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## Xavier University Photo Contest

Xavier University student Adela Orovay took this photo in Morocco and entered it in the university's third annual International Photo Contest. Photos were submitted by Xavier students studying, traveling, or living abroad. Photos were to give a sense of a different culture and demonstrate technical and artistic merit.

Students submitted over 200 photos taken in countries such as Sweden, Ghana, Peru, and India, from which 27 photos were selected for display on campus. Xavier students and faculty voted to determine the first place winner, who received a camera donated by Canon.

This year's finalists and photos from previous competitions are at [www.xavier.edu/internationalphotos](http://www.xavier.edu/internationalphotos).



## Centennials to Celebrate

### Superior General Celebrates California Province's 100th Anniversary



Fr. Adolfo Nicolás, SJ, the new superior general of the Society of Jesus, spent nine days touring Jesuit ministries in the California Province to participate in the province's centennial celebration.

Nicolás visited 30 sites and met with thousands of lay workers and students and nearly all of the 390 Jesuits in the province. On February 3, he celebrated Mass at St. Ignatius College Preparatory in San Francisco. The following day at St. Ignatius Church, St. Ignatius's student body and many from the University of San Francisco came to Mass to hear Fr. Nicolás's homily.

—Paul Totah



### America Magazine Centennial Video

To commemorate its 100th anniversary, *America* produced a ten-minute video documenting the history and mission of the magazine over the past century. Footage includes historic events covered in past issues of *America* and interviews with current editors and staff who offer their visions for the magazine.

The video is available on *America's* web site at [www.americamagazine.org](http://www.americamagazine.org).

## Ties that Bind

The Marquette University High School Mothers' Guild tied together past and present to commemorate the school's 150th anniversary, constructing a cross from over 1,000 neckties donated by students, alumni, and staff.

Each tie bears the signature of its owner and was accompanied by a brief description of its significance: one student donated the tie his father wore as a Marquette High student; a teacher's tie was a gift from a tennis team he coached. A sewing machine designed for sail making was required to assemble the cross, which measures eleven by seventeen feet and hangs in the school's entrance hall.



## Jesuits Produce New TV Series

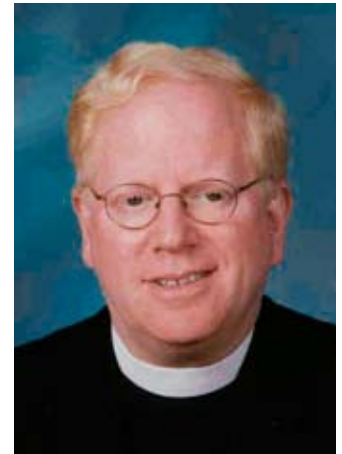
Two new Jesuit TV shows are airing this spring. Loyola Productions will launch *Hidden Treasures of the Jesuits*, a series that brings alive the historical and cultural legacy of the Jesuits through collected and lost artifacts. Its first episode features "The Taking of Christ" by Caravaggio, painted in Rome

in 1602, which found its way to a Jesuit residence in Ireland but hung unrecognized for years.

The faculty of the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry has produced *A Living Faith*, a catechetical series for the CatholicTV network. Each episode features a different

theme hosted by a different speaker. Titles of the nine episodes include "The Sacramental Life of the Church," "Foundations of Morality," and "Catholic Social Ethics."

Check local listings for broadcast times; *A Living Faith* can also be viewed at [www.CatholicTV.com](http://www.CatholicTV.com).

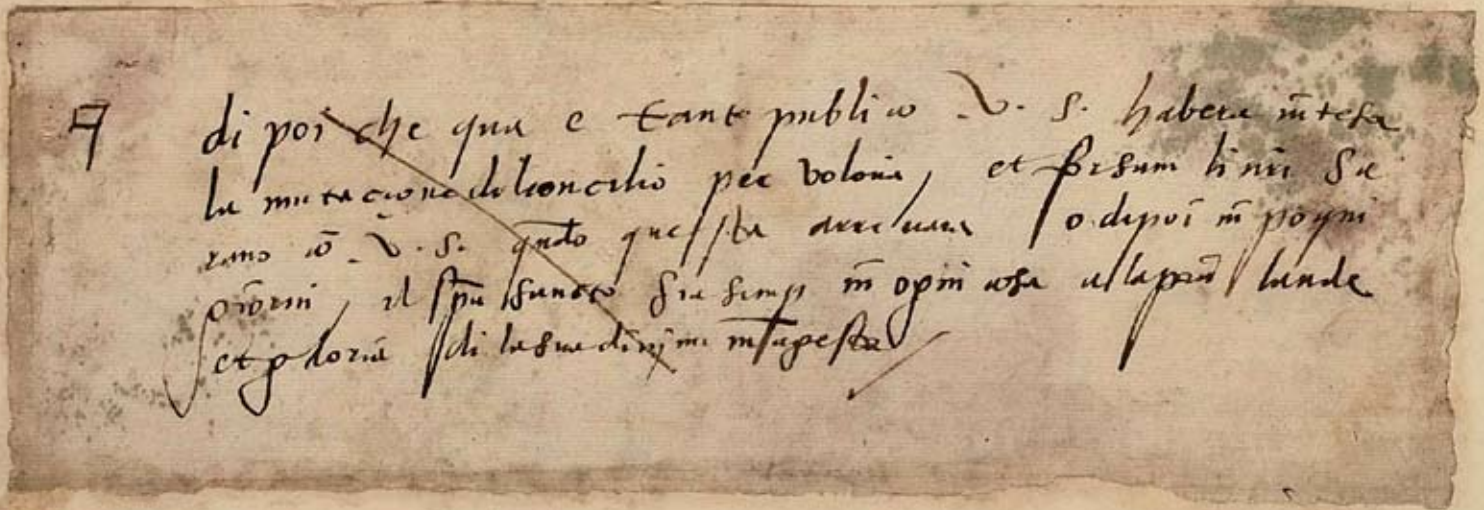


## Jesuit Appointment at the Vatican

Pope Benedict XVI has appointed Fr. James Conn, SJ, of the Maryland Province, a consultant of the Congregation for the Clergy, the Vatican department that deals with parishes, ecclesiastical property, catechetics, and ordinary matters of clerical discipline.

Conn teaches canon law at the Gregorian University in Rome and the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry. He will also remain a consultant of the Congregation for Catholic Education and a commissioner of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.





Attestiamo che la scrittura qui sopra della mano propria  
di S. Ignazio di Loyola fondatore della Compagnia di Gesù  
Roma 12. maggio 1841.

S. Roothan D.C. di Gesù  
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## Ignatius Letters in Demand

A letter from Ignatius to Pope Paul III sold for £10,000 at Christie's in London this November. The unsigned letter, dated March 1547, refers to Jesuit delegates to the Council of Trent.

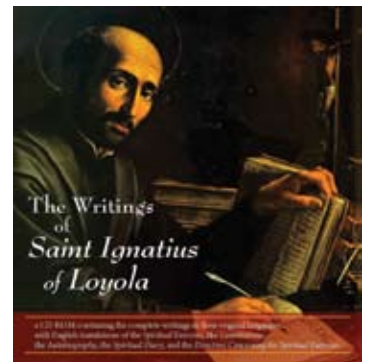
Translated from the Italian, the letter reads, "Since it is now so well known, Your Holiness will be aware of the transfer of the Council to Bologna, and perhaps our men will be with Your Holiness when this [letter] arrives or a few days later..."

Below Ignatius's letter is an authentication inscription signed and dated May 12, 1841, by Fr. Jan Roothan, SJ, the 21st Jesuit Superior General. The letter's £10,000 price exceeded the auction house's estimate of what the letter would fetch by several thousand pounds.

For those interested in Ignatius's letters, they are now available with a much smaller price tag. A CD titled *The Writings of Saint Ignatius Loyola* was recently published by the Institute of Jesuit

Sources. The CD contains all of Ignatius's writings, including almost 7,000 letters in their original languages. Also included are English translations of major works, such as the Spiritual Exercises, the Constitutions, the Spiritual Diary, and the Directives Concerning the Spiritual Exercises.

The CD, compatible with Windows or Macintosh, is searchable and comes with *Ars Jesuitica*, a collection of 239 Ignatian and Jesuit images. Order a copy through the Institute of Jesuit Sources: [www.jesuitsources.com](http://www.jesuitsources.com).



## Jesuit-Headed Organization Tries New Tactic Against Death Penalty

Fr. George Lundy, SJ, head of the Moratorium Campaign against the death penalty, is appealing to physician licensing boards and medical societies in an effort to end capital punishment.

If the boards declare doctor participation in executions unethical, states will be unable

to carry out their protocols for capital punishment.

"A lot of death penalty work in recent years has focused on governors and legislatures," says Lundy. Fourteen states have already outlawed the death penalty, and others are close to making the same move. "We wanted to make it

a professional issue instead of a political one."

The new tactic focuses on Southern states, where 95 percent of executions in 2008 took place and where the death penalty has the most political backing.

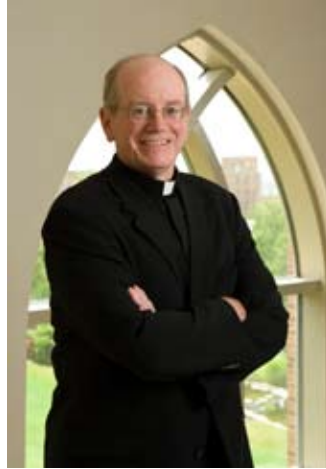
The Moratorium Campaign was founded in 2000 by death-

penalty opponent and activist Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ, to effect a moratorium on capital punishment and is now based at the Catholic student center at Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where Lundy serves as campus minister.

[www.moratoriumcampaign.org](http://www.moratoriumcampaign.org)

## New Provincials

Fr. Douglas Marcoullier, SJ, has been appointed provincial of the Missouri Province of the Society of Jesus. Marcoullier, a former Boston College professor, teaches economics at Saint Louis University and is a visiting professor at Universidad Centroamericana in El Salvador. He succeeds Fr. Timothy McMahon, SJ, on July 31.



Fr. Myles Sheehan, SJ, will become the new provincial for the New England Province, succeeding Fr. Thomas Regan, SJ. Sheehan entered the Society of Jesus with a doctorate in medicine from Dartmouth College and has served as professor of medicine and senior associate dean at Loyola University Chicago's Stritch School of Medicine.

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## Right to Life March

An estimated 800 students from Jesuit high schools and universities traveled to Washington, D.C., to participate in the annual March for Life on January 22. Students from Jesuit institutions celebrated a Mass for Life, hosted by the Jesuit Conference at St. Aloysius, before walking together in the march.

Schools sending representatives to the march included Jesuit

High in Tampa, Jesuit College Prep in Dallas, Fairfield University, and Saint Louis University, whose Students for Life group was named Group of the Year by the national Students for Life organization.

Families from Gonzaga College High in Washington, D.C., generously opened their homes to many of the visiting students.

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MARK BEANE/LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO



## New President

Fr. Richard Salmi, SJ, has been named 38th president of Spring Hill College in Mobile. He succeeds Fr. Gregory Lucey, SJ, Spring Hill's president for the past twelve years.

Salmi, 57, heads south after serving as vice president for student affairs at Loyola University Chicago and John Carroll University in Cleveland.

Salmi has a master's in speech communications and a doctorate in higher education administration from Boston College. He will take office at Spring Hill in June.

## Jesuit Alumni take roles in D.C.

Jon Favreau (above), class valedictorian at the College of the Holy Cross ('03), was candidate Barack Obama's chief speechwriter on the campaign trail. Now President Obama's Director of Speechwriting, he is just one of a number of alumni of Jesuit schools who have been appointed to positions in the Obama administration or were recently elected to seats in Congress. Santa Clara University alumna and former Arizona governor Janet Napolitano is the new head of the Department of Homeland Security, and fellow Santa Clara alumnus Leon Panetta is the new director of the CIA.

Fifty-two members of the 111th Congress are alumni of Jesuit colleges and universities as well. Graduates of Jesuit schools make up nearly 10 percent of the 111th Congress, which took office in January, holding 52 of 535 seats in the Senate and House of Representatives.

Of the 52 alumni, 34 received graduate or professional degrees from Jesuit universities. Georgetown University and Boston College boast the most alumni in Congress, and high-ranking Jesuit alums include both house majority leader Steny Hoyer, D-Maryland (Georgetown), and House Minority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio (Xavier University).

Among the new members is Ahn "Joseph" Cao (D-Louisiana), a Fordham University and Loyola University New Orleans graduate, a former Jesuit, and the first Vietnamese American in Congress.

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Ahn "Joseph" Cao

## web sites of interest



Several provinces debuted new vocation web sites recently. The Wisconsin, Chicago, and Detroit provinces teamed up to offer video, articles, and profiles of Jesuits on [www.thinkjesuit.org](http://www.thinkjesuit.org), and the Oregon Province's site, [www.nwjesuits.info](http://www.nwjesuits.info), offers resources for candidates and their friends and family, as well as a blog of Jesuits in the Northwest.

Other vocation web sites include: [www.jesuitvocations.org](http://www.jesuitvocations.org) (Maryland, New England, and New York), [www.jesuits-mis.org/Vocations.aspx](http://www.jesuits-mis.org/Vocations.aspx) (Missouri), <http://norprov.org/vocations/> (New Orleans), and [www.jesuitscalifornia.org](http://www.jesuitscalifornia.org) (California).