement.

Eleven years might seem like a long time to prepare for ordination, but I am so grateful for the time I have been given in formation. The people I have been with along the way—brother Jesuits, prisoners, students, faculty colleagues, the sick and dying—have each called something unique out of me that I did not know was there. God prepared me long ago for this vocation, and God’s People have helped me see and believe it.

Over the past couple years, as ordination has become more imminent, I have once again experienced a nervous excitement. I am excited about the new possibilities priestly ministry brings, especially the privileged moment to share...
God's love and mercy in the sacrament of Reconciliation. But I am also excited that it opens opportunities for mission that were unimaginable until now. Throughout formation, the Society of Jesus has always dreamed bigger dreams for me than I ever have for myself. I hope the same is true in the years to come.

After spending the summer at St. Francis Xavier College Church in St. Louis—which happens to be the place where, as a student, the call to priesthood overwhelmed me—I begin a doctoral program in Health Management and Policy at the University of Michigan. If history is any indication of what is to come, God will use his People to form me into the priest God wants me to be. For that, I am already grateful.

Christopher J. Schroeder, 32, the nephew of a Jesuit brother and two diocesan priests, was born and raised in St. Louis. He came to know the Jesuits at De Smet Jesuit High School. He began studies at Saint Louis University, but left after sophomore year to enter the Jesuits in 2002 at the novitiate in St. Paul, Minn.

He earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy and humanities and a master's degree in philosophy from Saint Louis University. He spent five months in El Salvador for intensive Spanish language study and to work for Fe y Alegria, a Jesuit network in education, training and development in Latin America. He spent his regency teaching theology at Arrupe Jesuit High School in Denver, and directed its Kairos retreat program.

He earned a Master of Divinity at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University in Berkeley, Calif., and was a deacon at San Quentin State Prison. This summer, he will serve at St. Martin de Porres Parish in Belize before returning in the fall to Berkeley to finish his Licentiate in Sacred Theology.

“Eucharistia—thanksgiving—is at the heart of the Church's life. Ordination has challenged me to place it at the heart of my life as well. God has been good to me in a thousand ways and in a thousand faces.

On my retreat two years ago, preparing to request ordination, I had a prayer experience that helped me understand God's generosity. In my prayer, I was in a boat fishing with Jesus. He told me to cast the net over the side. As we began to pull it in, it was full of fish and they quickly began filling the boat.

When the fish had filled the entire boat up to our knees, I turned to Jesus and said, 'This is amazing. I am so grateful for all these fish. Shall we stop and clean them?' 'Keep pulling,' he replied.

So we kept pulling, and more and more fish kept coming. They filled the boat and eventually began to fill the lake around us. When they reached our waist, I turned again to Jesus and asked if we should stop, and he said again, 'Keep pulling.' By the time the fish were up to our necks, I didn't even have to ask. I just looked at Jesus. He smiled and said, 'Keep pulling.'

By the end of the prayer, the entire world was fish, piled high above our heads, and every second we kept pulling in more and more. Just so, I understand that God has given me grace piled upon grace. And still it is not enough. God desires to give me—us—more. For me, priesthood is the way I can dedicate my life to giving thanks to God and by offering back to God every person and every grace that God first gave to me.”
Derek Vo, 49, left his native Vietnam at age 21 and spent three years in a refugee camp. In 1988, he joined family in the U.S. and earned a bachelor’s degree in computer science from the University of Oklahoma in 1994. He worked outside of Dallas, where he learned about Ignatian spirituality from a Christian Life Community. The events of September 11, 2001, led him to resolve to live a more meaningful life of faith and service.

He joined the Jesuits in 2003 and studied philosophy at Saint Louis University. He spent his regency teaching math and computer science at Regis Jesuit High School outside of Denver and supervised the school’s photography club.

He has returned three times to Vietnam to teach English and philosophy, work with the poor and offer retreats. He earned a Master of Divinity at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University in Berkeley, Calif., while serving as a chaplain at San Quentin State Prison.

He said the work at San Quentin has allowed him to encounter “Christ the prisoner” in the men who help him strip away judgment, prejudice and fear to discover gentle forgiveness. He hopes to work in pastoral ministries.

“There is a saying: ‘Every journey starts with a small step!’ I believe that every call to religious life starts with small spiritual seeds implanted very early on that are nurtured throughout the life of the man. In my case, the seeds were sown on those afternoons as a four year old boy when I ran alongside my grandfather to go to church, and learning to pray in a small town in Southern Vietnam. The tree that grew out of these seeds continues to be showered by the generosities of the many faces during my long Jesuit formation years. These are the faces of the homeless, the lepers, the orphans, the students, the seminarians, the inmates, and my Jesuit brothers. As my path crossed into their paths, each of them taught me to enrich my prayers in a unique way. They have helped to transform my heart to make me a more compassionate man.

In a few days, I will be ordained as a Jesuit priest. It will be a joyous celebration event. But I know that I will not become a good priest without these people. My priesthood belongs to the people who have helped to form me these years. This will be the time for all of us to celebrate together the fruit of the tree they have helped to water.

Pope Francis tells priests to smell of their sheep. I think that is not enough. In the old time, shepherds were banned to enter Jerusalem because the odor of their sheep had tainted not only their clothes but also their skin. I don’t want to smell of my sheep alone. I pray that my priesthood will fully be tainted by the sweetness of their odor. It is this sweetness that our God could not resist but incarnated among us!”
In 2007 the New Orleans Province celebrated its first century of existence. As archivist at that time I had a chance to read many of the documents relating to its founding, and was particularly struck by the first Provincial’s desire that all of the Jesuits of the new province recite or sing the *Miserere* (Psalm 51) on the eve of the new province, and the *Te Deum* on the day itself.

“By the first we shall humbly beg forgiveness for what may have been defective in the past,” he wrote, “and by the second we shall express our gratitude to God for his great goodness towards us and promise renewed efforts to be every day more worthy of our vocation.”

As the New Orleans Province comes to an end after 107 years, and we prepare to create the new U.S. Central and Southern Province, we might share the same sentiments of acknowledging that not everything in the past was done perfectly, but that we move forward with great gratitude for the goodness of God, and renewed hope that we will continue to live our vocations to the greater glory of God.

Our past has been far from perfect, but we are grateful for the fidelity, work and prayers of the many Jesuits and companions who have gone before us. The stories of many of these province forbears will be published later this summer, helping us to remember and celebrate the beginnings, the times of growth.
from mission to province, as well as the sustenance and the movement of our many activities around the southern U.S. over the past two centuries. It will also include some of the important moments of collaboration between the New Orleans and Missouri Missions in the early days of Grand Coteau, and recount some of the stories of the Rocky Mountain Mission, parts of which were later joined to the New Orleans and Missouri Provinces.

As we become the U.S. Central and Southern Province many have asked how it might affect the activities and works of the Jesuits in their area. The change is mostly administrative and intended to help us respond more flexibly and effectively to the apostolic needs and opportunities in the new region. While the provincial offices will be in St. Louis, the provincial will continue to visit all of the Jesuits, communities, and works of the new province. The Jesuits themselves will continue to be assigned across the new province and care for those to whom they are sent with the same zeal and gifts that they always have. But happily there will now be 400 Jesuits in the new province to serve in 13 parishes, six spirituality centers, five universities, a junior college (St. John’s College, Belize), 11 high schools, several initiatives in pre-secondary education, and a variety of social ministries.

One part of this new province that has already been anticipated is the novitiate of St. Stanislaus Kostka located at St. Charles College in Grand Coteau. For the past six years, novices of both provinces have begun their formation in the now newly renovated building. These young men are among the 60 Jesuits in educational and spiritual preparation for ministry to God’s people. With the arrival of the senior Jesuits at St. Alphonsus Rodrigue Pavilion within College, the newest Jesuits have the benefit of the wisdom and prayers of some of the oldest members of the province. The Jesuits also share the College with the many friends and colleagues who come to be directed in the Spiritual Exercises at the Jesuit Spirituality Center.

Of course all of this activity is not in the hands of Jesuits alone. There is a remarkable network of friends, benefactors and colleagues in ministry that make all of these institutions hum. Once, the stories of our institutions were told almost exclusively from the point of view of Jesuits; today we realize that the leadership, ministry, counsel and support for these works come also from a myriad of dedicated lay men and women who know, embrace and live the mission and Jesuit identity on which they are founded. What we as Jesuits are able to do from Colorado to Florida, and to Belize and many places beyond is magnified and enhanced by this collaboration at the heart of mission. Yet in all of this the hand of God remains in the forefront.

So, if I might add another Psalm for our prayer on the eve of our new province, July 30, I would echo King Henry V after the battle of Agincourt, and desire the recitation of Psalm 115: “Not to us, not to us O Lord, but to thy name give glory.”

May each of you be blessed for all the good things that you have done for the New Orleans Province over the years, and may our future be one of hope and promise in accomplishing God’s will for us in all things.
A New Provincial for a New, Large and Diverse Province

By Cheryl Wittenauer

As Father Ron Mercier talks about his life, a pattern emerges.

The 60-year-old Jesuit, a product of working-class Holyoke, Mass., keeps getting asked to do things, and he always says yes, even when he’d rather say no, not now.

He agreed, as a young Jesuit graduate student of Russian history at Harvard University, to help out at a Ukrainian Catholic church in Boston.

Years later, he said yes to similar requests from churches of the same Byzantine Rite in Toronto and St. Louis.

Nearly a decade ago, he accepted an invitation to be the first executive director of the Jesuit Collaborative, a three-province network linking ministries in Ignatian spirituality from North Carolina to Maine.

And when Missouri Provincial Doug Marcouiller asked him four years ago to run a house of formation in St. Louis—where he had just accepted a teaching job at Saint Louis University—he responded with the same spirit of obedience and availability that’s in the Jesuit DNA.

A little over a year ago, Fr. Marcouiller asked the tall, lanky Fr. Mercier to facilitate a meeting of Jesuit superiors at Lake Dallas, Texas. They gathered in March 2013 to discuss, reflect and pray about the necessary qualities of the man who would lead one of the nation’s largest Jesuit provinces, more than 1 million square miles, when the Missouri and New Orleans provinces would combine their men, ministries, institutions, assets and cultures on July 31, 2014.

“He said, ‘you should know your name has been mentioned as a possible candidate,’” Fr. Mercier recalled Fr. Marcouiller saying. He laughed and didn’t think much about it.

But his name kept coming up, and eventually, he was one of three men recommended for the post to the Society of Jesus’ leader in Rome, Father General Adolfo Nicolás.

“I kept hoping it would pass, but it didn’t,” Fr. Mercier later recalled.

One day, as he was driving between home and Saint Louis University where he taught ethics, his cell phone rang. He pulled over, picked up the call from Fr. Marcouiller and heard the words that he’d been chosen to lead the Jesuits of the new U.S. Central and Southern Province, starting on July 31, the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus.

“My first reaction was simply shock,” he said. “Oh, dear God, with everything that that entails,” he remembers thinking.

“That lasted a little while.”

But over time, he’s made peace with it, trusting in the grace that he’ll be provided companions to help him.

“It is daunting in a very real way,” he said. “There is a lot to do. At the same time, I really do get a sense that I have extraordinarily good support. … I’m hearing that echoed throughout the province. Daunting as it might be, it certainly is going to be a burden shared with others.”

Not least among his challenges is the sheer vastness of the new province, which stretches eastward from Colorado and New Mexico to Florida, and south from Kansas and Missouri to the Mexican border and Gulf Coast, and along the Mississippi River from St. Louis to New Orleans and beyond, to Belize, in Central America, each place with its own distinctive culture, dialect, tradition and natural resistance to let go of the past to make way for the new.

“It’s a killing job and takes a real skill,” said Clare Walsh, a Catholic sister of the Mission Helpers of the
Sacred Heart, a friend and colleague from his Jesuit Collaborative days.

“… But he’s a Jesuit, a real Jesuit, and he will embrace it. He would not have looked for this. Jesuits don’t aspire to this, but I think he will embrace it.”

Sr. Walsh noted that the new provincial for the consolidating New York and New England provinces is from neither.

“It does in some ways help when merging to have an outsider,” she said. “In Ron’s favor, he has crossed many borders. He speaks numerous languages, lived in the United States and Canada. He’s from Roman and Ukrainian traditions, been in academia and pastoral work. Crossing boundaries is something he does with fluidity. That might be one of the reasons he was chosen as provincial.”

Fr. Mercier grew up in a place with lots of borders.

The Holyoke he knew in the 1950s and ‘60s was an old industrial city made up of ethnic enclaves of Irish, Italians, Poles and French Canadians drawn to work in its paper mills. Everyone knew each other in his small section of the city, where English and French were spoken at his Catholic grade school, and where sisters from French-speaking Quebec taught. As working-class families aspired to middle-class life in the suburbs, their ethnic identities were diluted and lost.

The immigration issues of today are in many ways, his family’s history, he said.

“All four of my grandparents (and mother) were from Quebec and had to migrate to the U.S. for economic reasons,” he said. French was the only language spoken in the Mercier home for a time.

His parents placed a high value on education for its own sake and as the ticket out of Holyoke, and he and his two siblings made it their life’s work.

Young Ron, a stellar student, attended Yale University, where he briefly pursued pre-med until a roommate suggested offhand that he study Russian to meet an elective requirement, which surprisingly lit a love of the Russian language, history, and culture and led to a degree in Russian and East European studies. He assumed he would teach Russian history and language or work in diplomacy or international law during what was then the height of the Cold War and detente, but a chance meeting and friendship with Jesuit doctoral students at Yale provided an image of priesthood that he had not experienced before.

“I was used to a traditional type of Catholicism,” he said. “This was a very different way of being a priest, in my way of thinking.”

Further exposure to Jesuits during graduate studies in East European history at Columbia University led him to enter the New England Province at age 22, and he served as its delegate to a 2008 Jesuit world assembly in Rome that selected Father Adolfo Nicolás as superior general. No longer a New England Province Jesuit, Fr. Mercier is on his way to seeing a whole lot more of the country.

Fr. Mercier’s father, who was a truck driver, hated to drive, but his son loves the open road. “Growing up in a small area made me want to see the rest of the world,” he said.

His visits to Jesuit communities in the new province will start right after the annual Jesuit Jubilee in New Orleans, during which he will be read into office. First stop: a drive to St. Charles College in Grand Coteau, La.

Fr. Mercier has a better sense of A little lagniappe…

What type of music might he play on long road trips across the new province?

Fr. Mercier enjoys jazz, classical, world music and rock and roll. “I came of age listening to the Beatles and the Rolling Stones.”

How does he relax?

He loves film, especially movies portraying human struggle. His integration of film in homilies earned him a reputation as “the movie priest.”

He also loves long drives. “Driving allows me to listen to good music or a book on tape. It’s like a mini-retreat. I turn the cell phone off.”

How has he prepared for his new role?

In April, he did a pilgrimage to places that are at the heart of Ignatius’ journey: Loyola, site of his conversion; Montserrat, where he gave up his sword; and Manresa, where he had mystical experiences.
the Missouri Province from having lived and worked in St. Louis, visited Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Mo., and served on the board of Regis University in Denver. “But,” he said, “I have a lot to learn.”

His top priority is meeting the new province’s men and visiting its institutions, and to “listen and give people a sense of being cared for,” he said. He also wants to learn how Jesuits might respond to the changing dynamics of the church within the province. So far, he’s been struck by the number of men who are willing to cross old province lines and take on new challenges.

His outsider status is not a question of neutrality, he said, but of being committed to the new province.

Fr. Mercier will miss the formation house, the classroom and an academic career in ethics. For 15 years, he was dean and professor of ethics at Regis College, the Jesuit theology school of the University of Toronto, where he earned a doctorate in theology.

At Saint Louis University, he taught ethics, healthcare ethics, and a course in public health and social justice. His area of expertise was access and justice in health care as well as informed consent, especially at end of life.

A Jesuit friend who worked with Fr. Mercier at Regis College described him as insightful, discreet, prudent and kind with a dry sense of humor.

“He lives an authentic Jesuit life in tune with the Spiritual Exercises and Constitutions and is well aware of the complexities of the contemporary world,” said Father Geoffrey “Monty” Williams.

He added: “I trust his judgment.”

Fr. Mercier knows his new job will leave little time for retreat work, spiritual direction and parish sacramental ministry, which he loves. Still, he said, “the work of a provincial is very much pastoral.”

But it also requires strong administrative skills, and Fr. Mercier is gifted both pastorally and administratively, Sr. Walsh said.

“He has an uncanny ability to see the big picture and attend to detail,” she said. “He's a good listener. … He's very, very prayerful, approachable and humble.

“You are very blessed to have him as the next provincial. He has a strong sense of mission.”
New Advancement Team at Work

By Cheryl Wittenauer

A new team of advancement professionals is already at work raising resources for the Jesuit works of the Central and Southern Province that starts July 31.

John Fitzpatrick, tapped last fall as provincial assistant for advancement, reconfigured staff in St. Louis and New Orleans to maximize their talents.

New Orleans Province staff members Amy Levidis, Katy Quigley and Brooke Iglesias will work on writing and supporting grant applications from home offices in New Orleans.

In St. Louis, office administrator Pat Rubenstein works closely with Ana Ramirez on data entry and donor communications.

Vincent Orlando, who moved from New Orleans to St. Louis, manages the database. Associate Director Fr. Robert Weiss signs thank you letters to donors, many of whom he has known for years.

A major gifts officer likely will be added to the team this fall or winter to help Fitzpatrick cultivate prospective donors. They’ll split up the vast province spanning 14 states and exceeding 1 million square miles and connect with donors more personally.

“It’s an awfully big province, but we have to make it warm and inviting for donors,” Fitzpatrick said. That means acknowledging donors’ gifts promptly, spelling their names correctly and honoring their gift designation.

Another challenge is getting the attention of lapsed donors, reconnecting with them and reminding them why their support is so critical, he said.

In February, the Missouri-New Orleans team produced a fundraising mailing that raised more than $50,000 to support men in formation. For the first time, donors from across the two provinces were asked to send their gifts to the St. Louis office.

Fitzpatrick, who turns 57 this month, grew up in Massapequa, N.Y., and graduated in 1979 from St. John’s University in Queens, N.Y., with a degree in communications arts.

His track coach steered him to the 72nd floor of the Empire State Building to talk to John Foerst, a St. John’s alum who headed one of the nation’s oldest fundraising firms, Community Counseling Service.

“Thank God he didn’t ask me to spell ‘philanthropy,’ because I wouldn’t have been able to,” Fitzpatrick said. “I cut my teeth there, learned how to do consulting. They did mostly Catholic work. I was assigned the ‘second man,’ which meant I went for coffee and sat and watched.”

Over the next 11 years, he conducted capital campaigns for Catholic dioceses of New York and El Paso, Texas; the Royal College of Surgeons in Dublin, Ireland; Rotary International in Evanston, Ill., and other clients.

In 1985-86, while working a national account with Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in St. Louis, a colleague introduced Fitzpatrick to his future wife, Melanie. They married in 1988, and she traveled with him on consulting jobs for more than a year.

In 1990, the couple settled in St. Louis where Fitzpatrick went to work for St. John’s Mercy Hospital as its first development director for 11 years.

He did development work for a teen outreach program in Eureka, Mo., for the next five years, and later, private consulting until 2013.

When Fitzpatrick spotted the ad for the Jesuit’s advancement position, he jumped at the opportunity. “I said, ‘travel has been a theme for me. I have experience building relationships in other cities,’” he recalled.

Just as relationships with Jesuits prompt many donors to support Jesuit works, Fitzpatrick came to know and appreciate Jesuits through his son Tim, a De Smet Jesuit High School graduate now attending Marquette University.

“I knew of Jesuits, but I hadn’t worked with them,” he said. “I participated in the men’s club and got to know (De Smet president) Fr. Wally Sidney.

“All through high school, Tim would come home and talk about his great teachers and the great Jesuits he encountered. I knew that if I ever had the opportunity to work for the Jesuits, I’d grab it.”

By Cheryl Wittenauer
2014 Jesuit Jubilee:
the Celebration and Continuation of Service

Thirty-seven Jesuits will be honored for their combined 1,975 years of service to God’s Church at the 2014 Jesuit Jubilee, the annual tradition that recognizes Jesuits celebrating milestones of service. This year’s two-day celebration, held in Louisiana, will be the inaugural celebration of the new U.S.A. Central and Southern Province of the Society of Jesus.

Festivities will begin on Friday, August 1, with Mass at 11:30 a.m. followed by a luncheon at St. Charles College in Grand Coteau, La., and will conclude on Saturday, August 2, the feast of St. Peter Faber, with 4 p.m. Mass at Holy Name of Jesus Church in New Orleans, followed by a reception in the Danna Student Center on Loyola University’s campus.

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Dear Friends,

Peace of Christ.

As I looked with a magnifying glass through Fr. Tom Stahl’s 4,116 page, two-volume set 1971 edition of The Compact Edition of the Oxford English Dictionary, I had one of those rare serendipitous moments. I encountered the word “gratiose” as I looked up the word “gratitude.”

Gratiose means “of or pertaining to divine grace.” And gratitude can be described as “a warm sense of kindness received, involving a feeling of good will towards the benefactor and a desire to do something in return.”

In my 10 and a half years with the Jesuits of the New Orleans Province I have been humbled and graced by so many benefactors and Jesuits. Through these folks I have seen God’s grace in action and, in them, I have glimpsed the heart of God—a heart filled with the compassion for the less fortunate and with the desire to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ whenever and wherever it is needed.

I have worked alongside lay colleagues, Jesuits, and benefactors who embody a faith that does justice. These incredible people want to, as St. Ignatius said, “set the world afire” with their love for Christ. They are all truly “contemplatives in action” who through their work are an inspiration.

In the following pages, we have our annual report of faithful friends who make our mission possible. We also have several outstanding examples of benefactors who help us proclaim the Good News through their various efforts. I pray that they encourage you as they do me.

For the opportunity to be part of and witness the work of this wonderful band of the faithful, I am grateful. To have these people change my heart, I am eternally indebted. As the definition of gratitude asserts, I have a desire to do something in return. My gift back is a prayer of deep thanksgiving. My gift forward is to carry this spirit into whatever my next job is, which God readies for me.

From the bottom of my heart, to all those who have shown a kindness to me along this past decade, thank you. May the Christ, who is love incarnate, bless you and keep you close.

All of this because I looked up a word the old school way—I opened a book.

With a grateful heart,

Michael Bourg

A Dedicated Volunteer

Joan Gaulene

Joan Gaulene’s lifelong association with the Jesuits dates back to her childhood and her Welsh mother who believed that only the Jesuits could deliver a Catholic education. While still in high school, Joan visited Loyola University New Orleans and immediately knew it was right for her.

“In those days you could sign up right there at the open house, and so I did,” she said.

After college Joan’s career centered on public relations and fundraising. Back at Loyola University after several years she served as director of institutional relations. Ten years later she was recruited by Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles to serve as director of public relations. In 1996, she retired and returned to her New Orleans home and Loyola University as an instructor in communications.

At the invitation of Jesuit Father Tom Clancy she agreed to do some volunteer work in the Province Archives housed at the university, an assignment that has continued for 17 years. By donating her time and expertise, Joan has enabled the Province to care for and make available to scholars the resources of our Jesuit history. The province lauded her contribution with the 2011 Homines Pro Aliis Award.

Her generosity as a Jesuit Companion has also benefitted Jesuits in formation, senior Jesuits and Jesuit missionaries. She continues to support province-related projects and serves on various committees.

Joan’s contribution is a labor of love done out of respect and appreciation for the Jesuits she counts as mentors, colleagues and friends. She describes her archive work as “informative, sometimes surprising, and always inspiring.”

For her spirit of philanthropy and dedication to the preservation of Jesuit history she was awarded Loyola University New Orleans’ Adjutor Hominum Award in June, the university’s highest alumni honor.
The Family Tradition

Bob and Margo Murphy

The Murphys have a long tradition with Jesuit High School of New Orleans, beginning with Bob’s father who attended the school for three years before transferring to Spring Hill High School in Mobile, Ala. Bob is a 1959 alumnus of JHS New Orleans, and the Murphys’ son Robert who was ordained a Jesuit priest in June is a 1995 graduate.

“When I was at school at least one-third of my classmates were receiving some sort of financial assistance,” Bob recalled. “I was always impressed with the Jesuits’ commitment to those who had less financial ability. They really tried to make a Jesuit education available to all.”

Bob and Margo, who celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary in May, were raised in humble, loving households. Bob is retired from his accounting firm and Margo works as a home health nurse.

“We didn’t have a lot growing up,” he said, “but our parents instilled a sense of philanthropy in us, that desire to help those less fortunate.”

Bob also credits Jesuit Father Elmo Rogero as an influence.

“Fr. Rogero died in 1960, but when I was at Jesuit High School he was not only an outstanding teacher, he was also a terrific counselor. He guided many of us and helped us find our path.”

It’s one of the reasons the Murphys encourage others to support the Jesuits.

“It’s that Jesuit mission that is as true today as it was in my high school years. Their dedication and the success they have achieved in educating young men and women is worthy of our support,” he said.

Parents to one daughter, Roxanne, and to Fr. Robert Murphy, Bob and Margo continue to support the formation of Jesuits. The Murphys also chaired the Parent’s Phase of the Renewing a Sacred Place campaign, helping to raise more than $3 million for the Jesuit novitiate, senior care pavilion and Spirituality Center at St. Charles College in Grand Coteau, La.

A Lifetime of Service

Gene and Shirley Vilfordi

Gene Vilfordi’s father was assistant manager of the famous Adolphus Hotel in Dallas when one day in 1936 he summoned Gene and his older brother, George, to the hotel. He met them in the lobby and escorted them to a small private room where waiting for the boys was none other than President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Gene was only a boy of nine, but meeting the President with his father and brother was one of the last memories they shared together before his father’s death that same year. Now a man of 87, Gene says that year revealed to him the good, bad and blessings that make up life.

Gene’s own servant spirit has been a blessing on the Jesuits for nearly 50 years. It began in 1968 when Gene and his first wife, Ruth, joined St. Rita Parish in Dallas, befriending Fr. Jack Heaney, and later Fr. Paul Schott with whom Gene still has a special friendship.

Gene lost Ruth in 1983. He was left to raise their three children on his own, until a marvelous encounter at St. Rita Church.

“I was at Mass, and during the Sign of Peace I shook hands with this wonderful woman,” he recalled of meeting his wife, Shirley. “As it turned out we had mutual friends. We got to know each other and were married about one year after that handshake.”

Gene and Shirley have travelled the world together during their 30 years of marriage. He says that over the years, they’ve endured ups and downs together, births and deaths, the good and bad of life.

“Through it all we know we have been blessed,” he said.

With a shared passion for philanthropy, Gene and Shirley seek to return those blessings. Numerous charities and causes benefit from their support and involvement. They also enjoy direct service work like delivering meals on wheels.

The Vilfordis’ generosity has also benefited Jesuits in formation, senior Jesuits and the work of international Jesuit missionaries. Additionally, Gene is a charter member of the New Orleans Province Finance Committee and has served on several other province committees over the years.

“I don’t know that I have a credo, but Shirley and I try to live our lives through the Bible passage: ‘Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.’ It is a way of life that has served them, and those they serve, well.
**Humble Servants**

**Bruce and Mary Scarola**

Bruce and Mary Scarola came to appreciate and practice philanthropy through growing up in generous homes. Mary, who lost her mother when she was only 14 years old, developed a special bond with her now 94-year-old father Julio Muniz who left Cuba at the age of 41 and began his career all over again in the U.S.

“My father valued three things above all others. Faith, family and education. Having lost most everything in Cuba, he knew that a quality education could never be taken away from you.”

In a roundabout way, it was education that brought Bruce and Mary together, first as elementary school classmates and later during undergraduate studies at Emory University. They began dating and married as Bruce, a 1976 alumnus of Jesuit High School of Tampa, continued studies at the University of Florida School of Dentistry and Saint Louis University School of Orthodontics.

Bruce and Mary remain close to the Jesuits, particularly Fr. John Armstrong who taught Bruce high school English and later married the Scarolas. In more recent years, they were introduced to Fr. Jay Hooks, then a Jesuit scholastic studying in Rome who made time to serve as the Scarolas’ unofficial tour guide. The parents of two daughters, Beth and Melissa, they refer to Fr. Hooks as “the son we never had.”

“I am hard pressed to think of any other couple as warm, engaging and generous as Bruce and Mary Scarola,” said Fr. Hooks. “Each time I spend a few hours with them I find myself thinking I am better for having spent the time with them because they are genuine and inspirational while being two of the most grounded folks you will ever encounter.”

With servant spirits, the Scarolas have been extremely generous with their time and treasure to a wide array of not-for-profits over the years. A former province campaign committee member, Bruce recently completed his term as chair of the board of trustees for the Academy of the Holy Names in Tampa. Mary and Bruce have graciously hosted province events, and their charitable giving has ranged throughout what will be the Jesuits’ new Central and Southern Province, generously supporting the Jesuit Seminary Fund, the Jesuits’ Katrina relief efforts, Jesuit High School of Tampa and Saint Louis University.

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**Blessings Returned**

**John and Charlene O’Shea**

John and Charlene O’Shea know what it’s like to live on a budget. The couple married the summer before their senior year at Louisiana Tech. But, the former Jesuit High Blue Jay and Immaculata Panda were rich in what mattered: their Catholic faith, family and friends. Neither of them grew up wealthy, and when they did achieve some financial success it didn’t change them. “I still clip coupons!” Charlene admitted.

Not only do John and Charlene share a faith, they share a philosophy.

“We have always felt as though we are blessed and always try to give something back,” she said.

And they have, in more ways than people will know.

The Houston-based couple had success in the oil and gas industry, and when John sold his company they used a portion of the earnings to create a family foundation. It’s hands-on work for John, Charlene and their eldest daughter who together research not-for-profits, grant requests and track progress of funded programs.

“When we created the foundation we focused on women from the inner city and youth,” said Charlene. “Many of those women face multiple special challenges, and the youth can’t choose where they are born so they need some help in beating the odds.”

Several years ago Fr. Daniel Lahart, president of Strake Jesuit College Preparatory asked the O’Sheas to help explore the viability of launching a Cristo Rey model school in Houston. John and Charlene decided to fund the initial feasibility study through their family foundation, and when the study proved the need for such a school they began working with the Jesuits to create a plan of action. In 2009, Cristo Rey Jesuit College Preparatory School of Houston opened its doors to a single class of 80 freshmen, and within four years it raised enough support to accept a 2013 freshman class of 160 students.

John continues to serve on the school’s board and is a member of the Cristo Rey Network’s national board of directors.

It was an experience that ignited the O’Sheas’ interest in making Catholic education accessible to everyone. As an extension of their faith, John and Charlene view this work as their duty.

“So many of us have been blessed with resources beyond our imagination,” said Charlene. “We believe that we will be judged by God with what we do with these blessings.”
annual report

With gratitude and thanksgiving, we offer this annual report of benefactors to the Jesuit Seminary and Mission fund, New Orleans, also known as The Jesuits. These friends of the New Orleans Province have helped sustain the formation and care of Jesuits and our ministries during our 2013 fiscal year (July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013). Gifts made afterward will be listed in the next report.

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