OFFICE OF MISSION & MINISTRY
Report to the Board of Trustees
March 8, 2013

Update on activities and events since the last Board meeting in December that have been held or are planning to be held by the Office of University Ministry and the Jesuit Center:

FACULTY AND STAFF PROGRAMS:

- **Ignatian Faculty Fellows (IFF) program**: the new faculty mission development program led by Dr. John Sebastian has started with 9 faculty meeting weekly all spring semester.
- **Ignatian Staff Fellows (ISF) program**: The new staff mission development program will begin its recruitment in March for fall 2013, led by Student Affairs AVP Robbie Reed.
- **Human Resources**: Human Resources and Mission and Ministry co-sponsored a mission-focused session, “Builders of the Ignatian Vision: Gifted, Called and Missioned” as part of a staff development pilot program on December 4.
- **WFF Facilities staff appreciation lunch** (December 13) was held with over 50 participants attending. The WFF workers work on the grounds and in the classrooms.
- **Faculty Connections**: A new program gathering new faculty is held monthly in the Riverbend dining room, hosted by M&M. Each month 7-10 new faculty hires are joined by administrators and seasoned faculty for informal conversation and community.
- **Ignacio Volunteer Belize Faculty/Staff** trip had a reunion (December 7) with 18 Faculty and Staff attending and sharing their past experiences in Belize and at Loyola.
- **Centering Prayer, New Staff Orientation and Spiritual Direction** continue to be offered and provided to faculty/staff on a regular basis.
- **Heartland Delta Faculty Conversations** (Feb 26-28): Over 60 faculty from 12 different Jesuit colleges assembled at Loyola for a three-day conference around the theme of ‘Eloquentia Perfecta.’ There was Mardi Gras influence to the gathered faculty.

RETREATS AND CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITIES:

- **Silent Ignatian Retreat** (January 11-13): 22 Participants (faculty, staff, alumni, & LIM and law students) and 9 staff/IIM leaders in this silent weekend retreat in LaCombe.
- **Emmaus Retreat** (January 25-27): 21 Participants (undergraduates)/ 8 Staff leaders
- **Lenten Retreat in Daily Life** (February 21-March 25): This year’s retreat focuses on praying with the psalms of the day. Eighteen (18) Loyola community members have committed to serving as spiritual directors or companions.
- **Awakening Retreat** (March 8-10): 130 student leaders and participants expected. Students from UNO and Southeastern Louisiana University have been invited to attend with the hope to begin Awakening programs on their own campuses.
- **Spiritual Exercises / 18th Annotation** (January 23- April 3): 21 faculty/staff began the eight-week Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius Loyola. This is the second year of this retreat.
- **Christian Life Communities**: Current CLC numbers: 11 groups (76 student members, 12 student facilitators & 7 pro staff members). Additionally, two young adult groups meet in collaboration with the Archdiocesan Office of Young Adult Ministry.
FAITH, SERVICE AND JUSTICE:

- **Loyola University Community Action Program (LUCAP)**
  - *School of Americas Watch trip* (November 2012): Delegation of LUCAP students and alumni attended SOA Watch protest outside the gates of Ft. Benning, GA as part of Loyola’s centennial commitment to justice.
  - New *alternative spring break trip* to Houston, TX (Easter break): Partnering with Loyola’s Black Student Union (BSU) to host an. The trip will include a pre-trip seminar about the intersection of race and poverty issues. Volunteers will serve with Habitat for Humanity and Catholic Charities.
  - LUCAP project ‘*Best Buddies,*’ (social activities with adults with developmental disabilities), sponsored in January, “Spread the Word to End the Word.” The campaign collected over 200 signatures from students who pledged not to use the “r-word,” and featured a speech by self-advocate Craig Blackburn.

- **MLK Day of Service** (January 21): Facilitated a Loyola day of service for 33 Loyola Students in partnership with City Year New Orleans on the MLK Holiday.

- **MLK Service Day** (January 26): A student-led consortium of Tulane, Dillard, Xavier, and Loyola planed a day of service for over 600 students.

- **Community Based Federal Work Study Program** has been coordinated by M&M Staff *Josh Daly,* ensuring Loyola’s eligibility for federal assistance for students through on and off-campus work placements. To date, over 60 students have been placed at 18 agencies for a total of 3686 hours of community work for the fiscal year.

- **Spark 2013**: Planning is underway for the pre-orientation service experience for new students, in partnership with the Office of Residential Life. There is a goal of a Spark-Themed Living Community (“TLC ”) with a targeted number of participants of 40.

- **Ignacio Volunteers**: Fall 2012 brought a record number of applicants with 105 students applying for 21 slots in the Jamaica (May 2013) / Belize Summer (July 2013) programs.
  - *Christmas 2012 Programs:*
    - **Jamaica Winter Experience:** 12 students led by Fr Gregg Grovenburg S.J.
    - **Belize Christmas Camp:** 10 students led by Edwin Madera.
    - **Belize Winter Baseball Camp:** 8 students led by Eric Walsh
  - *Summer 2013 Programs:*
    - **Jamaica Experience May 2013** (May 13-22, 2013): 13 Students led by Edwin Madera and Brooks Zitzmann (University Counseling)
    - **Belize Summer Camp** (July 20 to August 13, 2013) 12 Students led by Alumnus Joe Goddu and Fr Ted Dziak, SJ
  - *Recruitment for Ignacio Volunteers Winter programs:* Has begun on Feb 26-28 for the Christmas 2013 programs in Jamaica and Belize.
Liturgy and Music:
- “Special” themed masses: Caribbean Mass (October 7); Alumni Memorial Mass (November 2), Loyola Week Mass (November 4); Martyr’s Mass (November 11), Mass and Pancakes (December 9); Christmas Eve Mass (December 24);

- Advent Reconciliation Service with UNO Newman Center (December 2)

- Upcoming events: Black History Month Mass with alumnus Deacon Daniel Green preaching (February 17); Extraordinary Form Latin Mass (March 10); Alumni Mass (May 12), Mass and Pancakes (May 5); College of Law Graduation Mass (May 9), Baccalaureate Mass (May 10)

- Currently over 50 liturgical ministers operate on a rotating schedule for masses.

Faith and Sacramental Formation:
- Adult Confirmation (December 2): 12 people (includes 3 Loyola undergrads and 4 Loyola law students and 3 Tulane undergrads) were Confirmed by Bishop Fabre. Eight (including 5 Loyola undergrads, 1 alum, and 2 HNJ members) started preparation on January 29 for the next Confirmation (April 14.)

- RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): 4 candidates and 4 catechumens started preparations for full initiation into the Catholic Church on March 30. Loyola coordinates the RCIA process for both the university and Holy Name of Jesus Parish.

- Weddings: Twelve couples (since September) with direct connections to Loyola or the Loyola Jesuit Community have been prepared through University Ministry.

- Baptisms: Eight infants have been baptism in Ignatius Chapel since October 2012.

College of Law Ministry:
- College of Law Chaplain Arlene Wiltz, now sits on the Senior Staff Committee and Student Bar Association Exec Board for the College of Law by invitation of the Dean.

- Archbishop Aymond hosted Loyola law students at his residence (January 15) with over 70 law students, faculty and staff attending

- A specific mission and spirituality component has been added to 1L orientation sessions and student leadership skills training at the College of Law.

- Jesuit Scholastic, Penn Dawson SJ, has been officially hired to teach at the College of Law and will also assist in ministry efforts starting in fall 2013.

Jesuit Center:

TAD/KB (February 19, 2013)
Church in the Desert, Church in the World
Reflections in the Spirit of the Second Vatican Council

LENTEN SERIES

FEBRUARY 27
Joy in the Desert, Joy in the World: A Concert with Kara Klein
7 p.m., Ignatius Chapel
The Catholic recording artist and dynamic young speaker sings and reflects about joy we find hidden in sacrifice and how God calls us to bring joy into the world.

MARCH 10
Gregorian Chant Laetare Sunday Mass
(in conjunction with the College of Music and Fine Arts)
7:30 p.m., Holy Name of Jesus Church
A Latin Mass in the extraordinary form will help us to reflect on the ancient and beautiful tradition of Gregorian chant and its place in today’s Church.

MARCH 13
Can Our Conscience be Wrong? A Reflection with Fr. Ed Vacek, S.J.
7 p.m., Ignatius Chapel
Fr. Vacek is the Duffy Chair in Roman Catholic Theology at Loyola University. He will lead us to reflect on what a conscience is and what role it plays in our daily decisions and our spiritual lives.

MARCH 20
Not by Bread Alone: An Interfaith Conversation on Fasting
7 p.m., Ignatius Chapel
Join us for a dialogue on the spiritual practice of fasting in the Christian, Hebrew, and Muslim faiths.

All events are free and open to the public.
Co-sponsored by the Loyola University New Orleans Jesuit Center and the Alumni Association

For more information, visit mm.loyo.edu/jesuit-center/lenten-series and alumni.loyo.edu/lenten-series