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Ignatian Formation Program Nurtures Faith in Adult Community

Providing young men and women with the opportunity to grow both academically and spiritually is the basic mission of every Catholic school. What makes Jesuit institutions stand out, however, is the belief that such an opportunity is greatly enhanced by the development of five unique characteristics in students: being intellectually competent, open to growth, loving, religious and committed to justice. This year, there was even a special day devoted each quarter to teaching students how to identify and develop these characteristics in their lives.

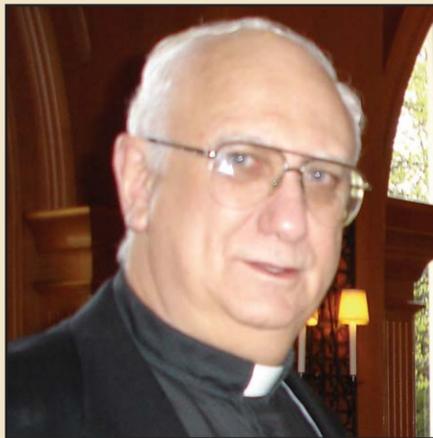
While the school's obvious focus is the growth of students, the administration has also recognized the importance of nurturing those same five ideals in employees. Adults may use funds that are specifically available for continuing education opportunities, they travel for research, they participate in liturgies and retreats and chaperone service trips. A few years ago, adult spiritual growth became a greater focus when the school decided to begin a spiritual formation program for the teachers and staff of St. Ignatius College Prep.

"Ignatian formation" for adults working in Jesuit high schools is not a new idea. **Fr. Joe Brennan, S.J. (pictured above right)**, one of the school's faculty chaplains and the rector of the nearby Jesuit community, drew inspiration for the school's current program from two others that began about a decade ago at Jesuit High School in New Orleans and St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland.

The five-year-long Ignatian Formation Program at St. Ignatius was developed, in part, to counteract the shrinking numbers of Jesuit clergy teaching in high schools, while simultaneously orienting the growing lay faculty with the Jesuit mission. While its metamorphosis has had many faces, the program has become streamlined in the past two years with the help of the Chicago Province.

"With Jesuit clergy now making up less than 10 percent of the faculty and staff, the rest of the school community needs to pick up responsibility for the religious aspects of the school's mission," said Fr. Brennan. "If the teachers and other staff don't exemplify Catholic and Christian principles, student formation will suffer."

According to Fr. Brennan, the formation program helps faculty and



staff grow more steadfast in their spirituality and educated in their faith... all to benefit the students.

One of more innovative aspects of the program has been the reduction in the workload of faculty and staff during the second year of formation in order to devote more time to prayer and spirituality. For some faculty members, that means teaching one less class each semester. At that time, the "second-year" adults examine St. Ignatius of Loyola's *Spiritual Exercises* and adapt them to their everyday lives.

"We're asking people to spend 30 to 45 minutes a day praying," said Fr. Brennan. "Even with the reduction in workload, some people still find it difficult to find the time."

Yet, despite a few mild bumps along the way, the success and popularity of the program and the involvement of more adults continues to grow.

Elaine Mueller (pictured at right), the other faculty chaplain, has taught at St. Ignatius for nearly 20 years. In 2001, she was approached by Fr. Brian Paulson, S.J., to assist Fr. Brennan in further developing the adult program. She agreed to do so, and now she splits her time

with Fr. Brennan in the Adult Spirituality Center while also teaching two English classes.

Mueller and Fr. Brennan coordinate the annual faculty retreat as well as all other adult retreats. They provide the staff with reading materials surrounding adult spirituality and assist those who desire to enhance their understanding of the Jesuit mission by helping them find a spiritual director.

"Most of the faculty and staff have been very receptive to the formation program because they understand the rationale behind it," said Mueller. "If we want to remain Jesuit and Catholic, then everyone in the school has to know what the Jesuit mission is in order to communicate that to the students. As a teacher or a staff member, our goal is for these young people to attain the five *Grad-at-Grad* characteristics. In order for that to happen, we cannot leave it to the religion department alone. We must model those same characteristics and help the students achieve that."

Mueller and Fr. Brennan also update young staff members on the happenings of Chicago's Charis Ministries, also sponsored by the Jesuits, which provides young adults from 20-40 years old with Catholic, spiritual growth opportunities.

"A lot of people come and talk to me about wanting to do a retreat or wanting to do more with their faith and how to go about doing that," said Mueller.



Mueller and Fr. Brennan are currently reviewing the possibility of opening their resources beyond faculty, staff and young alumni to

include parents of St. Ignatius students and to encourage the growth of the wider Ignatius community.

St. Ignatius College Prep's principal, **Dr. Catherine Karl**, was an instructor at St. Ignatius in the late 1970s through the late 1980s and has witnessed the decline of Jesuit clergy presence in the schools. She also watched as enrollment increased when St. Ignatius opened its doors to young women, and has seen the need for adult formation grow as larger numbers of faculty members have joined the ranks. Now, as principal, encouraging employees to deepen their faith is just as important as the school's commitment to developing Jesuit ideals in students.

"I think that adult formation and the faculty's need to better understand the mission of the school is absolutely essential to the success of this institution," said Karl. "When a student has a math teacher or English teacher or coach talk to them about their spiritual development, that young person feels encouraged to seek out spiritual guidance and to explore their beliefs."

Recognizing that faith development is a very personal and individual pursuit, Dr. Karl has helped the program to gain acceptance from the faculty and staff. She is very encouraged by the amount of outreach that has been done in a short period of time and sees a bright future for Ignatian faith formation.

Teacher **Megan Chappell** has reaped many benefits from the Ignatian Formation Program. Chappell grew up in a home with a Christian mother and Jewish father, celebrating both faiths throughout her adolescence. It wasn't until her college days at Indiana University that she began to explore her faith.

After graduation, Chappell moved to Chicago with some of her Catholic sorority sisters and became more involved in the Catholic faith. During that same time,

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school news

WELCOME, CLASS OF '09

In January, 814 students tested to be part of the incoming Class of 2009. 437 boys and girls were accepted and we welcome the 351 who "said yes" to St. Ignatius (as well as their families) into the school community.

STUDENTS MOURN FOR POPE JOHN PAUL II

The recent death of Pope John Paul II brought millions of mourners to their churches to pray in thanksgiving for a man who has given hope to people all over the world. St. Ignatius students were among those paying tribute to him. The entire school gathered for an all-school memorial mass at Holy Family Church. The church was decorated beautifully while a photo of John Paul stood on an easel near the altar. It was especially fitting that the church was packed with young people since the youth of the world were the pontiff's special joy. Several students took part in the mass, which was well (and quickly) coordinated by Fr. Pat Fairbanks, S.J., and Megan Shepherd, Pastoral Ministers.

NEWS FROM PARENTS' ORGANIZATION

Alice Luzzi, Director of Parent Relations, is proud to announce that the "book keeping" is done and over \$430,000 was raised at this year's "Puttin' On the Ritz" auction! This was the most successful auction to date and it seems that things just keep getting better and better. Once again, special thanks is extended to all who participated in any way... from donating items to purchasing them, from working the event to volunteering countless hours afterwards to make sure items were received by winning bidders. We are so very grateful for all of you!

The Parents' Organization inducted new officers for the 2005-06 school year. Welcome to **Kathy Bliss**, President; **Marci Spingola**, Vice President; **Kathy Graham**, Recording Secretary and **Annelies Panagoulas**, Corresponding Secretary.

In mid-May, the Parents' Organization hosted "Neighborhood Gatherings" to welcome parents and guardians of incoming freshmen.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Congratulations to the newly elected members of the St. Ignatius Student Council. We look forward to their leadership in 2005-06!

Executive Board - Student Body
Matt Tully, Executive Board President; **Bridget Tully**, Executive Board Secretary; **Jeremy Chow**, Executive Board Public Relations.

Senior Class (Class of 2006)
Redrick Taylor, President; **Dan Goldrick**, Senator; **Grace Green**, Secretary; **Kevin Payne**, **Edson Juarez** and **Jackie Accardi**, Representatives.

Junior Class (Class of 2007)
Michael Stanton, President; **Evan McLean**, Senator; **Lisle Alderton**, Secretary; **Moira Knight**, **Mike Tully** and **Matas Tamosiunas**, Representatives.

Sophomore Class (Class of 2008)
Tobi Abegunde, President; **Chris Rubey**, Senator; **Abby Gravenhorst**, Secretary; **Peter Besser**, **Tobi Ojo** and **Cassie Prena**, Representatives.



TOP: SICP acknowledged the passing of Pope John Paul II by displaying an outdoor banner and celebrating a special, all-school mass in Holy Family Church. BOTTOM: Fr. Paulson helps to induct new Parents' Organization officers: Kathy Graham, Kathy Bliss, Annelies Panagoulas and Marci Spingola.

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she spent three years teaching at a public high school in the suburbs and realized that her faith was as important to her as her career in education. She sought employment in an institution that would help her to intertwine those two things.

"I came to St. Ignatius not only to teach my passion of writing and literature, but also to teach my faith, which is something that is very important to me," Chappell said.

"My first year, I was overwhelmed by the spirituality of both the faculty and students here and it really kept me in touch with my relationship with God."

Chappell states that her desire to become closer to God was enhanced by the Ignatian Formation Program. The direction she received from her mentors, co-workers and students helped her understand what being Catholic has meant to her and how important that role will play in her future.

One of the striking unique aspects of her faith development has been the give-and-take she has received

from her students. Chappell is eager to learn from their experiences and to share her own.

"I didn't conceptualize faith as in-depth as these students do at 17 and 18 [years old] and I am flabbergasted by how spiritual they are," Chappell said. "The Ignatian Formation Program has helped me to listen to my students and learn from their experiences, and to know that they will in turn want to emulate my experiences."

As a result, Chappell has participated in two Kairos retreats and has become more involved with other retreats and spiritual activities.

St. Ignatius College Prep instructor **Steve Lord** has also used the teachings of St. Ignatius of Loyola to deepen his faith. Lord, who was



Megan Chappell, Jay Wood, and Steve Lord on a recent Kairos.

raised as the son of a Methodist Minister, converted to the Anglo-Catholic Church shortly after his separation from the United States Marine Corp following the Persian Gulf War in the early 1990s. He came to St. Ignatius College Prep in 1999 and immediately immersed himself into the life of St. Ignatius to help him understand his faith and be able to convey it to students.

"I am definitely a more reflective person in a religious way," said Lord. "Even having gone through some really great religious experiences in my life, I've never really found the structured reflection that I've found in Ignatian spirituality. It has helped me to ask myself, 'what's standing in the way of your relationship with Christ, the church and the world, and what are you going to do today to strengthen those bonds?'"

Though Lord says he hasn't been as involved in the formation program as much as he would like, he has been very diligent about

seeking out guidance and resources from the clergy and lay people at St. Ignatius in order to bolster his relationship with God.

In his time with the school, Lord has become a valuable member of the St. Ignatius retreat program. He has chaperoned and/or participated in approximately 15 retreats of all kinds since his start nearly six years ago. Not only has his service on retreats helped to renew the faith of retreatants, but it has helped him to see young Ignatians as more than just students.

"I think that, as a teacher, you sometimes begin to think of the kids as students only, in terms of the effort they are giving academically in the classroom," said Lord. "Without fail, retreat opportunities give me the chance to hear their stories and learn about who they are outside of school. They are much more than just students."

As the Ignatian Formation Program continues to grow, Fr. Brennan asks all of us to reflect upon this one question: "If example is the best teacher, what are you doing about your own faith development to help young people become responsible for the growth of their faith?"

Special Development News and Events

TAX/ESTATE PLANNING

The recent events surrounding the death of Pope John Paul II and Terry Schiavo have certainly given all of us something to think about. When speaking of death, St. Matthew reminds us: "... for you know neither the day nor the hour." To be a good steward, we need to prepare for that last eventuality.

If you haven't arranged with your attorney for this period of your life, this is the time to do it. Make sure that you have prepared and properly signed your last will & testament or the appropriate trust documents. These documents will insure that those you care about are properly provided for after your demise. Make sure you have a living will so that those who will care for you will know what your wishes for treatment are. Have in place a medical power of attorney so that the necessary health care decisions can be made for you. Lastly, prepare a financial power of attorney so that another may act for you when you can not.

You may even want to consider preparing the liturgy for your funeral services. All of these preparations, while you are capable, will relieve your loved-ones of the task. You know how upset they will be when you die, so you will be doing them a wonderful service by attending to these things now.

If you do not have your own attorney, we will be most pleased to recom-

mend someone from our Estate & Tax Advisory Council. If you have further questions, contact Ed Evert (312) 432-8314 or ed.evert@ignatius.org

ALUMNI OFFICE

The Law Luncheon on March 11 was a great success with over 200 people attending. Both award honorees, Joe Kearney '80 and Patricia Bobb H'05 gave beautiful reflections after receiving their awards.

(Pictured below are members of the luncheon committee: John Coleman '67, Dan Pikarski '90, Curtrice White Scott '90, Kevin Conway '69 and Tom Brabec '73.)



Thank you to all committee members who worked so hard to make the spring reunions so successful. Please make sure the Alumni Office has your e-mail on file we will be using e-mail more and more in the future! Also, don't forget to tell us if you have moved, changed jobs, or switched phone numbers.

On Sunday, March 13th, a total of 95

alumni, their spouses and friends of St. Ignatius gathered at the Kensington Golf Club in Naples, Florida. Fr. Brian Paulson, Ed Evert '57 and Jerry Broadhurst '54 joined the group. The wonderful alumni who live in that area worked very hard to gather a great group to hear about what's been happening at St. Ignatius in recent days. It was the second year at the Kensington site, made possible by members of the Class of 1954.

Fr. Paulson gave the group an upbeat update on St. Ignatius and shared the school's recruiting DVD with the crowd. Their reaction to our students and what is being accomplished at the school was moving.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL

How does St. Ignatius College Prep thank its most involved Women's Council members? With a meal they didn't have to cook, at an event they didn't have to plan and including other women they've always liked but barely had time to get to know. Tufano's Restaurant wisely seated the group, known for lively conversation and frequent seat changing, in the back room.

In thanking outgoing president **Maura Slattery Boyle '85**, Moderator Terri Connor Brankin pointed out that this year alone, the Philanthropic Circle members donated over \$39,000 which has been dedicated to the St. Ignatius music department and student Kairos

retreats. Also this year, the Women's Council launched a very successful Career Networking Night, under the event direction of **Mary Simmerling '87**. **Tricia Marino Ruffolo '83** has enthusiastically agreed to continue these thriving programs as incoming president for a two-year term, with **Beth Donohue** ably assisting as Vice President.

While regular open meetings are suspended over the summer, volunteers on the fall dinner committee, along with chairwomen **Michelle Hanson '82** and **Lisa Lorick '85**, will continue working regularly to put together a wonderful event. This year's dinner will be held Thursday, September 22nd with Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan as the featured speaker. All are welcome. Invitations, as well as information about our Philanthropic Circle, will be mailed out over the summer.

(Pictured below are Michelle Hanson '82 and Lisa Lorick '85, chairwomen of the upcoming Women's Council dinner in September.)



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On May 4, the generous benefactors who provide tuition assistance for qualifying students were invited to attend a special reception in their honor. At the event, students Deon Robinson '07, Patricia Tracz '06 and Yi Wei '06 gave testimonials about how their Ignatian experience would not have been possible without the assistance they've received.

*TOP: Benefactor Thea Christou with Doris and Robert Kunkel.
BOTTOM: Students find their nametags at the check-in table.*

CAMPAIGN UPDATE
We have raised 28% of our \$30 million goal for The Greater Glory Campaign!

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June

- 1-3..... Final exams for underclassmen
- 4 Graduation at UIC Pavillion
- 20 - Summer school session I begins
 (through July 8)
- - SIHAP Program begins

July

- 8 Orientation for summer school session II
- 11..... Summer school session II begins
 (through July 29)
- 18..... Joe Gentile '42 Golf Outing at
 Silver Lake Country Club

Invitations have been issued. For more information about this exciting outing, sponsored by Joe Gentile, contact Jeanne Wall, Director of Special Events, at (312) 432-8406.

August

- 1 Study Skills session I begins
- 8 Study Sills session II begins
- 17..... Freshman Orientation
- 18..... First full day of classes for all students

September

- 22 7th annual Women's Council Dinner
The St. Ignatius Women's Council is thrilled to announce that Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan will be the keynote speaker at this year's Women's Council Dinner. Mark your calendars and save the date! Details are forthcoming. Please contact Terri Connor Brankin if you have questions: (312) 432-8346 or terri.brankin@ignatius.org.

FAITH REFRESHERS

Charis Ministries offer summer retreats and other faith development opportunities to young adults from 20-40 years old.

Upcoming summer retreats include:

"Sex in the City of God:

A Weekend Retreat Exploring Faith, Intimacy and Relationships" from July 15-17 and "Come to the Quiet," a silent, individually-directed retreat from July 18-24/ Come for a day, a weekend, a week, or whatever your schedule allows!

For more information, e-mail charis@jesuits.net.

Also, Holy Family Church next door to St. Ignatius continues to offer a 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday evenings. Please join Fr. Boland, pastor, and Fr. Paulson, president of St. Ignatius College Prep, who rotate as celebrants for this wonderful liturgy.

ON THE MAILING PANEL:
 Teacher Lynne Ruozzi, in the first year of the Ignatian Formation Program, receives communion from Fr. Paulson while Elaine Mueller, Faculty Chaplain, prepares to offer wine.

upcoming events