Office of Mission and Ministry Overview

The Office of Mission and Ministry (M&M) at Loyola University New Orleans serves as the primary entity for promoting and enhancing the Catholic/Jesuit identity of the institution as a faith based community of life-long learners seeking God in all things by working for service and justice in the world as women and men for and with others.

JESUIT CENTER 2014 - 2015 UPDATES:

The Jesuit Center is primarily responsible for the orientation and formation of faculty and staff members in the Catholic/Jesuit tradition. Additionally, it provides campus-wide programming and resources that educate and celebrate Loyola’s Ignatian values.

**JESUIT CENTER FELLOW — SHERMICIA CALICE**

**Lenten Series 2015:** (February / March) carries the theme “Side by Side: Jesuit Saints as Lenten Companions” and will focus on the ever-present interest in St. Ignatius Loyola and Ignatian spirituality. The Jesuit Center will host four lectures to share the charism of Ignatius and his early companions. Our goal is to showcase their spiritual lives as models of faith from which we can learn.
Magis Moment Newsletter:

- Two issues of the Magis Moment newsletter were published in October and December. The December edition as an Advent edition featuring reflections from Loyola community members along with a feature on the 25th anniversary of the Martyrs of El Salvador.

- Spring will allow for a Lenten edition in early Lent and a Graduation edition in late April.

Loyola Week: (November) was the highlight of the fall and carried the theme “Jesuit Values: From Vision to Action.” Twelve events were held for and with faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends that ranged from an interactive talk on Policing in America to a tricycle race around the Iggy statue, a carnival on the Peace Quad, dinner with the Jesuits, and Wolves on the Prowl. Over 1000 people participated in the week’s events.
Guest Speakers at Loyola in Fall 2014:

- **Mark Shriver** speaking on ‘A Good Man’ on the life of his father, Sergeant Shriver. (September)
- **Father Greg Boyle, S.J.** speaking on *Tattoos of the Heart*, his work with Los Angeles gangs. (October)
- **Father James Martin, S.J.** speaking on his book, *Encountering Jesus*, his pilgrimage to the Holy Land. (November)

**UNIVERSITY MINISTRY 2014 - 2015 UPDATES:**

**Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation - Fr. Gregg Grovenburg, SJ**

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):** There were 20 in the group: 12 candidates baptized in another faith & 8 Catechumens (never baptized). This group represents a substantial increase from previous years, (i.e. 2012 (7), 2013 (8), 2014 (7). [3 lawyers, 2 doctors, 4 law & med students, 3 undergrads]

**Adult Confirmation:** 12 young adults received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Archbishop Hughes on December 6, 2014 at Holy Name of Jesus Church. Six individuals are in the spring semester 2015 Confirmation group, made up of 3 undergraduates, 1 Law student, and 3 Holy Name parishioners. The group will be confirmed on April 12, 2015 at Ignatius Chapel by Archbishop Aymond.
Ignacio Volunteer

Goals:
- To HELP
- TO LEARN

- 11 Participants: 9 students including Team Leader and 2 professional staff: Heather Malveaux and Samuel Bradley, Assistant Director of Alumni Engagement

Program Outcome: 100% rated their experience 5 out of 5 calling it “one of the most important experiences they have ever had.”

NOLA Urban Immersion (Mar 27 – Apr 1, 2015)
- 14 Participants: 12 students and 2 staff: Heather Malveaux and Joe Deegan, (Univ Min for Service and Justice Programs)

Jamaica Experience (May 11 – 20, 2015)
- 14 Participants: 12 students including 2 Team Leaders and 2 staff: Heather Malveaux and Courtney Williams, Associate Director of Co-Curricular Programs.

Belize Summer Camp (July 20 – Aug 11, 2015)
- 14 Participants: 12 students including 2 Team Leaders and 2 staff: Father Ted Dziak, S.J. and another staff.

The South Africa Experience: This program has been deferred until 2016.

Belize Baseball Camp (Dec 26, 2015 – January 7 2016) 10 students, including 2 Team leaders and 2 professional staff members, Father Ted Dziak, S.J. and Brandon Snow, Assistant Coach of the Loyola Baseball Team will attend

Jamaica Winter Experience (Jan 8 – 17, 2016): 12 students, including 2 Team leaders and 2 professional staff members will attend

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Christian Life Communities (CLCs)
5 Phase I groups, 1 Phase II group, 1 Phase III group & 1 group made up of the student leaders

- **Young Adult CLC** (in collaboration with Archdiocesan Young Adult Ministry) meets regularly, currently reading and praying with the late Rev. Jerry Fagin’s book, Discovering your Dream: How Ignatian Spirituality Can Guide Your Life.

- 41 student member participants: made up of 22 phase I; 7 phase II; 5 phase III; 7 student leaders and 4 professional staff leaders.

Fall semester events included a Halloween Party (30 attendees) and a November dinner and discussion about cultivating lives of gratitude (16 attendees).

**Spring semester events:** Taizé Prayer (5 attendees) in January, and a viewing and discussion of the film Life of Pi in February (22 attendees).

CLC will begin hosting “Fellowship Fridays,” a weekly student-led Examen and discussion on Friday afternoons. This will help introduce CLC to more people on campus.

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Retreats:

**First Year Retreat** (September): 31 participants led by 2 student team leaders and a team of 11 students, with 6 professional staff.

- 95.7% of participants agreed that they are more likely to get involved on campus as a result of their retreat experience
- 78.3% of participants indicated that they felt deeply loved by God four or more times during the retreat
Retreats (continued)

- **Fall Awakening Retreat** (October): 38 new participants, 59 student staff, & 8 professional staff
  - 100% of first-time Awakening participants indicated they felt deeply loved by the Awakening Community
  - 70.3% of responding participants indicated that they recognized this experience of love as a reflection of God’s unconditional love for them

- **Silent Ignatian Retreat** was cancelled due to low interest despite increased advertising both on campus and with alumni. We plan to increase numbers by advertising with local parishes.

- **Emmaus Retreat** (January): 14 participants, led by a team of 8 professional staff.
  - 85.7% of participants indicated they felt deeply loved by God three or more times during the retreat
  - 78.6% of responding participants indicated that they used a new form of prayer at least twice during the retreat

- **Lenten Retreat in Daily Life**: Theme of “Toward Holiness.” Daily scripture and reflections will be posted online and Alumni Affairs is promoting the online retreat to alumni. The on-campus portion of the retreat will be February 25-March 25 and includes weekly meetings with a spiritual director, a commitment to 20 minutes of daily prayer and optional group prayer. 17 faculty, staff and community members have committed to serve as spiritual directors.

- **Spring Awakening Retreat** (March 20-22): Planning is underway for the spring Awakening Retreat. Students have been greatly energized by the leadership of the two rectors.

- **LACCM State-Wide Awakening Conference** (February 2): University Ministry Intern Kayla August also serves as the President for the Louisiana Association of Catholic Campus Ministers. She has spearheaded a state-wide conference about the Awakening Retreat, a vibrant ministry at many campuses across the state. Three students will be presenting at the conference.
Awakening
Fall 2014 Review:

- LUCAP volunteer projects logged approximately 1023 hours of volunteer service, representing an in-kind value of over $22,600.
- **Wolves on the Prowl Day of Service** (November): Mobilized 50 volunteers for KIPP Central City Primary
- 25th anniversary of the **Jesuit Martyrs of El Salvador** was commemorated during Martyrs Week (November 16-23)
- Black crosses were painted commemorating the loss of New Orleans youth to gun violence
- “**Solemn Vigil Against Street Violence and the Holocaust of our Youth**” (November) was hosted in partnership with St. Anna’s Episcopal Church; 27 Loyola students and staff attended the event in the Treme on Esplanade Avenue
- Delegation of 12 students attended the annual **School of the Americas Watch (SOAW) November Conference and Peace Vigil** (November 21-23rd) at the gates of Fort Benning in Columbus, GA. Students brought with them a peace banner signed by their peers during the Iggy Carnival of Loyola Week

Spring 2015 Preview:

- LUCAP Project Leader Alora Myers (’15) accepted the MLK Week for Peace Community Service Award
- Two new LUCAP projects added:
  - **Students for Education Reform (SFER)**: Seeks to combine volunteer service at after-school programs with advocacy at school board meetings
  - **Food Recovery Network (FRN)**: Seeks to reduce waste from campus food service.
- Partnered with the Bateman Case Study Competition Team to host a panel discussion on housing and homelessness on February 24th, followed by a day of service in the Gert Town neighborhood on February 28th in partnership with Providence Community Housing.
Liturgy and Music

Fall 2014 Review:

- **Mass of the Holy Spirit** (September): Featuring Loyola Symphony Orchestra, University Chorus, Loyola Ballet & over 100 student, faculty/staff lay ministers. Attendance: 598

- **Caribbean Mass** (October): Featuring Caribbean music, food, and prayers; Attendance: 87

- **Loyola Week Opening Mass** (November): Featuring a procession across campus to Mass celebrated on the Marquette Horseshoe Lawn; Attendance: 86

- **Martyrs Mass** (November): Commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Jesuit martyrs in El Salvador; featuring Spanish music and Salvadoran food; Attendance: 118

- **Advent Wreath Drop** (December): Marked the beginning of the liturgical “new year”. Christmas music & a countdown as large Advent Wreath descends along a zip line from the top of the West Road Garage to the front of Bobet Hall; Attendance: 47

- **Mass and Pancakes** (December): Mass in the Audubon Room followed by a late night breakfast in the Orleans Room; Attendance: 200

Spring 2015 Preview:

- **Black History Month Mass** (February): Featuring Fr. Anthony Bozeman, S.SJ., Pastor of St. Leo and St. Raymond Parish, New Orleans; Genesis Gospel Choir; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. as lay ministers and homemade gumbo following Mass
College of Law Events and Programs:

- **Evening at the Archbishop's Residence** (January): Attended by over 45 Loyola Law school students, faculty, and staff. Prayer Service in collaboration with Fr. Joe Palermo (Notre Dame Seminary).

- Talk on social justice and the St Thomas More Catholic by Loyola Law student.

- **St. Thomas More award** for service awarded to Loyola Law student by Lawyers Association. First time given since 2009 and we plan to continue this tradition each year going forward.

- **Centering Prayer** held every Thursday and a Bible study will be offered by Penn Dawson, S.J. in the spring 2015.

- **Lenten Series**: Penn Dawson, S.J. will offer a lecture on "Spirituality and and Law" on March 18th at the Law School as part of the Lenten Lecture Series.

- **Spiritual Growth Challenge**: a spiritual growth challenge for Law Students during Lent starting on 25 February to 25 March, Every Wednesday at 12:25 for 25 Minutes. The challenge will focus on Ignatian Spiritual Exercises, gratitude, and forgiveness.

- Outreach and assistance provided to the Tulane Law School in the aftermath of the tragic death of the two Tulane Law Students on Feb 1st.
Events and Programs:


- **Ecumenical Reflections** by Rev. Phil Latronico, Ecumenical and Interreligious Office of the Diocese of Newark; Rev. Susan Gaumer, Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana; Rev. Dean Sunseri, Voice of the Kingdom; Bishop J. Douglas Wiley, Life Center Cathedral; Dr. Will Mackintosh, Interfaith Communications. Attendance: 27

- **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ecumenical Prayer Service** (January) In Holy Name of Jesus Church. Led by Archbishop Gregory Aymond, this evening of prayer, music and preaching gathered ecumenical representatives from the entire Greater New Orleans area to celebrate a common Christian bond. Attendance: 240

- **The Whirling Dervishes of Rumi and Sufi Music Ensemble** (February) In Roussel Hall. In collaboration with the New Orleans Atlas Foundation and Interfaith Voices for Peace, University Ministry hosted a presentation by Whirling Dervishes from Konya, Turkey. Attendance: 450

- Ministerial representatives from Chi Alpha Ministries and the Wesley Foundation assisted with the 2015 Emmaus Retreat

- Collaborative planning discussions have taken place with Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral in New Orleans and Baptist Collegiate Ministries on Freret Street for outreach to our Greek Orthodox and Baptist students.