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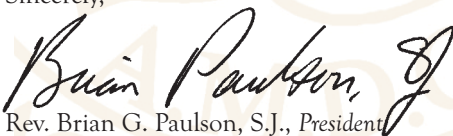
November is a time for giving thanks. Those of us who are Catholic begin the month at the Eucharist, giving thanks and praise to God for all the saints, large "S" and small "s," that have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. The St. Ignatius community of almost 1,500 students and adults recently celebrated a beautiful mass on a sunny, fall day next door at Holy Family. There was a choir and orchestra some 160 students strong. We noted at the outset that Pope Benedict had only weeks before he canonized a Jesuit saint, **St. Alberto Hurtado Cruchaga, S.J.** from Chile (*see photo in sidebar*). In the Santiago Times on-line, I read that Hurtado's cousin and fellow priest, Augusto Larraín, said, "I considered him a saint in life. Talking to him was like talking to God; he radiated such a great goodness." Isn't that what we all strive for?

Among Jesuit saints, Hurtado is the 50th. He is the first one to be born in the 20th century, and the time from his death to his canonization has been the shortest in the history of the Society of Jesus. He once lived at Georgetown University and studied law at Catholic University of America. Hurtado set up a network of group homes in Chile called "Hogar de Cristo" for the education of impoverished youth and the care of the sick and dying. Although he died in 1952, his example, preaching and writing helped years later to shape the church's posture in Chile as it pressed for an end to the Pinochet dictatorship and the advent of democracy. He is known as the "Padre de Chile." Over 112,000 Chileans volunteer in his network today. We took this occasion to name our new digital language center "The Hurtado Center," to hold up this Jesuit role model before our students for years to come. We are grateful for all the benefactors who helped to make the language center become real, and we hope our young people will learn to use the gift of language as effectively as Hurtado did to make a positive difference in our world.

Inside this newsletter you will read about the newest members of our faculty and staff. We are truly blessed by the faith-filled and talented men and women who chose to join us this fall in the service of the sacred mission entrusted to us from the Society of Jesus as a Jesuit high school. These dynamic women and men join the rest of our dedicated teachers, administrators, staff and coaches who strive to mirror God's love for our students each and every day. As you know, our sacred mission at St. Ignatius is to form "men and women for others" who are inspired by the gospel of Jesus Christ to transform their communities, and our world, into a more just and faith-filled place for all God's people. It is that simple, and it's that challenging.

During this month of thanksgiving, please know of my gratitude to our friends and benefactors who make it possible for us to carry out our mission. As always, I invite those who are able to help us advance the goals of *The Greater Glory Campaign* by getting involved. Please contact me at (312) 432-8344 if you would like to talk about making a gift. The largest component of this campaign will help us to gather the endowment resources we need to provide salaries and benefit packages which will attract, compensate justly and retain the kind of faith-filled, talented educators which you'll read about in these pages.

Sincerely,

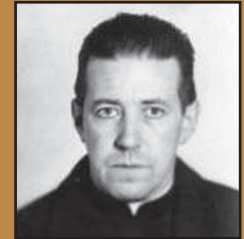

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SPECIAL NOTE TO DONORS: TEMPORARY INCREASE IN ALLOWABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHARITIES

The Katrina Emergency Tax Relief Act of 2005, which was signed into law by President Bush on September 23, 2005, temporarily removes the 50% limitation on the donor's contribution base. For all practical purposes, this figure approximates the donor's Adjusted Gross Income (AGI). Such gifts must be made to a qualified charity between August 28, 2005 and December 31, 2005. This change applies only to cash gifts to public charities. It does not apply to supporting organizations and donor advised funds. The charity receiving the gift does not have to be involved in Hurricane Katrina relief.

St. Ignatius College Prep's Newest Faculty & Staff Members Light the Way



Molly Byrne – Alumni Office: Ms. Byrne has a BA in Communications from Boston College. She is originally from Denver, and in January of 2005, she followed her father's footsteps to St. Ignatius College Prep. (He is an alumnus.) Her mentor was Ms. Adrienne McArdle.



Curry Gallagher – Guidance Counselor: Mr. Gallagher has a BS in Psychology from Fordham University and an MSW from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He was a school social worker at Braun Education Center high school Unit in Oak Forest for the past three years. He has volunteered with the Special Olympics and AmeriCorps. He is the co-moderator of the Frisbee Club and his mentor is Mr. Jerry Koehler.



Emily Cady – College Counseling: Ms. Cady has a BA in Theater from Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, OH. She was the Assistant Director of Admission at her alma mater for the past five years and was responsible for recruiting in Illinois, New England, and Wisconsin. She has experience in college admissions, and has served on various scholarship, financial aid, and

standardized testing committees. Ms. Cady moderates Improv and her mentor is Ms. Jennifer Fieldman.



Matthew Haffner – Computer Science Teacher: Mr. Haffner has a BA in Political Science from Northwestern University (where he was an Evans Scholar) and an MS in Sports Biomechanics from Illinois State University. He has extensive experience in teaching technology at the college level and programming in the corporate sphere. A graduate of Mt. Carmel High School in Chicago, he is no stranger to Catholic education. He has experience in coaching track/cross country and swimming. His mentor is Mr. Kevin Bellie.



Stephen Cahill – Mathematics/Development: Mr. Cahill has a BA in Economics from the University of Notre Dame and a BS in Mathematics from North Carolina Central University in Durham, NC. He taught freshman and sophomore math and theology for seven years at Cardinal Gibbons high School in Raleigh, NC. Prior to that, he taught freshman and sophomore

theology at Brother Rice High School. He was the NHS Tutoring Program Moderator, the Assistant Bookstore Manager, and Assistant Lacrosse and Wrestling Coach at Cardinal Gibbons. He served many years as a volunteer in the Diocese of Raleigh. Mr. Cahill will be teaching Algebra 1, Algebra 2/Trig, and Geometry. He is also working in the Development Department. His mentor is Mr. Charlie Stanley.



Cheri Higgins – Science Teacher: Ms. Higgins has a BS in Biology Environmental Science from Auburn University-Montgomery in Alabama and an MS in Environmental Science from Ohio State University in Columbus, OH. She was a Graduate Teaching Fellow/ Associate at Ohio State for five years and was published in several scientific journals. She is currently pursuing a PhD in Science.

She is teaching Integrated Science II and co-moderates Middle Passage. Her mentor is Mr. John Balaban.



Matthew Couture – Director of Pastoral Ministry: Mr. Couture has a BA in History/Sociology from Villanova University in Villanova, PA, and expects to complete his MA in Theology from Loyola University-Chicago in May, 2006. He is experienced in Jesuit formation and adult and student faith formation. He was the Assistant Director for three years of the Inner City

Teaching Corps in Chicago. He was also a teacher and basketball coach for two years at Our Lady of the Gardens grammar school. Mr. Couture's mentor is Ms. Elaine Mueller.



Sean O'Connor – Paraprofessional: Mr. O'Connor has a BS in Psychology and an MED in School Counseling from John Carroll University in University Heights, Ohio. While pursuing his master's degree, he served as a School Counselor Intern at Benedictine high school in Cleveland, Ohio and implemented and ran a mentoring and peer tutoring program. He was the assistant baseball

coach for two years at John Carroll and for one year at Benedictine High School. Mr. O'Connor's mentor is Mr. Dave Manning.



James Gaffey – Science Teacher: Mr. Gaffey has a BA in Theology and Pre-Medicine and an MED through the ACE Program at the University of Notre Dame. He taught AP and Honors Chemistry, and Morality and Social Justice for two years at St. Petersburg Catholic High School in Florida. He is teaching Integrated Science I & II and his mentor is Ms. Kitty Hooper.



Kim Pagels – Secretary to the Deans: Ms. Pagels was the Secretary/Receptionist for six years at Saints Peter & Paul School in New York. Prior to that she was the administrative assistant to the general manager at Royce Hotel in Kentucky, and worked several years in the food services industry. She relocated to Chicago three years ago from Buffalo, NY. She is the mother of senior Alex Pagels and freshman Andrea. Her mentor is Ms. Ellen Middendorf.



Heather Paquin – Mathematics Teacher: Ms. Paquin has a BA degree in Secondary Education with a Math Concentration from Villanova University in Villanova, PA, and an MS in Education in Advanced Teaching from Northwestern University. She taught math and science at St. Sabina Academy for four years; and eighth grade pre-algebra and algebra for the past two summers in the

St. Ignatius Higher Achievement Program (SIHAP). She has also been a Habitat for Humanity volunteer coordinator for six years. She is teaching Algebra 1 & Algebra 2/Trig and moderates the Community Tutoring Alliance. Her mentor is Ms. Lynne Ruozi.



Christen Shorrock – Guidance Counselor: Ms. Shorrock has a BA in Psychology and French from Miami University in Oxford, OH, and a Master of Social Work from the University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration. She worked for five years as a school social worker at the Lincoln School in Maywood. Ms. Shorrock will be leading the counseling

support groups on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Her mentor is Ms. Sharon Byrne.



Sarah Parker – Language Teacher: Ms. Parker has a BA in Spanish and Theater Arts from Beloit College in Beloit, WI and is enrolled in a Masters in Spanish Program at Roosevelt University. She did her student teaching at Elmwood Park high school. She has performed in several theater productions and served as a vocal coach for the female leads in the spring musical at Elmwood

Park. She is teaching freshman, sophomore, and junior Spanish. She co-moderates the *Spirit* newspaper and her mentor is Ms. Meaghan Costello.



Kathleen Sweigert – Student Teacher (Social Studies Department): Ms. Sweigert will be student teaching this semester in the social studies department. She expects to complete her BA Degree in History from Loyola University-Chicago in December 2005. She will be student teaching with Ms. Rose Mary Sullivan, Ms. Diane Haleas Hines and Mr. Marty Kelley. Her mentor is Mr. Kelley.



James (Chuck) Thompson – Religious Studies Teacher: Mr. Thompson has a BA in Accounting from Assumption College in Worcester, MA, an MA in English from the University of Massachusetts in Boston, and an MA in Religious Education from Loyola University-Chicago. Chuck comes to us from the Chicago Province, where he has served since 2001 as the Director of Ignatian Programs. He has mentored over 50 of our current employees via the Ignatian Themes Workshop. Mr. Thompson taught religious studies for six years at Loyola Academy, and three years prior to that, was an administrator for a large urban parish in Boston. He is teaching sophomore and senior religious studies classes, and will be doing adult faith work with Fr. Joseph Brennan SJ and Ms. Elaine Mueller. His mentor is Fr. Brennan.

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Edie Pughsley – Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Principal for Academic Programs: Ms. Pughsley has taken Early Childhood Education classes at Oakton College in Des Plaines, IL, as well as Business Administration courses at Truman College. She has over 15 years experience in the customer service and sales support fields. For the past three years, she has worked as a

purchasing assistant at Oakton College. Ms. Pughsley was the costume designer for the play *Godspell* that was performed this past summer at the Duncan YMCA on Roosevelt and Morgan near St. Ignatius. Her mentor is Ms. Jane Gavin.



Matthew Sparapani – Language/Social Studies Teacher: Mr. Sparapani has a BA in History and an MA in the Classics from Northwestern University. He taught Latin at New Trier High School for four years, and has also taught Latin part-time at Glenbrook North High School since 2003. During that time, he moderated the Latin Club, the Wilderness Canoe Program and was freshman boys' soccer coach. He was a lecturer for many years in the Classics Department at Northwestern. Mr. Sparapani is teaching four freshman Latin classes and one section of Honors Roman History. He moderates the Classics Club and co-moderates the Frisbee Club. His mentor is Mr. Donald Hoffman.

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Elizabeth Wagenschutz – English Teacher: Ms. Wagenschutz has a BA Degree in English from Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, MI and an MA in Writing from NUI Galway in Galway, Ireland. She completed her student teaching and was also a substitute teacher at East Jackson High School in Jackson, MI. She was a full-time volunteer and tutored students in reading,

writing and phonics at Mitchell Elementary School in Chicago's Westtown neighborhood. This will be her first full-time teaching assignment. She will be filling in semester one for Mr. Richard Blackwell who is on medical leave. She is teaching sophomore and junior English, and co-moderates the *Spirit* newspaper. Her mentor is Ms. Erin Luby.

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*“Education is not the filling of a pail,
but the lighting of a fire.”*

-William Butler Yeats, posted over the south doors of the ground floor in the Driehaus Building.



Ms. Susan Weiss – College Counselor: Ms. Weiss has a BS in Speech Communication from Ball State University in Muncie, IN and an MED in College Student Personnel from Loyola University-Chicago. She has ten years of recruiting and counseling experience. She was the Senior Assistant Director of Undergraduate Admissions for five years, and the Assistant Director for

four years at Loyola University. She has also served this past year as a College Admissions Consultant, via phone and email, for Kaplan Inc., in New York. Ms. Weiss moderates Student Council and her mentor is Ms. Rosanne Rosinia-Siok.



Mr. Timothy Wesley – Religious Studies Teacher: Mr. Wesley has a BA in Philosophy and Theology from Boston College and an MAT from the Catholic Theological Union. After college he worked as a Jesuit Volunteer in Chuuk, Micronesia where he taught freshman and sophomore English and also coached their varsity basketball team to the Chuuk Island

Championship. He taught Old Testament and Sophomore Church History courses at the University of Detroit Jesuit high school. He has worked the past two summers in the SICP summer school program by teaching writing and grammar to our incoming freshmen. He is teaching freshman and junior religious studies, and moderates the Outdoor Ecology Club. His mentor is Mr. Steve Lord.

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