Dear Friends,

When we first learned that the Chicago, Detroit, and Wisconsin Provinces would unite by 2017, it seemed so far away. Whenever we are asked to prepare for something that is more than a decade away, we often wonder if and when it really will happen. The recent appointment of Fr. Brian Paulson as provincial of Chicago-Detroit beginning June 2014 and successor to Wisconsin beginning summer 2017 means that our goal of unification is well within sight.

It has taken more than five decades for the European Union to reach its current state, and it took almost two centuries for the United States to bear 50 stars on its flag. Not all organizations can merge overnight, especially when they have a separate history, differing cultures, and a strong identity. But when histories, cultures, and identities complement each other, these newly-formed unions can be a force for greater good.

Last month, the provincial assistants from both the Chicago and Milwaukee offices met to further our planning for the eventual USA Midwest Province. We adopted a strategy that would build on our collective strengths in imagining our new province. It was consoling to see how much we already have in common. We both run apostolates with excellence and are beginning new ministries in the midst of our structural changes. We share a Midwestern friendliness and an innovative mindset; we are hardworking and apostolically focused. We share a commitment to the international Society partnering with provinces in Peru, Eastern Africa, and the Kohima region of India.

It’s likely that our athletic allegiances won’t change all that much in the new province. There are already deep rivalries in the existing provinces, so we’ll just have to find ways of being civil when watching sporting events together. Perhaps these local affinities we hold help us to remember that our regard and affection for the cities we serve won’t really change. I trust that the creation of a new province will only strengthen our commitment to you and the way in which we serve you.

Father Paulson counts on your prayers and support as he prepares to take on this governance role in the Society of Jesus next summer.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Timothy P. Kesicki, SJ
Provincial, Chicago-Detroit Province

Father Brian Paulson, SJ, Named Next Provincial of Chicago-Detroit Province

“I am deeply humbled to accept this call of Fr. General to lead and serve my brother Jesuits as provincial of the Chicago-Detroit Province. The Society of Jesus has formed my mind, heart, and spirit since I was a student at Campion Jesuit High School in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, back in the 1970s. In my 32 years as a Jesuit, I have been richly blessed with Jesuit and lay friends, along with tremendous opportunities for ministry, all of which I treasure. Our common task over the next several years is to realize the hope and promise of the USA Midwest Province for the greater glory of God and ‘the help of souls’ in the footsteps of St. Ignatius.”— Fr. Brian Paulson, SJ

A New Beginning

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3 Million Attend Pope Francis’ Beachside Mass

To conclude an inspiring week of music, prayer, and reconciliation, Pope Francis addressed a crowd of more than 3 million young adults on the Copacabana beachfront to celebrate Holy Mass. The 14th international World Youth Day celebration took place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 23–28. Focusing his message on this year’s theme, “Go and make disciples of all nations,” Pope Francis encouraged the crowd, packed shoulder-to-shoulder, with these words, “Go, do not be afraid, and serve.”

Many Jesuits were on the ground in Rio to document their experiences, including correspondents from The Jesuit Post and the Jesuit Conference. The next World Youth Day celebration will take place in Krakow, Poland, in 2016.

Red Cloud Indian School Celebrates 125 Years of Service

Over the last 125 years, many Lakota, Franciscan sisters, and Jesuits have made tremendous sacrifices to make Red Cloud what it is today. His people were facing irrevocable economic and cultural loss—and he believed Jesuit education would help them to survive in a rapidly changing world while remaining true to their Lakota identity.

Today, Chief Red Cloud’s vision is alive and well on the Pine Ridge Reservation. Red Cloud Indian School, a multifaceted Jesuit organization just outside the small town of Pine Ridge, has emerged as a leader in holistic education, cultural and linguistic preservation, spiritual formation, and social justice. This month, this unique institution will kick off a yearlong celebration to mark its 125th anniversary—and to embark on the next phase of its work supporting a new generation of Lakota leaders.

“Over the last 125 years, many Lakota, Jesuits, and Franciscan sisters have made tremendous sacrifices to make Red Cloud what it is today. And we know that our future success depends on the support of local residents and friends across the country,” says Red Cloud’s President Fr. George Winzenburg, SJ. “We’re looking forward to celebrating together while we prepare for the many opportunities ahead.”

Jesuit Retreat House in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Breaks Ground on New Facility

After 52 years of fostering spiritual enrichment and spirituality, the Jesuit Retreat House in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, began construction on a new residential facility and conference center during a groundbreaking ceremony on June 19, 2013. The new facility, which boasts 33,000+ sq. ft. of quiet lounges and conference centers overlooking beautiful Lake Winnebago, is scheduled for completion in late 2014.
ASSIGNMENTS

The Wisconsin Province welcomes Al Bill as a major gifts officer in the Twin Cities. For 25 years, Al’s name has been synonymous with the advancement and excellence of education in Wisconsin and Minnesota. After 8 years as a valued member of the faculty and administrative team at Prairie School in Racine, Wisconsin, he moved on to a 12-year stint as a state-wide administrator as the Executive Director of the Wisconsin Independent Schools Athletic Association (WISAA), followed by 10 years as the Vice President for Advancement at Holy Family Catholic High School in Victoria, Minnesota.

Father Louis Busemeyer, SJ, associate pastor of St. Rita of Cascia Parish since 2000, began his new assignment as pastoral minister at the Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House during summer 2013.

On July 31, 2013, John Carroll University (JCU) welcomed Fr. Martin Connell, SJ, as both a professor of Education as well as the rector of the JCU Jesuit community. Father Connell previously served as headmaster of St. Peter Claver High School & Queen of Peace Educational Centre in Dodoma, Tanzania, from 2009–2012.

Father David De Marco, SJ, has begun his new role as acting superior of the Holy Rosary Mission Jesuit Community and pastoral minister in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. Father De Marco has served the Pine Ridge community since 2011 as a physician with the Indian Health Service as well as medical director of the Ogala Sioux Tribe Ambulance Service.

Father Joel Medina, SJ, ordained in 2011, has been assigned to campus ministry for the College of Health Professions and as adjunct classroom and clinical instructor at the McAuley School of Nursing at the University of Detroit Mercy. Previously, Fr. Medina served as chaplain at Stroger Hospital in Chicago and Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, Illinois.

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MISSIONED TO SERVE AT:

- Colombiere
  Br. Donald Bengert, SJ
  Fr. John Dister, SJ
  Br. John Martin, SJ
  Fr. Thomas Radloff, SJ

- St. Camillus
  Fr. Thomas Bannantine, SJ

IN MEMORIAM

We give thanks for the following Jesuits who have gone home to God.

Fr. Robert L. Burns, SJ (WIS)
August 16, 1925, to September 10, 2013

Fr. John R. Schak, SJ (WIS)
January 2, 1929, to August 18, 2013

Fr. John H. Rainaldo, SJ (WIS)
March 4, 1929, to August 10, 2013

Fr. Raymond A. Dunne, SJ (CDT)
August 29, 1919, to July 16, 2013

Fr. William F. O’Leary, SJ (WIS)
October 1, 1928, to July 1, 2013

Fr. Reynaldo A. Garcia, SJ (CDT)
December 10, 1937, to June 26, 2013

Fr. R. Michael Brophy, SJ (CDT)
May 7, 1938, to June 10, 2013

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On August 29, 2013, Fr. Thomas Lawler, SJ, provincial of the Wisconsin Province, commissioned Michael Giambelluca as the 32nd president of Creighton Prep in Omaha, Nebraska, at the Mass of the Holy Spirit attended by the entire student body, faculty, and staff.

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Matthew Couture serves as the Provincial Assistant for Pre-secondary and Secondary Education for the Chicago-Detroit and Wisconsin Provinces.

Keeping Tradition Alive Through Our Lay Colleagues

By Matthew Couture

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Come on guys, let’s get up and get going,” I say as I clap my hands. There is no perceptible response from any of the 38 high school boys sprawled out on the grass in various stages of exhaustion after running 3.1 miles. One of the cross-country runners rolls over pretending he didn’t hear me. “Get up, let’s go,” I begin to cajole, sounding unnervingly like my mother when I was in high school. “Besides, you’ll need time after the cool down to fill out your note cards.” All 38 boys groan in chorus. Finally, a response!

The note cards I have the runners fill out after a race offer a brief form of St. Ignatius’s examen. I don’t know why, but there is something about running their hearts out that makes high school boys resistant to anything that sounds even vaguely like homework. Perhaps it’s hard to write with sweaty hands, or maybe muscle fatigue makes it hard enough to walk, let alone use a pen. But I think it is a deeper resistance that all of us have, myself included, that makes us want to avoid reflecting on our experience, for fear of what it might reveal about ourselves.

Three steps of every examen is to recollect, to reverence, and to respond. The first step creates space for God to lead our attention toward moments worth our consideration. Just as the disciples did not even see the miracle of the loaves and fishes until they collected 12 wicker baskets full of fragments, so too, we often do not see the work of God in our lives until we gather up the fragments of our day and look at them all together. For the runners, I ask them to look at the moments leading up to the race because I want them to see the thread of God that is at work throughout the whole experience: beginning, middle, and end. I ask them to focus on what they did well so that they might look through eyes of gratitude, which St. Ignatius tells us, puts everything into perspective.

The hardest part to teach the runners, and the hardest part for me in my own daily examen, is the middle step: to reverence. There is no leading question, no single method that I have been able to develop (for them or for me) that changes reflection into reverence. Reverence is ultimately a gift from God. But in the discipline of repeating this examen, day after day, cross-country meet after cross-country meet, every once in a while God breaks in “although the doors were locked.” Like Thomas and the disciples in the upper room, the runners and I find ourselves transported into reverence, taking it all in and responding in awe, “My Lord and my God.”

In my reflection I feel that the story of the loaves and fishes stopped too soon. I want to know what the people did with all those baskets full of bread fragments. I hope they didn’t keep them on a shelf and let them and the memory of God’s providential love go stale. I hope that the disciples gave them back to the people to nourish them as they walked back home after being fed once again by God in the wilderness—food to strengthen them for the next moment, the next day, the next step in the race to win an imperishable crown. In the examen, we remember a mere fragment of our experience, but even a fragment is enough to reveal the wild generosity of the Lord. I hope and pray that with a little reflection, my runners might see in a fragment of bread, even a post-race bagel, the tender love of the Lord in their lives.

Cyril Pinchak, SJ, is in his third year of regency at University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy. An accomplished runner, he coaches the boys’ cross-country and track teams. He applies his deep interest in faith and sports to his coaching and teaching.
Introducing the 2013 Class of Jesuits

By Father James Prehn, SJ

After just over a year as Vocation Director, I am happy to share that my job satisfaction level is quite high! I have found this job to be very consoling, because even when I meet someone who ultimately does not have a vocation to the Jesuits, almost invariably I have met someone who is generous and who wants to be of service to others and the Church. From the Wisconsin Province, Fr. Paul Coelho, vocation director, and Br. Pat Douglas, along with numerous regional promoters in various Jesuit communities throughout the province, have been instrumental in making this year’s application process go as smoothly as possible. With gratitude for the generosity of so many people, I introduce you to the seven young men who entered the novitiate on August 24, 2013.

Sean Barry (22) earned a BA in mathematics from Loyola University Chicago, where he minored in Catholic studies. He assisted as a wedding sacristan at Loyola while also being involved in Christian Life Community campus food drives. An avid runner and White Sox fan, Sean studied in Rome for a semester and enjoys practicing his admittedly marginal Italian.

Lawrence (Ryen) Dwyer (31) grew up in southwest Michigan and received a BA from St. John’s College, where he learned to love philosophy and classical literature. Ryen’s travels to Cambodia and Laos to visit artisan partners with Ten Thousand Villages, a fair trade organization, helped him appreciate the Jesuits’ commitment to social justice as an expression of faith.

Patrick Hyland (26) is a graduate of St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland and recently earned an MA from Cleveland State University. Prior to entering the Society, he worked for Adidas; taught at St. Martin de Porres School in Cleveland and University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy; and spent a year volunteering in Guayaquil, Ecuador. Patrick is interested in linguistics and enjoys golfing.

Matthew Ippel (22), a graduate of Georgetown University’s School of Foreign Service in Washington, DC, worked for the Jesuit Conference’s Office of Social and International Ministries. He also spent time working for Michigan-based International Samaritan as a service trip coordinator for groups traveling to Central America.

Minh-Hoang Le (23) majored in psychology and Catholic studies at St. Thomas University in St. Paul, Minnesota. During college, he studied for a semester in Rome and took part in service trips to El Paso and Guatemala. He served as a leader for a Vietnamese youth group and taught tennis to urban youth during the summers.

Bryan Paulsen (29) holds a BA in chemical engineering from Trine University in Indiana and a PhD in materials science and engineering from the University of Minnesota. He worked with community and labor organizing groups and tutored Cristo Rey High School students.

Emanuel Werner (29), a licensed personal trainer and sports enthusiast, has an MA from the University of Dayton. His work experience includes a position as a clinical therapist at a state psychiatric hospital in Ohio and a volunteer position with the youth ministry organization, CORE.

Father James Prehn, SJ, serves as the Vocation Director for the Chicago-Detroit Province.
Paying My Gratitude Forward

Chris Lowney is the award winning author of *Heroic Leadership: Best Practices from a 450-Year-Old Company That Changed the World* which examines the leadership principles and characteristics that have enabled the Society of Jesus to successfully serve the Church and the World for almost five centuries. His latest book, *Pope Francis: Why He Leads the Way He Leads, Lessons from the First Jesuit Pope* appeared on shelves October 4, 2013. In this Q and A with Dave McNulty, provincial assistant for advancement, Chris explains why he wrote his book on the Pope, and why he’s donating half his earnings to the Jesuits.

Q: How did you first come to know and experience the Jesuits? And how has that relationship evolved over time?
A: I was lucky enough to attend Regis Jesuit High School in New York City. In some ways, my time at Regis was a “turning point” in my life, as it began my lifelong relationship with the Society. I entered the Jesuits of the New York Province but eventually came to understand that my vocation in the world was not as a priest but as a layperson. I learned many lessons during those formative years that have stood up well in many different work and life situations.

Q: What is the background about how this current book came about? Why does this Pope seem to be making such a difference in the world today?
A: Shortly after the new Pope was elected, Loyola Press asked if I would be interested in writing something. And I was. I don’t have the skills to write a straight biography, but I thought it might be interesting to write about the Holy Father as a “leadership case study,” so to speak. I wanted to explore how his Jesuit training might have prepared him to lead and influenced his point of view; I wanted to try to derive some “lessons learned” from his life and example that the rest of us could put into practice—in families, companies, wherever. I also knew a couple of Jesuits in Argentina, and, through them, was lucky enough to get a glimpse into Fr. Bergoglio’s Jesuit life.

While Pope Francis’s insights are profound, he is simple and plain-spoken. We often become cynical because leaders don’t level with us; everything is wrapped in poll-tested sound bites. In contrast, the Pope speaks straightforwardly. Sometimes he says things that are pretty challenging, and it really interests me that we are not dismissing him as a curmudgeonly old scold; rather, he comes across as the plain speaker who tells the truth that you’ve long needed to hear, almost been longing for someone to say.

Q: You have generously decided to donate half of your earnings from this book to the Jesuits. Would you talk about this decision and about the works you will be supporting and how others can contribute?
A: One of the things Pope Francis speaks most about is the disgraceful level of poverty in the world, the fact, for example, that a hundred point drop in the stock market is bigger news in some cities than the death of a homeless person on the street. I hardly feel I’ve given as much as I’ve received in life, and, anyway, it’s all gift: what do I have that wasn’t given to me?

I have picked four specific Jesuit ministries that I’m familiar with: three in education, one part of the Jesuit Refugee Service; all four are in the developing world—South Sudan, India, Argentina, South Africa; all serve some of the world’s poorest people. I plan to donate half of my book royalties, along with contributions raised by the Midwest Jesuits and other works. It would be a beautiful tribute to the Holy Father’s vision for the Church and humanity if we got a groundswell of support for these ministries serving the very poor.

From choosing to live in a simple apartment instead of the papal palace to washing the feet of men and women in a youth detention center, Pope Francis’s actions contradict behaviors expected of a modern leader. Chris Lowney, a former Jesuit seminarian turned Managing Director for J.P. Morgan & Co., shows how the pope’s words and deeds reveal spiritual principles that have prepared him to lead the Church and influence our world in his new book, *Pope Francis: Why He Leads the Way He Leads*.

Drawing on interviews with people who knew him as Father Jorge Bergoglio, SJ, Lowney challenges assumptions about what it takes to be a great leader. In so doing, he reveals the “other-centered” leadership style of a man whose passion is to be with people rather than set apart. Lowney offers a stirring vision of leadership to which we can all aspire in our communities, churches, companies, and families.

(Courtesy of Loyola Press)

To purchase a copy of Chris Lowney’s book or donate to his selected Jesuit works, visit www.jesuits-chgdet.org/leadership-lessons-jesuit-pope.
My profession of perpetual vows was an expression of a sacred meeting. My promise begins with the free and loving invitation of God, is continued by the promise I make each day to love and follow Jesus, and is fed through the faithful support of my family and friends and the entire body of the church. When I promise myself to Christ each day of this Jesuit journey, I begin with gratitude for the faith of the church community. My parents, who made that initial offering, continue to support me through their love and prayers. And for all my family and friends whose faith supports me, I live in gratitude and offer it back to God for His service. In the end, it is all I have to give. And believe me, it is transformative!

—Matthew Donovan, SJ

On the day of my First Vows in the Society of Jesus, I was able to look around and see the story of my life. I was surrounded by family and friends, those who had seen me through the ups and downs of life, through my college years, the loss of loved ones, and my transformation into adulthood. Like never before in my life, I felt them lifting me up to God.

The friends and family there that day are, in short, the stories of my past. But, on that day, my future also sat in those pews—Tom and Chris and Charlie, the novitiate staff, who supported me through hours of travel and prayer, who sent me to dozens of different beds for the past two years as part of my novice experiments, and who taught me through moments of light and darkness that I am worthy and loved. To my Provincial, who thus sent me on mission, as well as other Jesuits in formation who inspired me with their energy, who challenged me to think differently, who every day make me a man of prayer, and not just a quirky bachelor, I am grateful. They reveal the story that is yet to come, the story I believe I was meant to live, the story I am meant to tell.”—Eric Immel, SJ

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The Midwest Jesuits are hosting an Eastern Africa Pilgrimage Tour to Nairobi, Kenya from June 17–July 1, 2014.

Visit Jesuit ministries in the Eastern Africa Province (including St. Aloysius Gonzaga High School for AIDS orphans), and a Safari at Masai Mara Game Park. For more information and to reserve your spot, contact Jeff Smart at jsmart@jesuits-chgdet.org or call 800-922-5327.