

# minims & maxims



## Screen Play

The chapel of St. Ignatius in the Jesuits' Church of the Gesù in Rome has undergone a restoration of sorts. The statue of Ignatius, a common sight to the church's visitors over the years, is now once again cov-

ered by a large canvas screen painted by Jesuit artist Andrea Pozzo in the late seventeenth century.

The screen was designed to offer spectators a theatrical touch, raising and lowering to hide then reveal a statue of Ignatius (right; this statue is a

nineteenth-century copy of the original, destroyed in 1798).

The canvas, which depicts Christ giving a standard to Ignatius, was designed to be raised and lowered manually. It had not been used for about a century, however, and was badly damaged by mold.

The restored canvas is back in action once again, assisted by an electric motor, cables, pulleys, and counterweights. Every afternoon at 5:30 the statue is unveiled, a "quintessential Baroque spectacle," according to a *New York Times* article.

The unveiling is accompanied by a light show and music by eighteenth-century Jesuit composer Domenico Zipoli.



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## Sudanese School Reopens after War

The Loyola Secondary School in Wau, South Sudan, reopened in July for the first time since Sudan's ongoing civil war forced it to close in 1987. The school building was returned to the Jesuits after a 2005 peace agreement.

All classes at Loyola are taught in English instead of Arabic. Loyola, in partnership with a charitable agency, is

translating and reprinting Arabic textbooks for use at Loyola and other schools in Wau.

Jesuits hope to expand the school to accommodate up to 1,000 students. Loyola's 120 current students range in age from 16 to 42; some are former soldiers, both children and adults, while others are recently returned refugees.

—Dick Cherry, SJ



## New President

Fr. Michael Engh, SJ, will become president of Santa Clara University this January. Engh, 58, earned a PhD in history from the University of Wisconsin–Madison in 1987. He has taught at Loyola Marymount University since 1988 and was dean of Loyola’s College of Liberal Arts. He succeeds Fr. Paul Locatelli, SJ, Santa Clara’s president for almost 20 years.

## Jesuit Gives Invocation at Republican National Convention

Fr. Edward Reese, SJ, president of Brophy College Prep in Phoenix, gave the invocation at the Republican National Convention in September. His prayer focused on those affected by Hurricane Gustav and asked God to bless the McCains and everyone in public service.

Two of McCain’s sons attended Brophy, and his wife, Cindy, is a member of Brophy’s board of regents.



## Superior General on Refugees

The Jesuits’ superior general Adolfo Nicolás spoke in support of refugees and migrants at a press conference, “Barriers or Frontiers? Migration in the World,” organized by the Jesuit Refugee Service to mark World Refugee Day on June 20.

“We need flexible frontiers, fluid, always open to others, instead of those that generate insecurity and fear,” Nicolás said. He urged families to “always be open to welcome other brothers and sisters in difficulty.” In migrants, Nicolás concluded, “we can see what is really human and necessary for ourselves.”



MOUSSA FADDOLU, SJ

## Buddhists at Home with Canadian Jesuits

Brother Vivek was among a group of Tibetan Buddhist monks who enjoyed the hospitality of Canadian Jesuit J.P. Horrigan and his fellow Jesuits at the Ignatius Jesuit Centre in Guelph, Ontario, this summer.

The monks stayed at Loyola House Retreat and Training

Centre for about two weeks while taking part in a festival.

Lobsang Tshultrim, one of the visiting monks, said the Buddhists found Loyola House “very homey, very quiet, and very spiritual.”

The friendship between Jesuits and the monks dates to

the Communist takeover of Tibet in 1959 and 1960. Many Tibetans fled their country, a good number to India. Jesuits at St. Joseph’s College in Darjeeling welcomed the refugees into the school, offered relief, and obtained land for them in Darjeeling.

## Up in the Air

Seattle University law professors and students, working with Academics Promoting the Pedagogy of Effective Advocacy in Law (APPEAL), collected thousands of books for law schools in Africa, with contributions coming from 25 law schools nationwide.

Collecting the books was work, but then how to get them to Africa?

It just so happened that Boeing in Seattle was getting ready to deliver a brand new 737 to Kenya Airways in Nairobi. Law professor Anne Enquist arranged for 111 boxes—3,400 pounds—of books to hop aboard.

Kenyan law professor Edwin Abuya, visiting at Seattle, will help coordinate distribution to law schools in Kenya, Uganda,

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Tanzania, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Malawi, and Zambia.

“Each and every book that we receive will be appreciated and will make a significant ad-

dition to our library resources,” says attorney Daniel Ruhweza, a lecturer at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda, and president of Africa’s APPEAL.

“The book donation will certainly go a long way in helping our students gain access to more legal materials from an international perspective.”

## Jesuit Martyr to be Beatified in Japan

Seventeenth-century Japanese Jesuit Petro Kassui Kibe and 187 other Japanese martyrs—priests, other religious, and laypeople—will be beatified in Nagasaki this November 24. These beatifications will be the first on Japanese soil.

Kibe and the others were martyred in Japan between 1603 and 1639, after the government outlawed Christianity during the Edo period.

Kibe, a convert to Christianity, initially escaped persecution by fleeing to Rome. He entered the Society of Jesus there and was ordained to the priesthood in 1620.

He returned to Japan to minister to the faithful until his capture, torture, and death in 1639. —AsiaNews

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## Jesuit new Secretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith

Pope Benedict XVI has named Spanish Jesuit Fr. Luis Ladaria the new secretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith with the rank of archbishop. The episcopal ordination took place in Rome on July 26.

Ladaria studied law at the University of Madrid, joined the Society of Jesus in 1966, and was ordained to the priesthood in 1973. He earned a doctorate in theology at the Gregorian University in Rome and has taught the subject there as well as serving as vice rector.

## Corrections

### BY THE Numbers

**JESUITS Worldwide**  
**18,815**

**JESUITS by Region**

**5,739** Europe

**3,592** North America

**2,399** Central/South America

**5,668** South and East Asia

**1,417** Africa

(Errors in this table in the Summer 2008 edition prompt this correction.)

Photographer Glenn Cratty’s name was misspelled on pages 14 and 16 of the Summer issue.

Fr. Richard Anthonysamy, SJ, ordained this summer in the United States (Summer issue, page 20), is a member of the Jesuits’ Malaysia–Singapore Region.



Holy Family Church and the Great Chicago Fire (October 8, 1871).

**October 1, 1572.** The death of Francis Borgia.

**October 1, 1879.** The Jesuits' College de la Sainte Famille opens in Cairo.

**October 2, 1996.** Loyola Jesuit College in Abuja, Nigeria, opens.

**October 6, 1566.** Pedro Martinez, the first Jesuit in the Americas, is martyred in what is now Florida.

**October 7, 1699.** Ignatius's remains are interred in the Church of the Gesù in Rome in an altar designed by Andrea Pozzo.

**October 8, 1969.** The death of Louis Twomey, racial justice advocate and labor relations expert.

**October 8, 1871.** The Jesuits' Holy Family Church in Chicago narrowly escapes destruction in the Great Fire.

**October 9, 1820.** The 20th general congregation, the first of the restored Society, commences.

**October 28, 1939.** President Franklin Delano Roosevelt visits Fordham University.

**October 28, 1958.** The death of Wilfrid Parsons, founder of *Thought* magazine and *America* magazine's editor from 1925 to 1936.

**October 30, 1638.** English poet John Milton dines with Jesuits and students at the English College in Rome.



**November 4, 1927.** The Jesuit curia moves to its current location, Borgo Santo Spirito 5 in Rome.

**November 16, 1989.** Six Jesuits and two co-workers are murdered by soldiers at the Jesuits' University of Central America in El Salvador.

**November 20, 1968.** Jesuits at Al-Hikma University in Baghdad are ordered to leave the country.

**November 21, 1791.** Georgetown Academy opens.

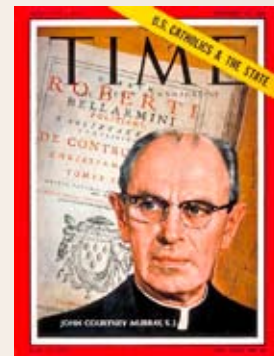


**November 24, 1963.** The death of John LaFarge, racial justice advocate.

**November 25, 1584.** The Church of the Gesù, built for the Society in Rome by Cardinal Alexander Farnese, is consecrated.

**November 28, 1629.** The martyrdom in Nagasaki of Leonard Kimura.

**December 2, 1552.** The death of Francis Xavier on the island of Sancian, off the coast of China.



**December 12, 1960.** John Courtney Murray makes the cover of *Time* magazine for a story on church/state issues.



**December 30, 1927.** Aviator Charles Lindbergh visits the Jesuits' St. John's College in Belize on a goodwill tour.