



Mission & Ministry Newsletter

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God's Grandeur

The world is charged with the grandeur of God. It will flame out, like shining from shook foil; It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil Crushed. Why do men then now not reckon his rod? Generations have trod, have trod, have trod; And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil; And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent; There lives the dearest freshness deep down things; And though the last lights off the black West went Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs — Because the Holy Ghost over the bent World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.

~Gerard Manley Hopkins



God's Grandeur on the campus of Seattle University! This photo was taken on a beautiful 2010 Spring Quarter day.

"The world is charged with the grandeur of God." In these few words, the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins sums up the world-affirming character of St. Ignatius' vision of the world. Hopkins uses some bold images. This grandeur "will flame out, like shining from shook foil." This appealing image of God's grandeur is followed by one that seems ominous to us today: "It gathers to a greatness *like the ooze of oil crushed* (italics added). For us "the ooze of oil" suggests not God's grandeur but the spoiling of it and seems more connected with the images that follow in Hopkins' poem. "And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil; And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell." The world bears the marks of misuse. We see it in the human world where war and violence, injustice,

and abuse of all kinds seem to reign over the good creation. We can see it in the spoiling of nature, the degradation of the environment, and most dramatically the gushing of oil into the Gulf of Mexico. But Hopkins, careful theologian that he was, does not see sin as finally triumphing over the goodness that lies at the heart of God's world: "And for all this, nature is never spent; There lives the dearest freshness deep down things..." The photos spread throughout this newsletter, taken on our campus at the peak of spring's flowering, are manifestations of that "dearest freshness." The irrepressible renewal of nature during the springtime—at least in our hemisphere—invites us to collaborate in the work of renewal, both of the human world and the world of nature. Social justice, reconciliation of human beings with God and one another, and environmental justice are at the heart of Seattle University's mission.

The programs and events you will find described in this newsletter give a glimpse of recent efforts within Seattle University's Division of Mission and Ministry to express the vision that animates us here. You are all involved in that same mission. Spend some time with us. Ask questions if you have them. Unite your efforts with ours.

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



Save the Date! Catholic Heritage Lectures

A new lecture series begins this fall.
The first lecture is:

Kenneth Miller

Darwin, God, and Design: America's Continuing Problem with Evolution
October 28, 2010 | 7:00 – 9:00 PM
Pigott Auditorium

Look for more information on the lecture series inside this newsletter!

Mission & Ministry Department Reports

Campus Ministry

Leaving the Chapel. Kathy Collins is leaving SU this month after logging countless hours in the chapel. Just as countless are the students and alumni whose lives she has touched during her time in Campus Ministry.

“Kathy will definitely be missed!” says Mike Bayard, S.J., director of Campus Ministry. “Kathy brings a kind, encouraging, compassionate spirit to all that she does in Campus Ministry. Certainly our students will miss her as well as so many across our university.” Kathy was featured in SU’s online gathering place “Commons” please click [here](#) to read more. To see all what else Campus Ministry is up to these days, visit our webpage [here](#).

Chaplain for Faculty, Staff, and Alumni

Pilgrims in the footsteps of Ignatius Loyola. An enthusiastic group of pilgrims set out for Spain to follow the pilgrim path of St. Ignatius from his ancestral home at Loyola to his point of departure for the Holy Land at Barcelona. The journey included stopovers at the castle of the Xavier family in Navarre and the amazing Benedictine monastery of the Black Madonna at Montserrat. Mission and Ministry and the Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL) have joined together to make this opportunity possible. This fourth pilgrimage was under the direction of **Father Pat O’Leary, SJ** in cooperation with Steve Donaldson and Gennyn Denison of SEEL. The pilgrims departed on March 19th and returned on March 30th. Of the 30 participants; 10 were faculty, staff or students at Seattle University.

Magis: Alumni Committed for Mission

Transitions Annual Retreat entitled “**Campfire Stories: Tending the Flames of Memory & Desire**” and sponsored by Magis: Alumni Committed for Mission, was held May 7-9, 2010 at Camp Burton on beautiful Vashon Island. The weekend was filled with beautiful sunny days! The group was comprised of 17 fantastic Jesuit-educated alumni ranging from their 20’s through 60’s, with eight of them being members of the [Living Into Your Life Young Alumni Discernment Cohort](#).



The retreatants joined retreat directors Sr. Cathy Beckley, SNJM, Fr. Jack Bentz, SJ and Maria L. Ochoa for wonderful community experiences; contemplative sharing, prayer and creative time; and excellent Camp Burton hospitality. The weekend provided retreatants time and space to contemplate their current transitions and vocational path, particularly looking at the theme of **creating space “between the logs” of the fire within each of us** as a way to frame current commitments and life circumstances, gently tending to new possibilities in the horizon. Magis is grateful for the retreatants, as well as the retreat directors, for their open hearts and minds and for the opportunity to journey together as a faith community. **For more information on the Transitions Retreat, email [Magis](#).**

For additional news and information from Magis please click [here](#).

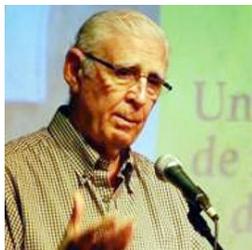


Kathy Collins



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Father Cardenal, SJ

Father Fernando Cardenal, SJ. The Office of Jesuit Mission and Identity, along with many Seattle University co-sponsors, was honored to welcome Fr. Fernando Cardenal, SJ to Seattle University May 3-5, 2010. At his public lecture to a full Pigott auditorium, Fr. Cardenal shared about his life-long commitment to a faith that does justice, his work for literacy and popular education, and his solidarity with the poor. To **watch a video of Fr. Cardenal's presentation**, please click [here](#) to visit our "Media Library". The video is in two parts; choose part one and then part two from the menu on the right hand side of the Media Library. During his visit, Fr. Cardenal also had the chance to speak with a group of undergraduate students, faculty and staff who have participated in the Nicaragua Immersion Experience, friends of the university, and colleagues at El Centro de la Raza. Fr. Cardenal was accompanied by his friend and translator, Kathy McBride, who co-directs the Center for Global Education in Managua, Nicaragua. Fr. Cardenal's visit was a part of Seattle University's continuing engagement with the country of Nicaragua and its people. To find out more about Seattle University's relationship with Nicaragua, see: www.seattleu.edu/nicaragua.

Comings & Goings

Andrea Wong Fontana, Interim Director of Magis, Alumni Committed for Mission is leaving SU at the end of June, but will in a way, stay with the SU family in her new role as Program Coordinator at the Ignatian Spirituality Center. We wish Andrea all the best and thank her for a job well done. **Brooke Rufo Hill** has been promoted to Director of Magis. A search for an Assistant Director is under way at Magis this month.



As mentioned in Campus Ministry's department update, **Kathy Collins** is leaving SU at the end of June. Kathy will be missed by many across our university. A full story on Kathy and her work at SU can be found [here](#).



After twenty years working in Mission & Ministry as Campus Minister, Director of Jesuit Mission & Identity, and most recently Assistant Vice President of the division, **Joe Orlando** will be taking a one-year educational leave from Seattle University, starting this August. Joe has a unique opportunity to serve as a campus minister in the Gonzaga University program in Florence. We look forward to welcoming Joe back in August, 2011 to return to his work among us here at SU.

Jennifer Tilghman-Havens will be Interim Director of the Office of Jesuit Mission & Identity for the coming year. Jen has served for the past two years as Associate Director of Jesuit Mission & Identity, and is familiar to many of you through her leadership of the Ignatian retreat, the new staff orientation program, Colleagues Planning Team, Mission Day, and a range of committee assignments.

Please join us in wishing Joe well in his year away from the university, and in welcoming Jen to her new role as Interim Director of the Office of Jesuit Mission & Identity.

All Things Jesuit, a new feature on Seattle University's "The Commons" is collaboration between the Office of Mission & Ministry and Marketing & Communications designed to deliver the latest news related to the Jesuit mission at SU and throughout the larger community of Jesuit higher education. The section also includes a list of links for more information on the Ignatian tradition. Please visit "The Commons" [here](#) and then click on "All Things Jesuit".



Andrea Fontana



Kathy Collins



Joe Orlando

Catholic Heritage Lectures

Seattle University is pleased to announce an annual lecture series beginning in the fall of 2010 focused on aspects of the Catholic Intellectual Tradition. The lectures will explore the intersection of Catholicism and culture. They engage the intellectual and religious communities of the Seattle area, as well as Seattle University faculty, staff, and students. The first lecture series will examine the relation of religion and science, particularly the contemporary challenges of an evolving universe to the understanding of God and God's relationship to the natural world.

The 2010-11 Catholic Heritage Lecture Series will feature the follow nationally recognized scholars:

Kenneth Miller, Ph.D.
Professor of Biology, Brown University

Darwin, God, and Design: America's Continuing Problem with Evolution

October 28, 2010 | 7:00 – 9:00 PM
Pigott Auditorium



Holmes Rolston III, Ph.D.
Professor of Philosophy, Colorado State University

Three Big Bangs: Matter-Energy, Life, Mind

February 10, 2011 | 7:00 – 9:00 PM
Pigott Auditorium



Ilia Delio, Ph.D.
Senior Research Fellow, Woodstock Theological Center, Georgetown University

Theology Beyond Darwin: Reclaiming the Book of Creation as the Book of God

April 14, 2011 | 7:00 – 9:00 PM
Pigott Auditorium

Prior to each lecture, members of the university community will be invited to participate in a reading group on a key work of the visiting lecturer. We look forward to the inaugural year of the lecture series and hope you will attend them and participate in the reading groups.

