



## Olympians

University of Detroit Mercy alumnus Aaron Parchem ('03) and partner Marcy Hinzmann placed 13th out of 20 in pairs skating at the Winter Olympics in Torino. "We just had a great time," Parchem said. "The audience was wonderful. We went out there and did the program like we hoped we could."

Brock Kreitzberg, a '94 grad-

uate of Walsh Jesuit High School in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and brakeman of the No. 1 U.S.A. four-man bobsled team, also made his first appearance at the Olympics. Kreitzberg, a football and track standout during his Walsh years, tried the bobsled in 2001 and has been working at it ever since. The team was considered a medal contender but came in seventh.



## St. Ignatius

The new fifteen-foot tall statue of Ignatius that graces Boston College's Higgins Green is the work of Pablo Eduardo, a Bolivian native educated in the United States and Italy. Eduardo created a full-size clay model that was then cast in bronze in Bolivia. The statue is the project of Boston College's Committee on Christian Art.



## Gonzaga Fire

A \$10.3 million 225-bed apartment complex under construction at Gonzaga University in Spokane was a total loss following a fire in March; Spokane fire chief Bobby Williams reported that the fire was arson.

"We're not daunted," said Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ, Gonzaga's president. "We feel blessed that no one was hurt and that it did not spread by

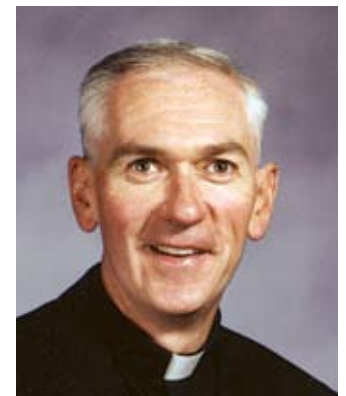
wind, which could have caused much more damage than occurred."

The university plans to rebuild on the site and have a new facility ready for occupancy by September 2007. It is working to accommodate the 223 juniors and seniors who had been assigned to the apartments for the upcoming school year.

## New President

Fr. Thomas Curran, OSFS, has been appointed president of Rockhurst University in Kansas City. Fr. Curran, assistant to the president at Regis University, is a member of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales. He founded and directed Nativity Prep in Wilmington, Del., and was president of Salesianum School in Wilmington and president of Northeast Catholic High in Philadelphia.

Fr. Curran will be Rockhurst



University's first non-Jesuit president. He succeeds Fr. Edward Kinerk, SJ, president since 1998.

# Graduation 2006

Commencement speakers at Jesuit colleges and universities this spring included:



LEE PELLEGRINI

## **Boston College**

Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State

## **Canisius College**

Theodore McCarrick, Archbishop of Washington, D.C.

## **College of the Holy Cross**

Bob Wright, NBC chairman and CEO

## **Creighton University**

Tim Russert, *NBC News* Washington Bureau chief

## **Fairfield University**

British Robinson, with the Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator

## **Fordham University**

Chris Matthews, MSNBC's *Hardball* anchor

## **Georgetown University**

John Roberts, Chief Justice of the United States

## **Gonzaga University**

William Tobin, *Anchorage Times* editor

## **John Carroll University**

Mary Peter Traviss, OP, president of Queen of the Holy Rosary College

## **Le Moyne College**

Sandra Townes, U.S. District Judge in New York

## **Loyola College in Maryland**

Bob Costas, *NBC Sports* anchor

## **Loyola Marymount University**

Antonio Villaraigosa, mayor of Los Angeles

## **Loyola University Chicago**

Anthony Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases



HAROLD BAQUET

## **Loyola University New Orleans**

James Carville, political consultant

## **Marquette University**

Elaine Chao, U.S. Secretary of Labor



JOSH HARDIN

## **Regis University**

Michael Sheeran, SJ, president of Regis



## **Rockhurst University**

Nicole Marie Lee, graduating senior



CHRIS HUGHES

## **Saint Joseph's University**

Helen Prejean, CSJ, opponent of capital punishment

## **Saint Louis University**

Chris Lowney, author of the Jesuit-inspired *Heroic Leadership*

## **Saint Peter's College**

Philip Bosco, Tony-award winning actor

## **Santa Clara University**

Thomas Reese, SJ, former editor of *America*

## **Seattle University**

Steven Holl, architect

## **Spring Hill College**

John O'Malley, SJ, of Weston Jesuit School of Theology

## **University of Detroit Mercy**

Mead Goedert, graduating senior

## **University of San Francisco**

Michael Tilson Thomas, San Francisco Symphony music director

## **University of Scranton**

Wycliffe Gordon, educator and musician

## **Wheeling Jesuit University**

Joe Manchin, governor of West Virginia

## **Xavier University**

John Boehner, House Majority Leader

## *web sites of interest*



[www.chiquitania.com](http://www.chiquitania.com)

*La Gran Chiquitania*, a remote region in eastern Bolivia, is home to ten well-known Jesuit missions and the focus of the country's biggest tourism initiative in recent years. The site offers information about the region and the history of the Jesuit missions.

[www.miradaglobal.com](http://www.miradaglobal.com)

Mirada Global is a collaborative effort of several Jesuit-related reviews in Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Chile, Mexico, Spain, and Venezuela. The site's articles (available in English) deal with religion, art, politics, economy, and culture.

AUGUST MILLER



## Sweet Sixteen

March Madness was epidemic at Jesuit colleges and universities this spring. Although Marquette and Xavier were knocked out in the first round, Boston College, Georgetown, and Gonzaga all advanced to the Elite 8.

Four wins in four days at the Atlantic 10 tournament won Xavier a slot in the first round, where they were narrowly defeated by Gonzaga (above). Gonzaga made its eighth straight NCAA appearance

this year, led by junior Adam Morrison, the nation's leading scorer. The Zags beat Indiana in the second round but lost by two points to UCLA.

Boston College fell just short of making its first appearance in the Final Four, falling to Villanova by one point. Georgetown made its tenth appearance in the Sweet Sixteen after an upset victory over Ohio State but was eliminated by this year's national champion, Florida.

## Toward Sainthood

Documentation regarding the life, activities, virtues, and reputation for holiness of two Jesuits, Eusebio Kino (1645–1711) and Walter Cizek (1904–1984), were recently delivered to the Vatican Congregation for the Causes of Saints.

Fr. Eusebio Kino, from Segno, Italy, was a missionary, cartographer, and explorer in what is now southern Arizona and northern Sonora, Mexico. He is credited with introducing wheat and cattle into the region and establishing missions in twenty villages.



Fr. Eusebio Kino



Fr. Walter Cizek

Fr. Walter Cizek, born in Shenandoah, Pennsylvania, was missioned to the Soviet Union in 1940 where, a year later, he was arrested and sentenced to fifteen years hard labor. After being allowed to leave the Soviet Union in 1963 as part of a prisoner exchange, he worked at the University of Scranton and authored *With God in Russia* and *He Leadeth Me*, recountings of his experiences in the Soviet Union.

## Property Rights

A Baghdad court ruled in February that the Society of Jesus holds title to Al-Hikma, one of its former schools in the city. Though subject to appeal, the ruling bodes well for the claim the Jesuits have on Baghdad College, the other former Jesuit school there.

The Jesuits, who were expelled from Iraq in the late '60s by the Ba'ath party, were represented in these recent legal proceedings by Wathiq Hindo, an Al-Hikma and Baghdad College alumnus.

In a similar ruling in Vietnam, a Ho Chi Minh City television company has been ordered to return to the Society of Jesus part of a former Jesu-

it residence it occupies. The Centre Alexander de Rhodes was the first house of the Society when the Jesuits returned to Vietnam in 1774 after the suppression of the Society. By 1975 it had developed into a twenty-room residence, library, reading room, hostel, chapel, and office building. The Jesuits, forced to close some of the property in 1977, leased part to the television company under an open-ended contract. In 1980 the five Jesuit community members were arrested and the rest of the property was taken over by the city.

There are hopes that the city will return the rest of the property as well.

## By the Numbers

As of January 1, 2006, the total number of Jesuits was 19,564 (a decrease of 286 from the previous year), including 13,735 priests, 3,067 scholastics, 1,865 brothers, and 897 novices. The average age of all Jesuits was 57.2 years: priests 63.9, scholastics 29.1, and brothers 66.8.

Of the 82 worldwide Jesuit provinces, the largest is Italy (697 Jesuits), followed by Castilla in Spain (661) and France (554).

## Lacrosse, SJ Style

Five Jesuit lacrosse teams from across the Midwest vied for the O'Brien Cup (named after the late Fr. Paul O'Brien, SJ, of Brebeuf Jesuit Prep in Indianapolis) in the second annual Midwest Jesuit Lacrosse Invitational this April.

Hosted by Brebeuf, the tournament included Marquette University High (Milwaukee), Loyola Academy (Wilmette,



Ill.), St. Ignatius College Prep (Chicago), and St. Xavier High (Cincinnati). Loyola walked away with this year's honors after defeating the defending tournament champion, St. Xavier.

There are plans to add a girls' bracket next year featuring teams from Brebeuf, Loyola, St. Ignatius, and Walsh Jesuit (Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio).

## Remembrance of Things Past



**July 2, 1565.** Francis Borgia is elected superior general by the second general congregation of the Society.

**July 13, 1572.** The first Jesuit missionaries arrive in Mexico.



**July 17, 1581.** Edmund Campion is arrested in England.



**July 20, 1944.** An abortive plot against Hitler results in the arrest and later execution of Fr. Alfred Delp.

**July 21, 1773.** Pope Clement XIV suppresses the Society.

**July 31, 1556.** The death of Ignatius in Rome.

**August 7, 1814.** The universal restoration of the Society of Jesus.



**August 15, 1821.** Fr. Peter De Smet sails from Amsterdam to America to work among Native Americans.

**August 22, 1872.** Jesuits are expelled from Germany during Bismarck's *Kulturkampf*.

**August 26, 1767.** The Society is expelled from China.

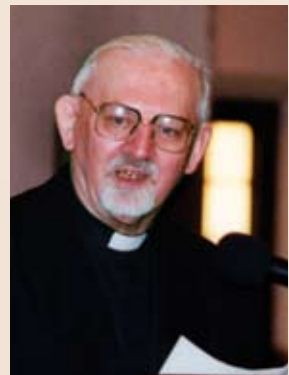


**September 7, 1573.** Princess Juana, Regent of Spain, the emperor's daughter, dies as a Jesuit scholastic, having taken vows secretly under a special dispensation.



**September 8, 1654.** The death of Peter Claver, who ministered to slaves in Colombia.

**September 11, 1860.** The Jesuits are expelled from Sicily and all their possessions confiscated.



**September 13, 1983.** Fr. Peter-Hans Kolvenbach is elected the 29th superior general of the Society of Jesus.

**September 13, 1773.** Prussia's Frederick II informs Pope Clement XIV that Jesuits would not be suppressed in Prussia.

**September 30, 1911.** President William Howard Taft visits Saint Louis University and declares the football season open.

**September 30, 1572.** The death of Francis Borgia, the 3rd superior general of the Society.