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*Front cover image:* Fr. James Carr, S.J., (left) novice director for the Maryland, New England and New York Provinces, chats with Dickson Tiwelfil, S.J., (right) at Holy Cross Church, in DeWitt, N.Y., prior to Dickson pronouncing first vows in the Society of Jesus. *Opposite page:* Jesuits begin the processional into the Fordham University Church, celebrating Jesuit ordinations which took place on June 14, 2014. *Back cover image:* Inset stained glass image of St. Ignatius and the early Jesuits, from Dahlgren Chapel at Georgetown University. Photo by Phil Humnicky.
The New York Province of the Society of Jesus chooses to be with Christ as servants of His mission, to be with people where they dwell and work and struggle, to bring the Gospel into their lives and labors.

– 34th General Congregation of the Society of Jesus, Decree 1, #7
Greetings and God’s Peace!

It is with distinct pleasure that I introduce myself to you as the provincial of the New York Province.

For this opportunity to build on the accomplishments of my predecessor, Fr. David S. Ciancimino, S.J., who ably led the province from the beginning of his tenure in 2008 until of the end of July this year, I am deeply grateful to Father Adolfo Nicolás, Superior General of the Society of Jesus.

As many of you know by now, the New England and New York provinces will unite to form the USA Northeast Province on December 3, 2014. The Northeast Province, comprised of eight states, will extend from Maine to New Jersey and will also include Jamaica, Micronesia, and part of the Middle East.

Having been immersed in strategic planning over a period of years, we now prepare for a fresh approach to our collaborative work and find ourselves particularly enthusiastic about the apostolic possibilities of the new province. As always, we stand committed to serving the Church and the people of God throughout the northeast United States, while we remain faithful to our Jesuit roots and principles.

Since the days of St. Ignatius, Jesuits have promoted a world view that recognizes Christ in humanity, especially among the poor, and encourages believers to maintain an intimate, personal relationship with God. For nearly 500 years, together with our collaborators, we have continued in this direction, while focusing and refocusing the efforts of the Society of Jesus in order to meet ever-changing needs in an ever-changing world.

As supporters of our apostolic efforts, you affirm our commitment to God and make a great deal of our work possible. We sincerely hope that you will accompany us into the future as we evolve fully into the USA Northeast Province.

In the pages ahead, you will read about many of the highlights from this past year. With your support and with God’s blessings, we were able—and continue to be able—to accomplish so much for the greater glory of God.

Please know that I will be grateful for your prayerful support of our various ministries and missions—and of the work ahead of me in my new role.

Sincerely in Christ,

Very Rev. John J. Cecero, S.J.
Provincial, New York Province of the Society of Jesus
All across the world, people know of the Jesuits, but few realize what it takes to become one. Those who pursue this calling must pass through several stages of formation lasting around 10 years. Guiding the men at every turn is the Jesuit province, which nurtures each Jesuit through spiritual discernment, rigorous studies and ministry training, preparing them for service. Fr. Michael Boughton, S.J., assistant for formation for the Maryland, New England and New York Provinces reports that the Society is flourishing, with men in all stages of Jesuit formation who are committed to service.

- This past August, five Jesuit novices of the Maryland, New England and New York Provinces professed first vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.
- In June, three men from our region were ordained priests at Fordham University in the Bronx. Jesuit Frs. Mario M. Powell, Samuel J. Sawyer and Thomas M. Simisky were among the 19 Jesuits ordained this year in the United States.
- Thirteen men from our region finished the tertianship portion of their formation this year and are in their post-tertianship period, waiting to be called to final vows. In addition, six more men from our region began the two-year national tertianship program.
- This past summer, 10 men began their journeys as Jesuits and entered our novitiate, St. Andrew Hall, in Syracuse, N.Y.
- Fr. Charles Frederico, S.J., the director of vocations for the Maryland, New England and New York Provinces, has expanded outreach beyond the traditional “Come and See” weekends to include Vicenza Days. These days of service, prayer and hospitality aim at bringing candidates of diverse backgrounds together with Jesuits for an immersion experience.
- Nationally, the Jesuits launched a new, interactive vocations website that walks users through every aspect of the vocation journey. Visit www.jesuitvocations.org to learn more.
Fr. Charles Frederico, S.J., director of vocations for the Maryland, New England and New York Provinces, enlists the help of Jesuits and lay collaborators by encouraging them to create environments that will nurture those discerning Jesuit vocations. Above, he meets with faculty and staff members from Xavier High School.
The Society of Jesus began on the Feast of the Assumption, August 15, 1534. Today, with Jesuits in nearly every country, Fr. Adolfo Nicolás, Superior General of the Society of Jesus, has reaffirmed what he calls “the vision of our universal vocation,” which is “to go anywhere in the world where there is hope for God’s greater glory.” New York Province Jesuits are bringing hope to many parts of the world including Micronesia, Rome, Africa, Central and Southern America.

• On May 31, Yap Catholic High School (YCHS) graduated its first class of seniors, with all graduates being accepted into four-year colleges in the United States. Fr. David Ciancimino, S.J., then New York Province provincial, flew to Micronesia to take part in the celebration. Domclancy Tiliwebug, the Class of 2014 valedictorian, was the recipient of a highly selective Gates Millennium Scholarship.

• Near the end of the school year, two rising seniors from YCHS – Jamilyn Mooteb and Saralyn Wuyoch – traveled with their teacher, Mr. Patrick Nolan, S.J., visiting Washington D.C., Philadelphia, and New York City as part of the U.S. government-sponsored Close Up Program. They toured several college campuses and visited the New York Province office in preparation for the cultural transition they will face when they graduate from YCHS and attend a college or university in the United States.

• Desks, bunks and lockers have been replaced at Xavier High School, also in Micronesia. Several other projects are planned, which will greatly improve the school and the students served there. Xavier alumni are currently working to match contributions up to $50,000 in order to repair the road that leads to the school, which damages vehicles that transport students and teachers and is frequently washed out by rains.
To celebrate the accomplishments of the young men and women graduating from Yap Catholic High School, family members presented the graduates with flower leis; many wore dozens of leis before the day was through.
While ministries for older Jesuits may change, these men continue to serve others. Some grow frail and find themselves among those served. In the New York Province, approximately 70 Jesuits reside at Murray-Weigel Hall, adjacent to Fordham University. These brothers and priests are actively serving in their ministry of praying for the Church and the Society. Many of these men have been in the Society of Jesus for 50, 60 or even 75 years. Some have known one another for nearly as long, and their companionship in later years is a source of mutual comfort. In addition, those with whom and to whom they ministered are frequent visitors, often bringing with them fond memories and warm friendship.

- Completed renovations at Murray-Weigel Hall are providing new opportunities for the brothers and priests who live there to pray together and to socialize with one another at weekly music and cultural events. Some men who reside at Murray-Weigel continue to lead active lives, taking part in parish work and campus ministry activities at Fordham Prep and Fordham University.

- During his fall 2013 visit to the United States, Father Adolfo Nicolás, Superior General of the Society of Jesus, toured Murray-Weigel Hall and celebrated Mass before personally greeting each Jesuit living there.

*Top:* During his trip to the United States, Father General Adolfo Nicolás, Superior General of the Society of Jesus, visited Murray-Weigel Hall, greeting each Jesuit brother and priest who lives there. Here, he is pictured chatting with Fr. Henry Zenorini, S.J., and Fr. David Ciancimino, S.J.  
*Bottom:* Brett McLaughlin, a Jesuit in formation, visits with Fr. Thomas Sheridan, S.J., at Murray-Weigel Hall, in the newly constructed solarium.
John Peck, S.J., right, chats with Fr. Joseph Dolan, S.J., left, a resident at Murray-Weigel Hall, the Jesuit health care community for the New York Province. At age 97, Fr. Dolan is the oldest Jesuit in the province; John is a Jesuit in formation who will be ordained in June 2015.
Fr. Pedro Arrupe, a beloved Superior General of the Society of Jesus, said the principle aim of Jesuit education is “to form men and women for others; men and women who will live not for themselves but for God and his Christ.” For nearly five centuries, the Society of Jesus has pursued this objective—most visibly, in colleges, universities and secondary schools. In recent times, the New York Province has also turned its attention to middle school education for inner city students. All Jesuit schools—some 900 worldwide, serving over one million students—seek to nurture the “whole person,” the mind, body, and spirit.

- Regis High School celebrated its centennial anniversary during 2013-14, marking 100 years of tuition-free Jesuit, Catholic education in the New York area.

- Over 700 educators, administrators and staff members from the Maryland, New England and New York Provinces gathered at Fordham Prep in October 2013 for “Partners in Mission,” the 3rd province colloquium that celebrates Jesuit education.

- Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School opened its doors this past summer with its first freshman class. The school combines a college prep curriculum with a work-study program for students from low-income families. It is the first collaborative educational work of the Maryland, New England and New York Provinces.

- The province celebrated a very successful year for the Jesuit institutions of higher education - Canisius College, Fordham University, Le Moyne College and St. Peter’s University. These schools launched new interactive web programs, saw endowments and enrollment rise and completed capital campaigns that will ensure their stability going forward into the future.

- Le Moyne College made history by appointing Dr. Linda LeMura as its president, the first lay woman to serve as the leader of a U.S. Jesuit college or university.
Fr. Rocco Danzi, S.J., the director of campus ministry at St. Peter’s University, chats with several students.
SOCIAL MINISTRIES

A Faith That Does Justice

At the 32nd General Congregation in 1975, Jesuits from around the world proclaimed: “The mission of the Society of Jesus today is the service of faith, of which the promotion of justice is an absolute requirement.” The Society in the U.S. is living out this mandate in many ways, calling for a substantive response to care for creation, advocating for immigration reform, and protecting the rights of unaccompanied children and families at the U.S./Mexico border. All of these social ministries are rooted in Ignatian spirituality, which seeks to find God in all things.

• Last November, 76 leaders from parishes, high schools, universities, and social ministries in the Maryland, New England and New York Provinces gathered to discern and discuss collaboration on faith-justice issues at Loyola Jesuit Center in Morristown, N.J.

• High school and college students, parishioners and Jesuits attended the Ignatian Family Teach-in for Justice, a prayerful educational gathering that focused on faith-justice issues. Over 300 East Coast attendees were among the 800 participants at the Ignatian Family Advocacy Day.

• After a 2013 visit to Jesuits and lay colleagues in Honduras, an educational campaign was started to raise awareness about the violence that is threatening communities there. Jesuits are organizing advocacy efforts to urge U.S. legislators to focus on Honduran human rights issues and economic development.

• In 2014, the social ministry office launched an electronic newsletter to promote the shareholder advocacy and socially responsible investing work of Jesuits. Readers can receive quarterly updates on our efforts to urge companies to promote human rights and access to water.

• Centro Altagracia de Fe y Justicia honored Fr. Mario Serrano, S.J., of the Antilles Province, at its Second Annual Faith and Justice Awards Ceremony for his work protecting the rights of migrants in the Dominican Republic.


Students from Le Moyne College, along with Fr. John Bucki, S.J., director of campus ministry, gathered in Washington, D.C. for the 2013 Ignatian Family Teach-In. The Teach-In is an annual gathering for members of the Ignatian family to come together in the context of social justice to learn, pray, network and advocate together.
Jesuits are probably best known as educators, but their apostolic works are far broader in scope—extending to parishes, retreat centers, hospitals, prisons, refugee camps, homeless shelters, and other places. And increasingly, Jesuits are mounting these efforts in collaboration with others, especially laymen and laywomen. The Society of Jesus has a single mission—“to seek the greater Glory of God” and the good of all humanity. Within this mission are many ministries.

- The Jesuit Collaborative brings Jesuit Spirituality to parishioners, students and retreatants throughout the East Coast while training men and women to guide others in the Spiritual Exercises.

- There are seven parishes in the New York Province staffed by Jesuits – St. Aedan’s Parish (Jersey City, N.J.), St. Anthony’s Parish (Oceanside, N.Y.), St. Francis Xavier Parish (New York, N.Y.), St. Ignatius Loyola Parish (New York, N.Y.), St. Mary of the Assumption Parish (Staten Island, N.Y.), St. Michael’s Parish (Buffalo, N.Y.) and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel – St. Benedicta Parish (Staten Island, N.Y.). The work of the Jesuits in these parishes reaches across the economic spectrum to serve God’s people.

- Loyola Jesuit Center, in Morristown, N.J., partners with parishes, schools and The Jesuit Collaborative to provide contemplative space for retreatants of all ages.

- Jesuits from the New York Province serve as chaplains in hospitals, prisons and other places, following in the footsteps of St. Ignatius by nurturing the spirituality of those in need.
During the weekend of February 21-23, 2014, Loyola Jesuit Center in Morristown, N.J., held its 69th annual Father Shealy Men’s Retreat. A strong showing of 93 men came to relax and recharge mentally, spiritually and physically. Pictured above is Fr. Fred Pellegrini, S.J., the retreat director, celebrating the closing Mass.
In addition to annual reports and JESUITS magazine, there are other ways to learn about the Society of Jesus. A constant stream of news and other items are available at our website (www.nysj.org) and by way of social media. The New York Province joins with the Maryland and New England Provinces in coordinating communications and spreading the news of the Society of Jesus.

- JESUITS magazine is published by the Maryland, New England, and New York Provinces three times a year.
- The conversation continues every day on Facebook, on our blog, In Our Company, on Twitter, YouTube, and through emails and podcasts.
- Topics of interest include information about Jesuit ministries, Ignatian spirituality and special events.
YOUR GIFTS AT WORK

This Annual Report reflects the generosity of our benefactors from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. The pie charts below illustrate the sources of our many gifts and the areas supported by the resources of the Province.

**Fiscal Year 2014 – Areas Supported by Province Resources**

- **Province Programs**: 31.4%
- **Retirement and Health Care Expenses**: 30.5%
- **Ministries and Works**: 29.5%
- **Formation**: 8.2%
- **Non-operating Expenses**: 0.4%

**Fiscal Year 2014 – Gifts from our Donors**

- **Bequests**: 60% ($3,107,275)
- **Individuals**: 33% ($1,688,610)
- **Corporations, Foundations, Organizations**: 7% ($339,256)

**Ministries & Works** includes support for our apostolates, missions, retreat ministries, vocation promotion, and provides for Jesuit publications and projects like The Jesuit Collaborative.

**Formation** includes support for our men in formation, novices at Saint Andrew Hall, collegian support, graduate studies and funds for the Theological Centers.

**Retirement & Health Care Expenses** includes support for senior Jesuits, the cost of operating Murray-Weigal Hall, the province health care community, and health insurance for the members of the province.

**Province Programs** includes the work of the provincial and his assistants for formation, health care, social ministries, education, overseas missions, pastoral ministries and province archives, salaries and building maintenance.

**Non-Operating Expenses** fund capital improvements and repair work at Murray-Weigal Hall, Ciszek Hall, various province properties and expenses pertaining to our charitable gift annuity program.
SUPPORTING THE WORK OF OUR PROVINCE

Your gifts...

- Provide spiritual and material aid to educate our seminarians and seek out and counsel men with a vocation to be a Jesuit priest or brother
- Assist Jesuits in our foreign missions
- Provide care for our senior and infirm Jesuits
- Support projects like Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School and Centro Altagracia de Fe y Justicia and The Jesuit Collaborative
- Help Jesuit schools through the spiritual formation of their lay faculties
- Assist other apostolates which the New York Province supports for the greater glory of God.

Whether your support of the Jesuits takes the form of an outright gift or a planned gift, there are a number of flexible options for your charitable goals and financial circumstances.

Cash Gifts – donors who itemize their tax returns receive a full charitable income tax deduction.

Online giving and credit cards are a quick and easy way to make your contribution. You may make a gift online at www.nysj.org or charge your gift to Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express.

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Gifts of appreciated stock often provide the donor with substantial tax savings. Please contact the Advancement Office for instructions for the transfer of stock.

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The Jesuit Good Samaritan Club is our monthly donor program. Members have expressed a desire to receive letters and provide support on a monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual basis. Monthly letters detail the work of the Jesuits both here and abroad, and keep members informed of special needs.

An Honor or Memorial Gift can mark a special occasion or be given to remember or honor a beloved family member or friend. We will send your honoree or their family a letter acknowledging your generosity.

A variety of Mass and Enrollment Cards are available through the Advancement Office. Donations support the works of the Jesuits and also assist in providing care for our senior and infirm Jesuits.

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St. Michael’s Parish, Buffalo, N.Y.
The NativityMiguel Middle School of Buffalo
McQuaid Jesuit, Rochester, N.Y.
Le Moyne College, Syracuse, N.Y.
St. Andrew Hall, Syracuse, N.Y.
Jesuit Martyrs Shrine, Auriesville, N.Y.
Jogues Retreat Center, Cornwall, N.Y.
Loyola Jesuit Center, Morristown, N.J.
St. Aedan’s - The St. Peter’s University
Church, Jersey City, N.J.
St. Peter’s Prep, Jersey City, N.J.
St. Peter’s University, Jersey City, N.J.

MANHATTAN
America Magazine
Centro Altagracia de Fe y Justicia
Cristo Rey New York High School
Loyola School
Regis High School
St. Aloysius School
St. Francis Xavier Parish
St. Ignatius Loyola Parish
Xavier High School
Xavier Society for the Blind

MICRONESIA
Micronesian Seminar, Chuuk
Xavier High School, Chuuk
Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Pohnpei
St. Joseph’s Parish, Yap
St. Mary’s Parish, Yap
Yap Catholic High School
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Palau
Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Palau
Regional Ministry Training
Pastoral and Retreat Work: Chuuk,
Pohnpei and Guam
Hospital Chaplaincy, Guam

NEW YORK CITY AREA
Ciszek Hall, Bronx, N.Y.
Fordham Prep, Bronx, N.Y.
Fordham University
Murray-Weigel Hall, Bronx, N.Y.
St. Ignatius School, Bronx, N.Y.
Brooklyn Jesuit Prep
The Jesuit Collaborative
St. Anthony’s Parish, Oceanside, N.Y.
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel - St. Benedicta
Parish, Staten Island, N.Y.
St. Mary of the Assumption Parish,
Staten Island, N.Y.

Students at Saint Ignatius School in the Bronx, pictured before the first day of the 2013 school year. Located in the Bronx, Saint Ignatius School is a middle school focused on helping students of promise achieve their academic, spiritual and social potential.