



## Former First Lady Laura Bush Visits Cristo Rey Jesuit in Houston

Cristo Rey Jesuit College Prep in Houston had a year of firsts in the 2009–10 school year: it welcomed its first class and, in March, had its first visit from a first lady. Laura Bush visited the school after accepting an invitation from Fr. TJ Martinez, SJ, president of Cristo Rey Jesuit.

The school welcomed Bush to its campus for an in-depth look into the Cristo Rey educational model, which includes a Corporate Work-Study Program in which students spend one day a week working at a corporation in the city.

“The great privilege of having

Mrs. Bush on our campus reflects the crucial significance of our program,” said Martinez. “We are taking kids from very difficult circumstances and teaching them that college is no longer a dream—but a reality. Mrs. Bush has and continues to be an untiring advocate for education, especially for those trapped in cycles of poverty.”

Bush participated in a time capsule project with Cristo Rey Jesuit students, where she wrote down her hopes for the school over the next 25 years.

She also led a roundtable discussion with Martinez during which students shared their experiences in the workplace. At the end of her visit, Bush gave a keynote address to a crowd of

more than 400 Cristo Rey Jesuit students, parents, staff, supporters, and Corporate Work-Study sponsors. She spoke of the exceedingly high dropout rates in Texas and the proven success of the Cristo Rey Jesuit model.

“These students are learning values that will guide them in the years ahead—respect, perseverance, and integrity,” said Bush. “Most importantly, they are learning who they are and who they can be.”

## Jesuit Priest Embarks on **5,000-mile Bike Trek** for Poverty Awareness

Fr. Matt Ruhl, SJ, pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Kansas City, Mo., began a 5,000-mile bike ride on Memorial Day with 12 other riders that will wrap up on Labor Day in Key West, Fla.

Inspired after reading Catholic Charities USA Campaign to Reduce Poverty, Ruhl decided to combine his passion for the poor with his passion for cycling to promote this innovative plan to reduce poverty. Thus Cycling for Change was born.

During the 100-day challenge, the Cycling for Change team will stop in several places, including an Indian reservation, a Louisiana prison, and a recovering area of New Orleans. Communities along the route will be encouraged to highlight local poverty issues and to raise funds to benefit local poverty-reducing programs. Ruhl also will celebrate Mass along the way.

To learn more, view the route, and read the riders’ blog, go to [www.cyclingforchange.org](http://www.cyclingforchange.org).



JENNY GRAHAM



Actor Richard Elmore as Fr. Henry Garnet, SJ, in the Oregon Shakespeare Festival's production of Jesuit Bill Cain's play *Equivocation*.

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## Jesuit Wins New Play Award

Fr. Bill Cain, SJ, is the winner of the \$25,000 2010 Harold and Mimi Steinberg/American Theatre Critics Association New Play Award for his play *Equivocation*. The largest such prize in the country, it recognizes the best American scripts that premiered professionally in the award year (2009) outside New York City.

Central to Cain's play is English Jesuit Fr. Henry Garnet, who was executed in 1606 because of his alleged involvement in Guy Fawkes' Gunpowder Plot of 1605—a plot he actually tried to stop.

In *Equivocation* King James's ruth-

less prime minister commissions Shakespeare's company to write and perform the official (and highly suspect) government account of the thwarted attempt on King James's life, the infamous Gunpowder Plot. Shakespeare becomes increasingly skeptical, forced to weigh the relationship of art to government and artists' personal responsibility to truth.

*Equivocation* premiered April 18, 2009, at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival and later played at the Seattle Repertory Theatre, the Geffen Playhouse in Los Angeles, the Manhattan Theater Club, and the Marin Theater Company in Mill Valley, Calif.

## Sacred Art Adds to Beauty of Gonzaga Prep Chapel



Gonzaga Prep in Spokane, Wash., completed its Chapel of the Three Companions in 2007, but the school continues to add artwork to enhance it.

An icon depicting the chapel's namesakes—Sts. Ignatius, Francis Xavier, and Peter Faber—was recently installed in the narthex. Created in Rome by Dora Bittau, the icon measures approximately 3 feet by 4 feet.

The chapel also features windows designed by Colombian Jesuit Fr. Arturo Araujo, who did his undergraduate work in art at Seattle University. Araujo designed the four corner windows of the chapel, each one representing one of the weeks of the Spiritual Exercises.

Most recently a gate was installed in the chapel's meditation garden. It was created by metal artist Greg Ridgley, who has two children attending Gonzaga. Swirling scrollwork on the iron gate supports the symbol of the Society of Jesus.

"One of the things I was most excited about was the reference to the old Spanish wrought iron gates," said art teacher and chair of the Fine Arts department Frankie White. "St. Ignatius was Spanish," she said. "It's a touch of the past."



ANGEL CANTERO



## Spanish Jesuit Beatified

Jesuit Father General Adolfo Nicolás joined thousands of Catholics from around the world for the beatification ceremony of Fr. Bernardo Francisco de Hoyos, SJ, which was held in Valladolid, Spain on April 18.

Born on August 20, 1711, in Valladolid, Hoyos was admitted to the Jesuit novitiate when he was fourteen years old, and he was ordained a priest nine years later.

When he was introduced to the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, he immediately desired to share it with the world. He asked his spiritual director to help him write a booklet, *The Hidden Treasure of the Sacred Heart of Jesus*.

Hoyos was put in charge of obtaining the necessary funding for the publication of the booklet so he sent samples to the royal household and members of the clergy. Within a few years, the book was in its eighth printing.

One year after his ordination, Hoyos contracted typhus, and he died in 1735 at the age of 24. He was declared venerable by Pope John Paul II on January 12, 1996.

## U.S. Jesuit to Head Pontifical Oriental Institute



Fr. James McCann, SJ

Pope Benedict XVI has appointed Fr. James McCann, SJ, rector of the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome. McCann is currently head of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' office to Aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe; he will assume his new position in September 2010.

McCann entered the Chicago Province in 1967 and was ordained a priest in 1979. He earned a licentiate in theology from Centre Sèvres in Paris, a master's degree in Russia and East European Studies from Yale University, and a doctorate from Princeton University in Political Science with a specialization in Russian and Eastern Europe.



Team captain Matt Price, Class of 2010, holds the NCAA championship trophy.

## Boston College Hockey Team Wins NCAA Title

The No. 3-ranked Boston College Eagles hockey team won the NCAA championship with a 5-0 victory over the No. 2-ranked Wisconsin Badgers in front of 37,592 fans on April 10.

The win gave Boston College its fourth NCAA hockey title, including three in the past decade. The Eagles also claimed the top spot in the nation in 1949, 2001, and 2008.

BOSTON COLLEGE MEDIA RELATIONS

# Graduation 2010

**Commencement speakers** at Jesuit colleges and universities this spring included:

## **Boston College**

Jeffrey Immelt, CEO and chairman of General Electric

## **Canisius College**

Fr. Vincent M. Cooke, SJ, outgoing president of Canisius College

## **College of the Holy Cross**

Mark Shriver '86, vice president and managing director of Save the Children

## **Creighton University**

Charles Filipi, MD, professor of surgery at Creighton School of Medicine who coordinated health care teams from Omaha to Haiti after the earthquake

## **Fairfield University**

Dr. Katherine Lapp '78, executive vice president of Harvard University

## **Fordham University**

Mary McAleese, president of Ireland

## **Georgetown University**

Dikembe Mutombo '91, humanitarian and former NBA player

## **Gonzaga University**

Fr. Charles Currie, SJ, president of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities

## **John Carroll University**

Tom Brokaw, special correspondent for NBC News and former anchor of NBC *Nightly News*

## **Le Moyne College**

Tim DeKay '85, actor, currently starring in *White Collar*

## **Loyola University Maryland**

Harry K. Thomas, Jr., U.S. ambassador to the Philippines

## **Loyola Marymount University**

Deval Patrick, governor of Massachusetts

## **Loyola University Chicago**

Clarence Page, journalist and syndicated columnist

## **Loyola University New Orleans**

Drew Brees, New Orleans Saints quarterback and 2010 Super Bowl MVP

## **Marquette University**

Wendy Kopp, founder and chief executive of Teach For America

## **Regis University**

Fr. Michael Sheeran, SJ, president of Regis University

## **Rockhurst University**

Fr. Charles Currie, SJ, president of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities

## **Saint Joseph's University**

John E. Pepper, Jr., retired chairman and CEO of Procter & Gamble

## **Saint Louis University**

Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States

## **Saint Peter's College**

Alfa Demmellash, CEO of Rising Tide Capital, Inc., and a CNN Hero

## **Santa Clara University**

Ken Hackett, president of Catholic Relief Services

## **Seattle University**

Bob Craves, CEO and co-founder of College Success Foundation

## **Spring Hill College**

John S. Eads IV, founder of Light of the Village Ministry, an inner-city ministry

## **University of Detroit Mercy**

Maureen A. Fay, OP, former UDM president and Executive Director of the AJCU Leadership Seminar

## **University of San Francisco**

Jane Wales, president and CEO of the World Affairs Council and CEO of the Global Philanthropy Forum

## **University of Scranton**

Carolyn Forché, poet, teacher, and human rights activist

## **Wheeling Jesuit University**

Fr. James Martin, SJ, author and culture editor for *America* magazine

## **Xavier University**

Barbara Howard '76, principal of the law firm of Barbara J. Howard Co., L.P.A.

Margaret M. O'Connell, HSM  
Loyola University



Alfa Demmellash  
Saint Peter's College



Deval Patrick  
Loyola Marymount University



Mary McAleese  
Fordham University



Mark Shriver  
College of the Holy Cross



Dr. Katherine Lapp  
Fairfield University



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Students gather in a classroom at Sweden's Jesuit-run Newman Institute, the first Catholic college in the country in 500 years.

## Jesuit's Newman Institute is First Catholic College in Sweden in 500 Years

Sweden gained its first Catholic college in 500 years, since the Jesuit-run Newman Institute for Catholic Studies received accreditation from the government in April.

Located in Uppsala, Sweden, the Newman Institute has been offering courses and seminars in theology, philosophy, and cultural studies since 2001. The new accreditation allows the school to grant bachelor degrees in theology. It is the first Catholic institution to receive accreditation in the country since the 1500s.

"The future is exciting for us," said Fr. Philip Geister, SJ, director of the institute. "Our goal now is to expand and improve our excellent programs in theology and philosophy."

Currently 21 adjunct and full-time teachers are on staff at the institute, and several hundred students enroll in courses each year. The institute is also actively involved in international collaboration efforts including regularly scheduled speakers, visiting scholars, and student exchange programs.

The Newman Institute is a promising sign of the new evangelization in Scandinavia. The Lutheran Church has been the official state church there from the time of the Reformation until 1999. However, the Catholic population has been steadily growing, built up in part by Catholic immigrants and by Swedish converts to Catholicism.

## web sites of interest



### Jesuit Refugee Services/USA Video <http://vimeo.com/jrsusa>

The Jesuit Refugee Service/USA (JRS) video website highlights JRS-related videos that include updates on the JRS earthquake relief effort in Haiti, clips from immigration conferences, and updates on JRS projects.



### New Jesuit Review [www.newjesuitreview.org](http://www.newjesuitreview.org)

The *New Jesuit Review* aims for the "recovery of Jesuit spirituality from its authentic sources and reflection by contemporary Jesuits on its significance for their lives." The writings of St. Ignatius and the First Companions, the lives of Jesuit saints and martyrs, and classics of Jesuit spirituality are examined by today's Jesuits.



### Midwest Jesuit Archives [www.jesuits-mis.org/history/MidwestJesuitArchives.aspx](http://www.jesuits-mis.org/history/MidwestJesuitArchives.aspx)

The archives serve as the collective memory of the Chicago, Detroit, Missouri, and Wisconsin Provinces of the Society. The site offers a number of online resources, including the Moses Linton Album, which chronicles Jesuit missionary Peter De Smet's work and travels from 1821 to 1871, and the Nicolas Point Gallery, which shows sketches and watercolor drawings depicting missionary activities of the Jesuits among Native American in the Northwestern and Midwestern United States by Fr. Nicolas Point, SJ (1799–1868).

## Gesu School Holds Annual Hike for Hunger

The Jesuits' Gesu School and Parish in Cleveland held their 26th Annual Hike for Hunger in May and raised over \$14,000. Close to 700 students participated in the 2.2-mile hike.

Since 1985 the hike has raised almost \$300,000 for the poor and the homeless locally and internationally. Some of this year's recipients included Catholic Charities, Assistance Dogs of America, and Gesu's Honduras mission.

"The Hike for Hunger allows our students to help make a difference in their community and world and helps them live out our mission of Service to Others," said Sr. Linda Martin, OSU, principal.

## Over 2,000 Participate in Service Day at Marquette

This spring, Marquette University students, faculty, and staff participated in their annual Hunger Clean-Up, one of the nation's largest one-day service projects. About 2,000 members of the Marquette community participated in projects at approximately 40 sites throughout the Milwaukee area.

Volunteers helped with projects from food organization at food pantries to environmental clean-up. Teams were comprised of students from extracurricular activities, residence halls, athletic teams, fraternities and sororities, as well as individuals and teams of peers.

Twenty years after its founding at Marquette, Hunger Clean-Up is widely recognized as one of the most successful events of its kind in the nation, having raised more than \$300,000 for more than 80 local agencies.

The event began as a modest effort with 200 vol-

unteers in 1990, and has grown to the current effort of nearly a quarter of the Marquette undergraduate population.

"I've been out here for nearly every one of these Hunger Clean-Up days in my 14 years," said University President Fr. Robert Wild, SJ. "It's an amazing effort because it gets several thousand students active. It was started by students and has always been led and organized by students. It may be a toe-in-the-water experience for people, but it's one way a lot of students begin to get engaged in a deeper level of service in our community."

Nearly 90 percent of Marquette undergraduate students participate in some form of service during their college experience. Learn more about Hunger Clean-Up at [www.marquette.edu/hcu](http://www.marquette.edu/hcu).



MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY



Marquette University students participate in Hunger Clean-Up.



## Jesuit Schools Celebrate Ignatian Heritage with Weeklong Celebrations

Saint Peter's College in Jersey City, N.J., recently celebrated its first Ignatian Heritage Week, a celebration honoring the college's Jesuit heritage, as well as the historic presence of Jesuits around the world.

Held this past spring, the week was a collaboration of performances, films, lectures, and presentations

that focused on Jesuit identity and principles. Events included a talk by James T. Fisher, PhD, professor of theology from Fordham University, on "Jesuit History in Jersey City"; a performance of *The Witness*, a one-act play by Fr. Ernest Ferlita, SJ; and a discussion led by Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ, founder of Homeboy Industries, on strategies for

working with at-risk youth.

On the west coast, Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash., hosted its first Jesuit Heritage Week, which looked to reawaken the campus to Gonzaga's Jesuit roots.

Events included a lecture on "History of the Jesuits and the Role of the Contemporary Church and the Catholics"; a presentation on service; a talk on Gonzaga's Jesuit history; and an open forum on roles in a Jesuit institution.

Georgetown University marked the tenth anniversary of its Jesuit Heritage Week, during which various lectures addressing Jesuit identity drew crowds so large they sometimes outnumbered the available seats.

"The week hopes to demonstrate that this legacy is not simply a relic from the past, but a living and vibrant dimension of the Georgetown experience," said Fr. Philip Boroughs, SJ, Georgetown's vice president of the Office of Mission and Ministry.

Georgetown's week also included its "Spike-a-Jesuit" volleyball game that pits a team of Jesuits against students. The Jesuits, champions for six years, were defeated for the first time by the students at the 2010 game.

Loyola University Maryland also held its Jesuit Identity Week, a tradition the school began in 2006. Loyola's events centered around a Mass celebrating Maryland Day, which commemorates the arrival of Fr. Andrew White, SJ, and his Jesuit colleagues in Maryland on March 25, 1634.

## U.S. Representative Shares Views on Faith at Loyola University New Orleans

U.S. Representative Anh "Joseph" Cao, of Louisiana's second congressional district, visited Loyola University New Orleans this spring and spoke to students about "Ignatian Spirituality and Public Life."

Cao, a former philosophy instructor at Loyola, was a Jesuit seminarian early in his career before he decided being a politician was his calling. He discussed how his formation in the spirituality of St. Ignatius continues to inform his work as an elected official, including his preparation for the difficult votes on health care reform. He was the lone Republican to vote for health care reform on November 7, 2009.

Highlighting how his time as a Jesuit influences his work, he said: "I went to Washington with a mandate: to change how the second district does business at the capital. As an agent of change, I find my background as a Jesuit seminarian, formed through the disciplines of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises, of immense value."

After the talk, Cao took questions from the audience of almost 100 on topics ranging from health policy to the political climate in Washington to advice for students contemplat-

ing a career in politics.

Thomas Ryan, Loyola's Director of the Loyola Institute for Ministry and a professor of theology, said, "I was impressed with his commitment to social justice and life issues, all supported by his formation as a Jesuit. Though [Cao is] no longer a member of the Society of Jesus, Ignatian spirituality plays a major role in his discernment about how to vote in Congress."



Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ, founder of Homeboy Industries, leads a discussion at Saint Peter's College.

### BY THE Numbers

#### JESUITS WORLDWIDE 2009

**18,226** (237 fewer than in 2008)

**12,887** Priests

**1,589** Brothers

**2,818** Scholastics

**972** Novices

The Society of Jesus worldwide (as of January 1, 2010) benefited from an increase in the number of novices.

There was a smaller decline last year than in 2008 when the loss was 304 members.



ELLEN MALONEY