



## Spiritual Exercises, Middle Eastern Style

This nineteenth-century copy of Ignatius's *Spiritual Exercises* is a manuscript translated from Latin into Arabic and then written in Karshuni, which is Arabic written using the Syriac alphabet (Syriac is a dialect of Aramaic). The book is from the Université Saint-Esprit de Kaslik in Lebanon, a major center for the study of Syriac Christianity.

Founded by Maronite-Rite Christians, the university is home to state-of-the-art facilities that allow technicians to digitize its many manuscripts. This manuscript is currently at

the Hill Museum and Manuscript Library at Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota, for preservation.

The work shows not only the influence of Latin Christianity on this eastern Church but also points out that Ignatius's *Spiritual Exercises*, as well as much other Christian spirituality and mysticism, are based in part on the early monastic traditions of Egypt and Palestine. They were brought to the West in the fifth century by John Cassian, an influential spiritual writer.

## Jesuit Residence in Mozambique Attacked; Two Killed

A band of gunmen stormed the Jesuit residence in Angone, Mozambique,

in early November, killing Jesuit Fr. Waldyr dos Santos, 69, from Brazil, and Idalina Neto Gomes, 30, who worked with a lay group associated with the Jesuits.



Fr. Waldyr dos Santos, SJ

Portuguese Jesuit Mario de Almeida, 37, and Mozambican Jesuit Br. Jose Araújo de Andrade,

76, were wounded in the attack. The assailants left with the community's car. Police believe the crime was

committed by six men from Mozambique and Malawi; the two countries have redoubled their efforts to capture them.

—SJ European News, *International Herald Tribune*

Idalina Neto Gomes

The donation follows an earlier gift of \$9.9 million from the Gates Foundation.

The Cristo Rey network expects to serve 12,000 students by 2012, with an average of three new schools opening per year in some of the nation's most challenging districts.

## Cristo Rey Schools Get a Boost

The Cristo Rey Network is receiving a \$6 million gift from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to break ground on six more schools in some of the nation's neediest areas. Jesuit-run or -inspired Cristo Rey schools currently operate in twelve cities across the United States.

The signature component of Cristo Rey schools is a work-

study program; students work one day a week in entry-level jobs with many different types of businesses, gaining experience, interacting with role models, developing a work ethic, and paying for a significant portion of their tuition. Cristo Rey's almost exclusively low-income



students benefit from a rigorous academic program that includes a longer school day and year, academic assistance, counseling, and smaller class sizes.



### Partnership

When Boston College allied itself with St. Columbkille parish's school, things started happening. This Catholic grammar school, the last in Boston's Allston-Brighton neighborhood, was facing hard times but has undergone a dramatic turnaround in physical plant, curriculum, and hope for the future. Enrollment has also increased significantly from previous years.

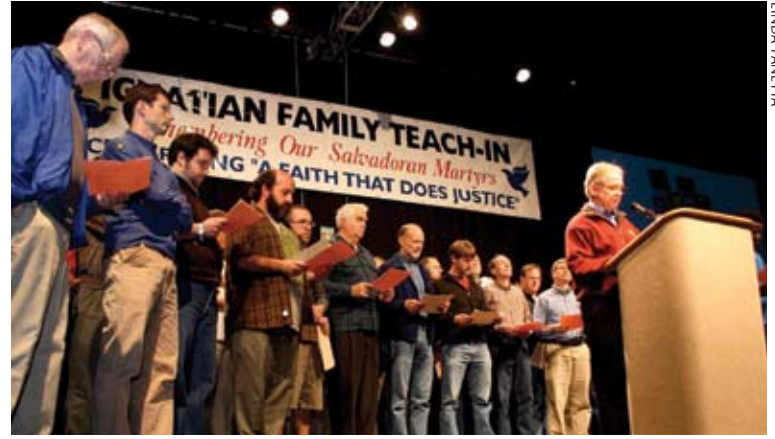
"We did major renovations for the preschool and kindergarten grades, like new lighting and carpeting," said Thomas Keady, BC's vice president of community affairs. "We purchased a new security system,

got new computers, and helped develop a new curriculum."

BC students are teaching and tutoring at the school, and St. Columbkille teachers can take graduate courses at BC for free in exchange for extending their St. Columbkille teaching commitments.

"One of the critical contributions that Catholic universities can provide is reaching out to the needs of the local diocese," said Michael James, executive director of BC's Center for Catholic Education. "The best way to be a church in our contemporary society is to work together."

—Boston College



### Ignatian Family Teach-In

Participants from all 28 Jesuit colleges and universities, 28 high schools, the two Jesuit schools of theology, and a number of Jesuit parishes across the country were among the approximately 15,000 demonstrators at the seventeenth annual School of the Americas (SOA) protest at Ft. Benning, Georgia, in November. The School of the Americas is now known as the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation.

The protests commemorate the November 1989 murders of six Jesuits, their housekeeper, and her daughter by Salvadoran soldiers who had trained at the SOA. Graduates of the school have been implicated in these murders and other human rights violations over the years.

Those who came with a Jesuit connection took part in the ninth annual Ignatian Family Teach-In, a weekend of talks, music, and liturgy organized by the Ignatian Solidarity Network, dedicated to advancing the service of faith and the promotion of justice.

Jesuit Conference president Fr. Thomas Smolich, SJ, exhorted the nearly 3,000 who attended the Ignatian Family Teach-In's Saturday night liturgy to continue pursuing justice for the murdered Jesuits of El Salvador and their countrymen and women. "With the spirits of those who have given their lives we say through faith, with hope and most of all, in love, this day, this hour: Close the SOA!" he said.

—Julie Bourbon and CNS

### web sites of interest



[calprov.org](http://calprov.org)

The California Jesuits' new web site includes podcasts, a spiritual resources guide for prayer and reflection, Jesuit blogs and artwork, and much more in an easy-to-use layout.



[jrswestafrica.org](http://jrswestafrica.org)

Jesuit Refugee Services West Africa features sections for Cote d'Ivoire, Liberia, and Guinea, as well as news, articles, updates, and maps. The advocacy section of the site contains links to resources.



[newsletter.jesuit.ie](http://newsletter.jesuit.ie)

A lively monthly newsletter devoted to Jesuit stories and reflection in Ireland. You can sign up to receive a monthly newsletter or a weekly express version.



## Jesuits' Superior General at the Midwestern Celebration of the Jubilee Year

Fr. Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, SJ, (second from right) visited with Jesuits and laypeople of the Detroit Province this fall. Spending time with fellow Jesuits and presiding over the final vows of two Jesuits was part of the visit, as was a tour of Jesuit high schools, colleges, and universities in

the province. Fr. Kolvenbach was welcomed by Walsh Jesuit High School and John Carroll University before giving a talk at Gesu Church in Cleveland. He spoke at a joint assembly for University of Detroit and Loyola High School and then presided over Mass at Saints Peter & Paul in Detroit.



## Zambian Farmers Learn Sustainability

Fr. Roland Lesseps, SJ, has been working for eco-justice since before it was hip. Since 1997, Kasisi Agricultural Training Centre has been promoting sustainable agriculture and caring for the local environment with farmers in Zambia. His most recent proj-

ect involves helping small-scale farmers grow and sell cotton without the use of pesticides. According to Lesseps, organically grown cotton fetches a premium price and also eliminates the cost and danger of pesticides.

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## Jesuit Refugee Service Director on Capitol Hill

Fr. Ken Gavin, SJ, director of Jesuit Refugee Service USA, testified before a Senate subcommittee this September on the plight of refugees stymied in their attempts to come to the United States by a provision of the USA PATRIOT Act.

"Too many refugees have been unjustly labeled as willful collaborators with terrorists rather than being justly recognized as the victims of terrorism," Gavin told the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and

Citizenship. He called on the Senate to amend the "material support" statute in the act, which denies entry to anyone who has provided assistance to a terror group but does not make any allowance for aid and support that was forced or coerced. Waivers can take many months, and there is a backlog of cases now.



Fr. Ken Gavin, SJ

Recently, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees suspended referrals from Malaysia to the U.S. resettlement

program due to the material support bar. Expectations are that 28,000 refugee admission slots will go unfilled this year.

"Each slot represents one person who needlessly continues to suffer because of our failures to offer a new home and new life through resettlement," Gavin told the subcommittee. "With a legislative change, the law will promote safety for the United States and for bona fide refugees who come here seeking safe haven," he said.

## By the Numbers—Jesuit High Schools

- \$9,185** Average yearly tuition at U.S. Jesuit high schools
- 44,807** Total U.S. Jesuit High School Enrollment
- 2,091** Largest enrollment, Loyola Academy (Wilmette, Ill.)
- 209** Smallest enrollment, Loyola School (New York)

### OF THE 9,727 STUDENTS WHO GRADUATED IN '06:

- 2,100** (22 percent) attended a Jesuit college or university
- 1,017** (11 percent) attended other religious universities
- 15** (less than 1 percent) entered the armed services
- 1,862** (19 percent) attended private, nonsectarian colleges
- 4,529** (47 percent) attended a public college or university
- 73** (less than 1 percent) attended other schools

—JSEA Statistical Report



## Anniversary

Canisius College hosted more than 80 students, faculty, alumni leaders, and the board of Alpha Sigma Nu (ASN), the honor society of Jesuit institutions of higher education, for ASN's conference in October.

Concluding its 90th year, ASN has more than 60,000 members, including nearly 2,000 inductees last year from 33 Jesuit colleges, universities,



and schools of theology.

Georgetown grad David Ralston, ASN's new chair, succeeds John Carroll alumnus Mark Kadzielski, who helped create more alumni clubs (fourteen at present) and increased donations and scholarships during his tenure.

Ralston said ASN's goals include developing more programming for student members and younger alumni. "So many of our members take to heart Ignatius's call to serve others, in all areas of their lives: intellectual, religious, personal, civic, professional. We want to be of service to them."

[www.alphasigmanu.org](http://www.alphasigmanu.org)

## Remembrance of Things Past

**January 2, 1726.** The death of Domenico Zipoli, a musician and composer in the Jesuit reductions in Latin America.

**January 8, 1674.** Clement X names St. Stanislaus Kostka chief patron of Poland.



**January 15, 1551.** Francis Borgia writes to Emperor Charles V about his intention to enter the Society of Jesus and to resign his duchy.

**January 16, 1860.** Belgian Jesuits open St. Francis Xavier College in Calcutta.

**January 18, 1615.** French Jesuits begin a mission in Danang, Vietnam.

**January 19, 1565.** Fr. Diego Lainez, the Society's second superior general, dies in Rome.



**January 23, 1789.** John Carroll gains the deed of land for the site that is to become Georgetown University.

**February 1, 1645.** The martyrdom of Henry Morse, "Priest of the Plague," so-called because of his care for plague victims, at Tyburn in England.

**February 2, 1528.** Ignatius arrives in Paris to begin studies at the University of Paris.



**February 5, 1991.** The death of Pedro Arrupe, 28th general of the Society.



**February 6, 1612.** The death of mathematician and scientist Christopher Clavius.



**February 11, 1915.** Wlodimir Ledochowski is elected 26th general of the Society.

**February 18, 1551.** The first school of the Society of Jesus in Rome opens; it later becomes the Roman College.

**February 19, 1581.** Claudio Acquaviva is elected the fifth general of the Society at the fourth general congregation.

**February 27, 1767.** Charles III banishes the Society from Spain and seizes its property.



**February 28, 1957.** The Jesuit Volunteer Corps begins.

**March 2, 1606.** The martyrdom of St. Nicholas Owen, a brother nicknamed "Little John" who constructed hiding places in homes for English priests.

**March 9, 1568.** Aloysius Gonzaga is born at Castiglione, in his father's castle.

**March 15, 1711.** The death of Eusebio Kino, missionary in Lower California and Arizona, noted for his exploration and mapmaking.

**March 16, 1649.** The martyrdom in Canada of St. John de Brebeuf, apostle to the Hurons.

**March 27, 1840.** Fr. Peter de Smet is welcomed by Native Americans as the first "Black Robe" seen among them since the suppression.