Accomplishments (of 2008-2009) and Goals (for 2009-2010):

- **Strategic Plan:** The creation of *Loyola 2012: the University Strategic Plan*, which was passed by the Board at its May 2009 meeting, was the highest accomplishment of the past year, with ‘Enhancing Jesuit Values’ as one of the priorities. Implementation of the Strategic Plan with its four Jesuit Value initiatives is the main M&M focus of this next academic year. This includes the planning for the establishment of a Center for Volunteer Service, the expansion of Jesuit mission & identity programs to faculty & staff, and the development of links with international Jesuit institutions.

- **New Staff in Mission & Ministry:**
  - **Dr. Judy Deshotels / Jesuit Center Fellow (Half-time)** Facilitating Jesuit & Catholic Mission & Identity for faculty and staff
  - **Scott Porot / Jesuit Center Fellow** Facilitating the development of the Center for Volunteer Service. Scott worked as an Americorps Volunteer with Habitat for Humanity in NO, and is a graduate of Loyola/Chicago. Scott also serves as a Resident Chaplain in Biever Hall.
  - **Ken Weber / University Ministry, Associate Chaplain**, Coordinating Liturgy & Music (replacing Fr. Jim Caime, SJ). A classically trained opera singer, Ken directed liturgy and music at Spring Hill College before pursuing opera full-time. Ken also serves as a Resident Chaplain in Biever Hall.
  - **Kathy Plasse / University Ministry, new Administrative Assistant**
  - **Internships:**
    - A new internship position (*Rebecca Gardner ’09*), has been created with the College of Business. Projects include Loyola Week & E-newsletter.
    - University Ministry continues its collaborative graduate internship with Loyola Institute of Ministry (LIM) (*Alexis Yankowski*) continues in the second year.

**Programs and Activities:**

- Our new M&M e-newsletter, *Magis Moments*, had four issues is its inaugural year. The e-newsletter will continue as a twice a semester means of communication to the entire Loyola community, including alumni. In addition, a **new revamped M&M web site**, to be launched by the end of October, will further develop our web-based resources.

- **Mission & Identity Workshops & Sessions:** (Facilitated by Judy Deshotels & Kurt Bindewald): Twenty-two workshops were held for staff, which included over 270 participants in all divisions of the University. Jerry Fagin, SJ assisted. A monthly staff orientation session was facilitated by Jim Bradley, SJ and a New Faculty Breakfast was held in August. In addition, workshops were held for students in Resident Assistant Training, for the Student Ambassadors, at Lagniappe student & parent sessions, and for MBA students & College of Business freshmen. Twenty faculty participated in a faculty panel “Incorporating Jesuit Vision of Ed into the Classroom.”
• **Spiritual Exercises** (19th annotation) was offered to Faculty/Staff by Jim Bradley, SJ in October 2008. Over twenty faculty-staff participated in this six-month retreat.

• **Expansion of Retreats and Sacramental Ministries:**
  o **Retreats:** Two Awakening retreats continue, along with new retreats: a Women’s and a Men’s retreat, a Freshman transition retreat & a Sophomore discernment retreat, an Emmaus retreat, a senior retreat, and Source and Summit retreats. Additionally, a basketball / baseball team retreat was held by Fr. Dziak.
  o **Liturgies:** A new weekly French mass (Peter Rogers, SJ) and a bi-weekly Spanish mass (Michael Bouzigard, SJ). An Alumni memorial mass will be held on November 1, 2009.
  o **RCIA:** Partnering with Holy Name of Jesus Church for RCIA and Confirmation preparation, 26 students and community members in RCIA and 13 are preparing for Adult Confirmation in December.

• **Book Distributed to all First Year Students:** *‘Hearts on Fire: Praying with Jesuits’*, edited by Michael Harter, SJ (Loyola Press) was distributed to all new first year students. A new prayer book is being planned for all incoming students for fall 2010.

• **“Jesuit Conversations on Mission & Identity”** led by Gerry Fagin, SJ & Ted Dziak, SJ were held for the Deans & AVPs last year. These monthly meetings gather key administrators for informal lectures & discussions on the Jesuit & Catholic nature of Loyola University and related issues. Fr. Dziak will be working with the Provost Council this next year.

• **Expansion of Ignacio Volunteer immersion trips.** Last year over fifty students & staff participated in our trips to Belize (Summer 2009) and Jamaica (May 2009), our immersion service work will expand in Belize (Christmas 2009), with new domestic trips: the NOLA Urban Plunge and Bayou Experience (Spring 2010) and a new Alumni trip to Jamaica (May 2010).

• The **Magis Dinner**, an annual fund-raising event, will be held on **Friday, Dec 4, 2009** to raise funds for the Ignacio Volunteer immersion programs and related global projects.

• **Loyola Week** *(November 1 – 8, 2009)*: Emphasizing our Jesuit heritage, events range from a Mass on the Marquette lawn to dinner with the Jesuits to a sports tournament and an Interfaith/Intercultural Carnivale.

• **Loyola University Community Action Program:** LUCAP continues to provide contemplative action outreach through its fourteen community initiatives. Increased attention is being given to “green initiatives”, sustainability issues on campus and climate control legislation.

• **Interfaith Ministry and Big Brother / Big Sister Collaborative:** A renegotiation of the partnership with the Regional *Big Brothers Big Sisters* program has occurred, with a reenergized mentoring program established, Increasing outreach and effectiveness. Interfaith programming has already included a Ramadan dinner, presentation on the Jewish faith and several Hour of Power praise and worship events for both students and custodial staff members in WFF.

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