



Mission & Ministry Newsletter

Seattle University
Fall Quarter 2009

Upcoming Events

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Interfaith Prayer

For Peace

On January 28, 2010, Seattle University will host the 13th annual Interfaith Prayer for Peace.

For more information regarding these events and more, see our looking forward section, which begins on page eight.



"Accendo" - ignite, illuminate, kindle or inflame

The University's art collection expresses the ideals of our educational tradition. "Accendo" by Dale Chihuly, the gracious gift of a local donor, was installed in the Paccar Atrium in the summer of 2006.

A FIRE THAT KINDLES OTHER FIRES

The Society of Jesus has carried a flame for nearly five hundred years through innumerable social and cultural circumstances that have challenged it intensely to keep that flame alive and burning. Things are no different today. (35th General Congregation of the Society of Jesus, Document 2, 2008)

The Jesuits who founded Seattle University in 1891 believed that their educational mission continued the saving work of the Child whose birth we celebrate in a few days. He was the "fire that kindles other fires. He was" the "burning babe" Robert Southwell celebrates in his poem found at the end of this Newsletter. In the midst of his years of ministry, Jesus said, "I come to bring fire to the earth and how I wish it were already kindled" (Lk 12:49). The Jesuit founders of the University kindled fires, as have the other Jesuits engaged in this educational work for over a hundred years, as have their colleagues from a variety of faiths. Education is the lighting of a fire. It is also a watering of tender shoots. The George Tsutakawa sculpture in the middle of the University Quad combines the features of water and fire as does Southwell when he speaks of the Babe, "Who, though scorched with excessive heat, such floods of tears did shed/ As though his floods should quench his flames, which with his tears were fed." Organic growth requires not only fire but water.

The figure of the Child, "Emmanuel--God with us," appeals far beyond the limits of Christian belief. For Christians, the Child Jesus represents God's intention to save the human race through one of its own who was both the Son of Mary and the Son of God. Even beyond the Christian community, this Child has meaning as representing the extraordinary possibility that opens up, at least in principle, at the birth of each human being. And yet, for many around the world, the possibilities of human achievement are frustrated by an early death, even before birth, by disease or hunger, or war, or various kinds of oppression. Seattle University claims that its mission is to train leaders for a just and humane world. When our students return from immersion trips, we see the light in their eyes. Sometimes a moment of insight in a classroom will illuminate their faces. Our alumni carry the flame with them and ignite other fires. This mission belongs to every level of the University's organization and to all who make up its community. All light the fire. The Division of Mission and Ministry offers programs and events that highlight the mission and present opportunities to participate more deeply in the life of the Spirit that guides the University. We invite you to explore this Newsletter and our [website](#) to learn more about the programs of Mission and Ministry. We wish to all of our readers the blessings of this holy season.

Peter B. Ely, S.J.
Vice President for Mission and Ministry



Seattle University's memorial to the El Salvador Martyrs



Looking Back

It has been a busy fall for Mission and Ministry at Seattle U. Some highlights:

[Office of Jesuit Identity](#)

Colleagues in Jesuit Education held two of this year's five sessions. Co-sponsored by the Office of the President and the Jesuit Community, and coordinated by the Office of Jesuit Mission and Identity, Colleagues invites approximately 90 participants to explore topics of mutual interest developed by a planning team. The theme this year is "Perspectives on Ignatian Pedagogy." For more information contact Eddie Salazar at (206) 296-6133.

Western Conversations in Jesuit Higher Education "Faith, Justice, Dialogue with Culture" Sixty of our colleagues from the six western U.S. Jesuit universities gathered at Seattle University in October to explore the topic of "Faith, Justice, and Dialogue with Culture," inspired by keynote presentations by Fr. Stephen Sundborg, Fr. Pat Twohy and Lummi Native Darrell Hilaire, and Dr. Cynthia Moe-Lobeda. Taking up the call in General Congregation 34 to further our understanding of the interplay between faith, justice and culture, much fruitful dialogue was shared by the participants, who hailed from Gonzaga, Loyola Marymount, Regis, Santa Clara, Seattle University, and University of San Francisco.

Faculty/Staff/Alumni Ignatian Silent Retreat In the spirit of St. Ignatius, over 30 faculty and staff and 10 alumni gathered at Palisades Retreat Center in Federal Way November 13-15th for a weekend of silence, prayer, and spiritual direction, to reflect on the theme "Made in the Image of God: Blessed with a Patient and Humble Heart." Several talks were offered throughout the weekend, and participants experienced many graces in the midst of the quiet of the sacred space.

Conversations Magazine: Jesuit Schools and the Catholic Intellectual Tradition. This fall, the magazine, *Conversations in Jesuit Higher Education* took up the topic of the Catholic Intellectual Tradition. In order to engage this subject, four panelists offered their perspectives over a lunchtime program on November 18th. Mission and Ministry Vice President Fr. Peter Ely spoke about the history of the Catholic Church and the university; Dean Mike Quinn shared perspectives from the sciences; Dr. Catherine Punsalan-Manlimos represented the Catholic Studies Program; and Dr. Chris Wood reflected on the Catholic Intellectual Tradition within the College of Education.

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[Jesuit Assistant for the Business & Law Schools](#)

Social Justice: In early November Professor Carmen Gonzalez and Fr. Frank Case, SJ spoke at the Social Justice Monday program on environmental and social justice.

Ignatian Pedagogy: In mid-November Fr. John Foster and Fr. Frank Case, SJ spoke at a lunch-time session to faculty members of the Albers School of Business and Economics and the School of Science and Engineering on the theme of Ignatian Pedagogy.

Law School Dean Candidates: Fathers Pat O'Leary, SJ, Natch Ohno, SJ, and Frank Case, SJ enjoyed a breakfast session with each of the candidates for the new Dean of the Law School. We were positively impressed with the candidates and with what had attracted them to Seattle University's School of Law: the Law School's mission to promote social justice and the congruence of that mission with the mission of the University.

[Chaplain for Faculty, Staff, and Alumni](#)

The 26th year of the Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL) began with its first session at St. Joseph parish. Father Pat O'Leary's presentation of *Ignatius' Own Story enabled those entering upon the Exercises to gain a deep sense of the transforming experience of Ignatius himself out of which the Spiritual Exercises emerge. Eight SU faculty and staff participated. The SEEL program is designed to offer the complete experience of the Ignatian Exercises over the course of eight months while a person continues with other work and life commitments. This makes the retreat much more accessible to persons whose busy schedules would not allow time to withdraw for a month of solitude and prayer. This pattern of meditation/contemplation and discernment developed by Ignatius is intended to help persons grow in their Christian faith and in greater intimacy with God. Seattle University faculty and staff can pursue the SEEL retreat during the academic year. [The Office of Jesuit Mission and Identity](#) and the [University Chaplain](#) collaborate in offering scholarships and supporting SU colleagues interested in this unique experience of spiritual growth.*

The Arrupe Seminars for faculty and staff began its sixth year. Two seminars, one on Wednesday afternoon and the other on Tuesday morning every other week, continue through the year exploring the spirituality and history of the Jesuits. There are about 15 in each seminar; Fr. Peter Ely, SJ and Teresa Ling of the business school guide one and Fr. Tom Murphy, SJ and Mary Bowman of the law school the other. Fr. Pat O'Leary is a resource for both. For information contact [Fr. Ely](#). This is the sixth year that the seminars have been offered.

The annual weekend Ignatian Silent Retreat at the Palisades Retreat Center was held on the same weekend as the University Gala. The retreat is sponsored each year by the [Jesuit Identity and Mission Office](#) and the [Chaplain for Faculty and Staff](#). The theme this year was: *In the Image of God: Blessed with a Patient and Humble Heart.*



'Is there not in every human soul an essential spark,

an element of the divine; indestructible in this world and immortal in the next,

which goodness can preserve, nourish and fan into a glorious flame,

and which evil can never quite extinguish?'

-Victor Hugo

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[Magis: Alumni Committed for Mission](#)

[This year's Justice Education Forum \(JEF\) Series on Africa](#) and its past, present and future, kicked off on November 4th. JEF is an annual Magis program that gathers experts from diverse perspectives for an in-depth exploration of current topics of social justice. This fall's event on Africa's past featured a lecture entitled "Africa 101: An Overview of African History and Culture" presented by Global African Studies professors Femi Taiwo and Saheed Adejumobi, preceded by a short presentation by Assistant Vice President of Alumni Relations Steve Lindell and Campus Ministry Director Fr. Mike Bayard SJ, who were two of four US representatives at the World Union of Jesuit Alumni conference in Burundi. Approximately 150 students, faculty, staff and community members attended. The Series continues with Winter book groups to explore the current state of Africa, and a Spring panel and dinner discussion on the role of foreign aid and development in the future of Africa. For more information about Magis' Justice Education Forum Series on Africa, click [here](#).

["Resuscito! Living the Legacy of the Martyrs"](#): Together with Campus Ministry, Magis co-hosted this event which commemorates the 20th Anniversary of the tragic deaths of the six Jesuits and two lay women assassinated by Salvadoran government forces at the University of Central America in El Salvador. Seattle University President Stephen Sundborg, S.J., Professor Emeritus of Theology & Religious Studies Gary Chamberlain, Alumna Devin Seman, Undergraduate student Yessina Medrano-Vossler, and St. Joseph parishioner Daniel Stoner offered their reflections on how the campus and wider community can live out the legacy of the martyrs. The panel was followed by a candlelit procession to the El Salvador memorial outside Pigott.

[Ignatian Silent Retreat](#): On November 13-15, ten alumni of Jesuit institutions participated in this retreat at Palisades Retreat Center through Magis.

[Redhawk Network Mentor Program](#): On December 3, Magis co-sponsored the inaugural reception for the Redhawk Network Mentor Program together with Career Services, Alumni Relations, and the College of Arts and Sciences.

[A Quarterly General Advisory Board](#) meeting for the 2009-2010 school year was held in December. Chaired by Greg Scully of the Albers School of Business and Economics, Magis' Advisory Board has 26 members consisting of alumni, graduating students, campus partners, community partners, and Magis staff. Magis has also formed a new Programming Subcommittee and a Strategic Planning Subcommittee. The Strategic Planning Subcommittee also met this fall to begin the process of developing a 3-5 year strategic plan for Magis' future.



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[Campus Ministry](#)

The Mass of the Holy is the heralding liturgy for Jesuit Universities and was celebrated by Seattle U this year on October 1st at Immaculate Conception Parish. Fr. Mike Bayard, SJ, the new Director of Campus Ministry preached at this University-wide liturgy, joined by Seattle University President; Fr. Steve Sundborg, SJ, faculty and students in excess of the church's 850 person capacity.

AGAPE Retreat: On a beautiful weekend in October, twenty-five juniors gathered for the student-led AGAPE retreat at Camp Brotherhood. Inspired by the themes of the Spiritual Exercises and "abundant love," the retreat held student talks, liturgy, a reconciliation service, time for small group faith sharing, play and rest. This retreat is intended to help juniors enter the year with a sense of intention and renewed Spirit. "The retreat gave me direction in exploring my relationship with God...I was reminded there are spaces where I can be authentic and vulnerable. I am re-committed to my faith." – SU junior evaluations

Seattle University remembered the Jesuit martyrs and their lay companions and the 20th anniversary of their deaths in a beautiful mass on November 12th, our annual Celebration of Hope. At this liturgy, two delegations in honor of these martyrs were blessed - the 20 students, staff and alums traveling to Ft. Benning, GA for the School of the Americas protest, and a delegation of 12 who traveled to San Salvador as witness to the 20th anniversary events. This was a unique group, consisting of 4 students (Jeff Ball, Sarah Brady, Jasmine Magana and Enrico Martinez), 2 Jesuits (Mike Bayard, S.J., and Patrick Twohy, S.J.), 2 Faculty (Jeanette Rodriguez and Ted Fortier), 2 Staff (Kathy Collins and Romando Nash) and two alums (Brian Johnson and Norma Urena). We toured the rose garden and museum, and participated in several events including a meeting with all Jesuit delegations, a large outdoor procession and mass, and the honorary degree ceremony for Rep. James McGovern. The meaning of the experience was enhanced by our shared reflections and the perspectives of each person in the group, and the beautiful welcome we received by the communities we visited in San Salvador. While in El Salvador a blog was updated by several members of the delegation; click [here](#) to visit the blog.

Students for Life recognizes, respects, and speaks out on issues concerning life from birth to natural death. Last fall the students joined other universities across the nation in the Ignite Project to raise awareness about human life issues in Burma. At the moment, Congress is discussing House Resolution 898 which calls for an arms embargo on Burma and a UN Commission of Inquiry into war crimes in Burma.

Seattle University Campus Ministry is dedicated to building a community committed to deepening spirituality, enriching faith, and embodying justice in the world.



SU Delegation in El Salvador

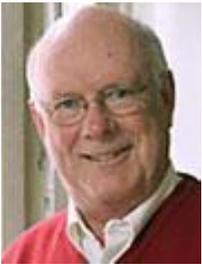


Honorary degree ceremony for Rep. James McGovern

Comings & Goings



Father Peter B. Ely S.J became Seattle University's vice president of mission and ministry on July 1, 2009. From 1973-1996 Fr. Ely was a member of the faculty at Gonzaga University in Spokane, WA with an interruption of two years to serve as pastor of St Joseph's Parish in Seattle. From 1978-1990 Fr. Ely served as academic vice president of Gonzaga and from 1992-1996 he was rector of Gonzaga's Jesuit community. After one year (1996-97) as president of Rockhurst University in Kansas City, MO Fr. Ely came to Seattle University to teach. From 2001-2008 systematic theology. From December 2001 until July 2008 he was rector of the Arrupe Jesuit Community at Seattle University.



Father Frank E. Case, S.J., joined Mission and Ministry this quarter and is the Jesuit Assistant for the School of Law, as well as the Albers School of Business. Fr. Case entered the Jesuit Novitiate at Sheridan, Oregon in 1956. His ministry work includes: Assistant and Associate Professor of Economics at Seattle University 1975-1986; Rector of Jesuit Community 1981-1986; Provincial Superior of Oregon Province 1986-1990; Regional Assistant for the U.S., Jesuit Curia Rome 1990-2005; and Secretary of the Society of Jesus, 2005-2008.



Father Mike Bayard, SJ became Director of Campus Ministry in July. Fr. Mike came to Seattle University in July 2000 as the Campus Minister for Ignatian Retreats, where he served in that position until 2005. Fr. Mike then served as Co-director of Magis from 2006-2009 until he assumed his current role. For more about Father Mike and the campus ministry staff please click [here](#).



Farewell to Kathy Kirschner.

We said a fond farewell to **Kathy Kirschner**, Administrative Coordinator on November 12th upon her retirement. Since she arrived in August of 2007, Kathy was a wonderful support for Father Pat Howell, SJ, Father Peter Ely, SJ, and for the entire Division. We will miss her very much. For her part, Kathy is looking forward to spending more time with her five sons and her two grandchildren.



Welcome to Our New Administrative Coordinator.

We welcome **Mike Giles**, the new administrative coordinator for Mission and Ministry. Mike comes to Seattle University from many years as the assistant to the Director of North American Cargo Sales and the Regional Director of Reservations at Northwest Airlines. He is a person of many talents and experiences and will be a wonderful addition to the Mission & Ministry division.

Transitions in **Magis Staff**

The staff of *Magis: Alumni Committed for Mission* looks different this year! In July 2009, co-founder and former co-director **Fr. Mike Bayard, S.J.** became SU's Director of Campus Ministry. Fellow co-founder and Director **Erin Swezey** took a leave of absence for this academic year to teach full-time with SU's Student Development Administration program. Thus, this past summer, **Andrea Wong Fontana** (formerly from Campus Ministry) was appointed as Interim Director, and **Brooke Rufo Hill** (SU alumna and member of the Magis Advisory Board) was hired as the Assistant Director. **Maria Ochoa** continues as the Program & Administrative Assistant. For bios and more information about the Magis team, click [here](#).

People in the News

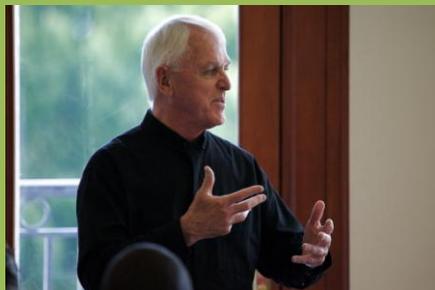
[A Gathering of Different Lights](#)

Joe Orlando, Assistant Vice President of Mission & Ministry and Director of [Jesuit Mission and Identity](#) was recently featured in Global Washington's newsletter, click [here](#) to view the newsletter.

[Starring on PBS](#)

SU's very own faculty and staff chaplain **Pat O'Leary, S.J.**, was taped at the Chapel of St. Ignatius on Nov. 16 for an upcoming PBS special on prayer and spiritual direction. The program is expected to air in late January or early February. Depending on the editing done, you may also see Seattle University Magis Program Assistant **Maria Ochoa** in the audience when the program is aired. For more information, visit [Spiritual Directors International](#).

A gallery of photos taken during the filming is available [here](#).



Father Pat O'Leary
While being filmed for PBS

I prefer winter
and fall, when
you feel the
bone structure of
the landscape -
the loneliness of
it, the dead
feeling of winter.

Something waits
beneath it, the
whole story
doesn't show."

~Andrew Wyeth

The Guest House

This being human is a
guest house. Every
morning a new arrival.

A joy, a depression, a
meanness, some
momentary
awareness comes as
an unexpected visitor.

Welcome and
entertain them all!
Even if they're a
crowd of sorrows,
who violently sweep
your house empty of
its furniture, still, treat
each guest honorably.
He may be clearing
you out for some new
delight.

The dark thought, the
shame, the malice,
meet them at the door
laughing, and invite
them in.

Be grateful for
whoever comes,
because each has
been sent as a guide
from beyond.

- **Rumi, translation
by Coleman Barks**

Looking Forward

Mission & Ministry already has a number of events planned for the coming quarter and 2010:

Annual Alumni Advent Mass & Christmas Reception

Sunday, December 13, 2009 at 4:00 pm

Seattle University, Chapel of St. Ignatius and Paccar Atrium of Pigott Building

Magis is participating in the annual Alumni Advent Mass and Christmas Reception. The Mass will be held in Seattle University's Chapel of St. Ignatius and celebrated by President Stephen Sundborg, S.J. Light refreshments will be served at a reception immediately following Mass in the Paccar Atrium of the Pigott Building.

Sponsored by Alumni Relations & Magis: Alumni Committed for Mission

Interfaith Prayer for Peace

Jan. 28, 2010, Chapel of St. Ignatius at 12noon

On January 28, 2010, Seattle University will host the 13th annual Interfaith Prayer for Peace. Students and clergy from a variety of faith traditions and from all over the Seattle area join together to lift their voices in petition for peace in our world. The day of prayer takes place during International Week (sponsored by the International Student and Scholar Center) and thus honors our students, staff, and faculty from around the world and demonstrates our common commitment to peace. The public is welcome

"Living Into Your Life": A Discernment Series for Young Alumni

January – May, 2010 (Applications due January 4, 2010)

Magis invites young alumni to consider joining its first ever discernment group! This group will be made up of up to ten young alumni in their 20s and 30s who are graduates of Jesuit institutions and who would like support in discerning their calling in life, whether that be around work, relationships, or some other life question. Together, members of this young alumni cohort will learn more about vocational discernment, gain tools from the Ignatian tradition to guide decision-making, share insights with undergraduates as an act of service and leadership, and end with a retreat as a way to reflect upon and integrate their experiences. Cost is \$100. Scholarships are available. Three spots for Seattle University alumni will be fully sponsored by Alumni Relations. For more information, including the detailed schedule, time commitment, and to download the one-page application, please click [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact magis@seattleu.edu.

Spirituality on Tap for Young Adults (20's & 30's)

"Getting A Life: How to Find Your True Vocation" with Renée LaReau

Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 7:00 pm

Seattle University, Campion Ballroom

Renée LaReau, author of *Getting a Life: How to Find Your True Vocation*, and writer for *National Catholic Reporter & America Magazine*, will offer strategies for vocational discernment through an engaging presentation and time for reflection for a community of young adults who are facing questions of vocation and decision-making. Magis encourages students and young alumni in their 20's & 30's to attend, as well as faculty, staff and community members interested in vocational discernment. For more information or to RSVP, email magis-rsvp@seattleu.edu.

Sponsored by SEYA (Spiritual Enrichment of Young Adults) of Ignatian Spirituality Center, Seattle University Vocational Discernment Initiative & Magis: Alumni Committed for Mission.

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Engaging Justice Advocacy Workshop

January 29 - 31 & April 16 - 18, 2010

Friday 5:00 - 9:00 pm/Saturday 8:30 am - 5:30 pm / Sunday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Seattle University, Casey Building (January) & Hunthausen Hall (April)

Magis will again be offering two weekend workshops to develop further one's skills for social advocacy and community organizing within the context of a small learning community. This year, Magis invites 5-7 alumni to consider participating in one of the upcoming advocacy workshops in 2010 (dates above). To sign-up for a workshop or for more information, email magis-rsvp@seattleu.edu.

Sponsored by Seattle University Academic Affairs, Center for Service & Community Engagement & Magis: Alumni Committed for Mission

The Search Retreat Program will be beginning its preparations for the Winter Retreat starting January. The program has been a part of SU student and campus ministry life for the last three decades. Approximately 75 students will retreat for a weekend in February to consider, reflect and explore community and service to one another. The reflection time during the retreat is explored both alone and in small groups; some topics include images of faith, challenges of faith, reconciliation, and hiding & opening. Students are exposed to different ways of being part of and partaking in community life.

If you are interested in becoming part of this experience for the Search Retreat in May or have any other questions, please, contact Frank Bujanda at (206) 296-5731 or bujandaf@seattleu.edu

Ignatian Silent Retreats

There is renewed energy and interest in Campus Ministry's Ignatian retreats. At the close of this fall quarter, a diverse group of 26 students and 6 directors will travel to Palisades retreat center for the 5-Day Ignatian Silent Retreat. (Dec. 13-18th.) The retreat was full and had a waiting list by early November! This excitement is spilling over into January's 3-Day retreat, which will be held over MLK, Jr. weekend, also at Palisades, and already has a growing attendance list. The Ignatian retreats are a chance to explore the Spiritual Exercises and oneself in a deeper way through director presentations and daily spiritual direction. For more information see Campus Ministry's website under retreats or contact nashm@seattleu.edu

A new pilot program in Campus Ministry!

This year a small group of students expressed a desire to pray the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius in Everyday Life here on campus.

In partnership with SEEL Puget Sound, Campus Ministry responded by creating a 9-month guided program of the 19th Annotation, with monthly presentations and spiritual direction. Contact Marilyn Nash (nashm@seattleu.edu)

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Thank you for visiting Seattle University's Mission & Ministry Newsletter!
We leave you with a Christmas poem by one of the English Jesuits
martyred in the 16th century.

THE BURNING BABE.
By Robert Southwell, SJ (1561-1595)

*As I in hoary winter's night stood shivering in the snow,
Surprised I was with sudden heat which made my heart to glow;
And lifting up a fearful eye to view what fire was near,
A pretty babe all burning bright did in the air appear;
Who, though scorched with excessive heat, such floods of tears did shed,
As though his floods should quench his flames, which with his tears were fed.
"Alas," quoth he, "but newly born, in fiery heats I fry,
Yet none approach to warm their hearts, or feel my fire but !!
My faultless breast the furnace is, the fuel wounding thorns,
Love is the fire, and sighs the smoke, the ashes shame and scorns;
The fuel justice layeth on, and mercy blows the coals,
The metal in this furnace wrought are men's defiled souls,
For which, as now on fire I am to work them to their good,
So will I melt into a bath to wash them in my blood."
With this he vanished out of sight and swiftly shrunk away,
And straight I called unto mind that it was Christmas Day*



Seattle University's Centennial Fountain by George Tsutakawa combines the features of water and fire.