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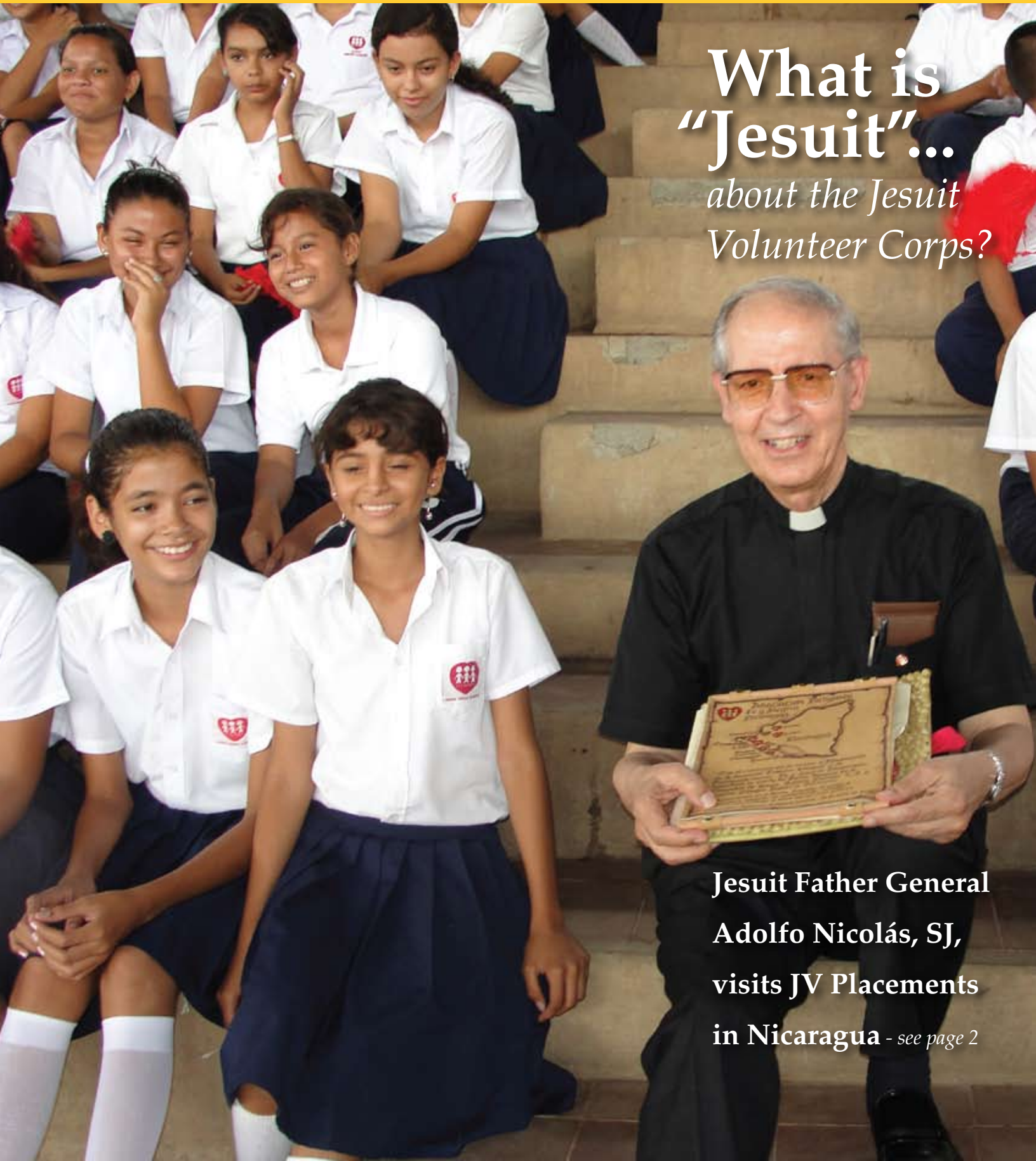

What is "Jesuit"...

about the Jesuit Volunteer Corps?

Jesuit Father General Adolfo Nicolás, SJ, visits JV Placements in Nicaragua *- see page 2*

President's Letter

JVC shares a special bond with the Jesuits. JVC was started by Jesuits; we are recognized as a national work affiliated with the Jesuits; and of course *Jesuit* is the first word in our name. But there is something much deeper that connects us—we are *Ignatian partners* with a shared Ignatian charism. This charism, from St. Ignatius himself, is a way of being in, and responding to, the world. Whether we call ourselves partners, companions or co-laborers—all labels which at one time have described lay persons who share in Ignatian apostolic work with the Jesuits—the goal is the same. To use the Jesuits' own words from their congregation documents, *"the common aspiration is apostolic companionship based on discernment and oriented towards service."*[1]

Jesuit Volunteers can learn from the Jesuits how to engage a world broken and hurting, yet filled with goodness and beauty. The Jesuits also model for the Jesuit Volunteers how to practice discernment, based on lived experience, which leads to more authentic and effective service of others. The benefits don't flow in only one direction. Partnership implies mutuality and I think the Jesuits themselves also gain from their connection to Jesuit Volunteers, maybe just by the fact that every year they see hundreds of idealistic young men and women on fire for "a faith that does justice."

Of course, personal connections are what put flesh on relationships. It is where the rubber hits the proverbial road. I've been working with and around Jesuits for over 20 years. I value my many friendships with Jesuits, and I am always humbled and gratified by how these very busy, committed men make time for others when asked. Jesuits lead retreats and workshops for Jesuit Volunteers, they act as spiritual directors, they serve as support systems for the individual volunteers and their communities, and they serve on our board of directors. They are also some of our biggest boosters, advocates, and promoters. Most Jesuits I know have two or three full-time jobs, yet they make themselves available to the Jesuit Volunteers because of this bond of apostolic partnership. For this companionship we are deeply grateful. It is these relationships, lived out in real time, that make the *Jesuit* in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps authentic.

Kevin O'Brien

Kevin O'Brien
President

[1] Society of Jesus General Congregation 35 (2008) Decree 6

Jesuit and Lay Partnership

A Long Tradition of Collaboration in Mission

"In his day, St. Ignatius gave shelter to the homeless of Rome, cared for prostitutes, and established homes for orphans. He sought collaborators and with them established organizations and networks to continue these and many other forms of service. To respond today to the pressing needs of our complex and fragile world, many hands are surely needed. Collaboration in mission is the way we respond to this situation: it expresses our true identity as members of the Church, the complementarity of our diverse calls to holiness, our mutual responsibility for the mission of Christ, our desire to join people of good will in the service of the human family, and the coming of the Kingdom of God. It is a grace given to us in this moment, one consistent with our Jesuit way of proceeding."[2]

[2] GC 25, D. 6, n. 30

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COVER *Father General Adolfo Nicolás, SJ, sits with students of Fe y Alegría school in Nicaragua, where Jesuit Volunteers currently serve.*

Current and Former Jesuit Volunteers and JVC Staff gathered for the Ignatian Family Teach-In near Ft. Benning, Georgia in November 2009.

JVC MISSION STATEMENT

The Jesuit Volunteer Corps offers women and men an opportunity to work full-time for justice and peace. Jesuit volunteers are called to the mission of serving the poor directly, working for structural change in the United States, and accompanying people in developing countries.

The challenge to Jesuit volunteers is to integrate Christian faith by working and living among the poor and marginalized, by living simply and in community with other Jesuit Volunteers, and by examining the causes of social injustice.

Since 1956 the Jesuit Volunteer Corps has worked in collaboration with Jesuits, whose spirituality the volunteers incorporate in their work, community, and prayer life. The Jesuit Volunteer Corps offers the volunteers a year or more of experience that will open their minds and hearts to live always conscious of the poor, committed to the Church's mission of promoting justice in the service of faith.

From the Field

What's Going On
JV Dispatches From Abroad

¡Visita del Padre General Adolfo Nicolás, SJ!

Patrick Reynolds, Jesuit Volunteer in Nicaragua, reflected on the spring visit of the Superior General of the Society of Jesus in his blog reprinted below.

It was such an honor today to have **Father General Adolfo Nicolás, SJ,** visit Colegio Roberto Clemente, the first Fe y Alegría school in Nicaragua, founded in 1974. It is not everyday that the Father General comes to Nicaragua. He took a short tour of the school and met with student and faculty representatives from the four area Fe y Alegría schools. There were speeches and cultural acts, including an amazing violin and guitar accompaniment by one of my students and her father. The highlight of the morning was hearing the Father General's talk. Instead of preaching to the students he asked them questions. In his few, but impactful, words he emphasized the role of education as a means to joy, faith, tolerance toward non-Christian religions (!), and service to others, *en todo amar y servir* (in everything love and serve). Fe y Alegría, as a project of the Jesuits, serves over one million students worldwide. After spending the past ten years studying or working in Jesuit institutions, it was such an honor for me to meet the man in charge. For being such a powerful and influential man in the Church he seemed, above all, like a genuine and humble man.

This excerpt is from a reflection written by ***Catherine Curley****, Santiago, Chile, soon after the earthquake in late February.*

For the full reflection, visit **www.jesuitvolunteers.org/themagazine**.

Hope Springs Eternal

Why do we have hope? Is it because there is something intrinsically within us that wires our spirits to believe? Or is it because we are taught to hope by the goodness of others? Although I'm not sure of the answer, I know how strongly I believe this Easter season in the idea of being carried by other people—in finding love and life—in unexpected relationships that surprise and fill me with hope.

After a rather eventful last few weeks (the fifth greatest earthquake in the history of the Earth, a community mate's discernment about staying or leaving, and beginning work in a brand new site, in this brand new country), I have to wonder why I don't feel more shaken up. Yes, there have been moments where I feel small and scared, there have been moments of shock (and awe) with Mother Nature, and there have been moments where I felt so overwhelmed I wanted to do nothing but cry. And yet…somehow, I feel a sense of hope in me that things will get better because we will make them better.

In the midst of all this devastation and suffering—both physically and personally around me—I have been reminded of the obligation and honor we have as human beings to carry one another. The potential impact we can have on each other—whether positive or negative, intentional or unintentional—is astounding and full of something bigger than ourselves.

Chicago *Empowering Homeless Women*

From the Field

The Power of Shared Stories

By Cathy Reid

In April, I was a facilitator on the Ignatian Spirituality Project's overnight retreat for homeless women in Chicago. I was glad that I got to have this final experience of the overnight retreat before the end of my JV year; the overnight retreat is the real center of ISP's work.

The retreats are always incredibly powerful, intense experiences: 12 to 14 women from different Chicago homeless shelters gather together to share their stories and find hope and strength through building a sense of community with one another. It sounds so simple when I describe it, and yet it's genuinely life-changing.

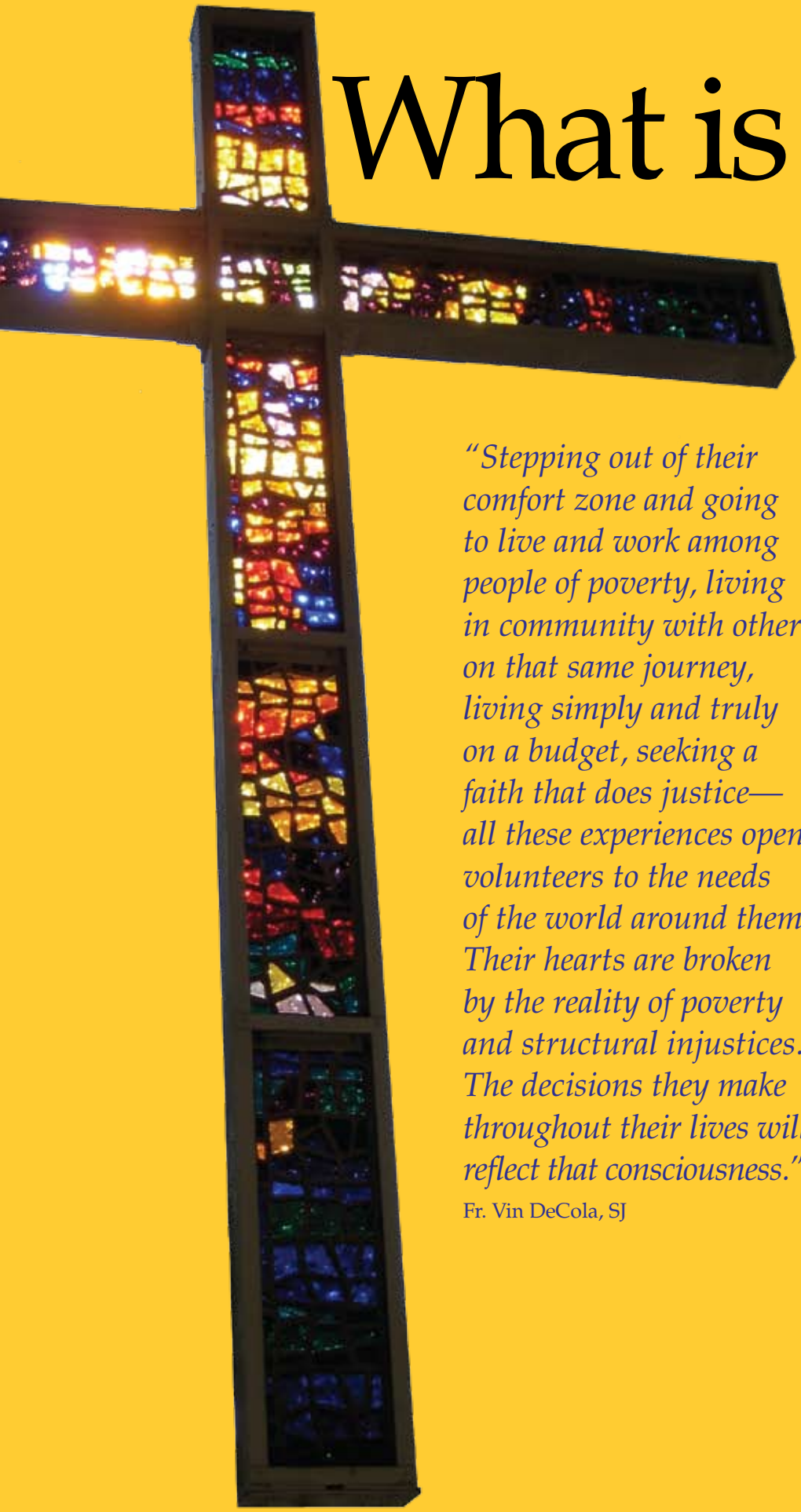
That weekend, I was on a retreat with 13 homeless women, all of whom had been sexually abused as a child by a male relative, babysitter, teacher, or some other man she felt should have been in the position of a protector.

Ultimately, I know that the retreat was a deeply cathartic experience for the women. Many of them had never before talked about their experiences as children, or the fact that many of them know that their daughters have had the same experiences. Several of them named as the grace of the retreat the fact that they had found a language with which to speak about their experiences; that meant they could heal. They shared with and drew strength from each other. One woman said that she had always thought, before, that her body just existed for men's pleasure. "But now I know," she said, "that my body belongs to me, not to anyone else. I can say 'no.'" Her sense of empowerment was contagious.

There is always at least one story that stays with me from any retreat. After this retreat, I know that I'm carrying all of these women with me now.

THE WOMEN FIND HOPE AND STRENGTH THROUGH BUILDING A COMMUNITY WITH ONE ANOTHER.

This excerpt of a reflection was written by Cathy Reid, Chicago, who is working with the Ignatian Spirituality Project, a Jesuit Ministry offering spiritual retreats to end homelessness. Visit ↗ **www.jesuitvolunteers.org/themagazine** *for more retreat stories.*



What is "Jesuit" *about the Jesuit Volunteer Corps?*

"Stepping out of their comfort zone and going to live and work among people of poverty, living in community with others on that same journey, living simply and truly on a budget, seeking a faith that does justice—all these experiences open volunteers to the needs of the world around them. Their hearts are broken by the reality of poverty and structural injustices. The decisions they make throughout their lives will reflect that consciousness."

Fr. Vin DeCola, SJ

By Margie Clark
Portland, Oregon '88

What is Jesuit about the Jesuit Volunteer Corps? Fr. Vin DeCola, SJ, former director of JVI, provided one answer based on his experience with the program and his many friendships with former volunteers. During the JVC year, volunteers are immersed in the Ignatian tradition of finding God in all things. They leave with a new way of seeing, one that requires them to ask what God wants for the world and to work towards that end.

The Jesuits who first invited lay people to accompany them in their mission of providing education and support to Alaskan Native children in Copper Valley in 1956 may never have imagined that their "program" would expand across the United States and overseas, that it would grow to include hundreds of volunteers each year, that it would endure for more than half a century. They could only have dreamed of the impact it would have on the lives of the men and women who answered their call to walk in solidarity with the poor and the mar-

ginalized. But those Jesuits did know that the experience they were offering the first volunteers would be Ignatian at its core, as it continues to be.

Guided by the Ignatian principle that all things are a gift from God and that God calls us to use those gifts, Jesuits have worked to follow the Copper Valley model of including volunteers in their ministries. In some instances, Jesuit Volunteers (JVs) provided crucial support in allowing Jesuit works to continue. "Bringing in volunteers saved our program," said Fr. Jack Podsiadlo, SJ, founder of Nativity Mission School in Manhattan.

Today, Jesuit Volunteers serve in 31 Jesuit works in 19 cities around the country. Overseas placements include 13 Jesuit sites in seven countries where JVC is present. "We put a high priority on placing volunteers at Jesuit works," said Kathleen Haser, JVC senior program director. Placement decisions also reflect the Jesuit principles of going where the need is greatest, where there is the most opportunity to do good and where there is a multiplier effect, meaning that JVs will positively impact individuals who will then go out and work to help others—to pay it forward.

The partnership between Jesuits and JVs in the workplace is "a natural extension of the Jesuit tradition of education," said Fr. Tom Smolich, SJ, president of the Jesuit Conference. Many of the earliest volunteers were Jesuit educated and a year of service was a way for the Jesuits to help them build on that undergraduate foundation. Graduates of Jesuit institutions continue to form the backbone of JVC and they arrive "understanding the spirit and principle" of standing with the poor, said Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ, founder of Homeboy Industries, a JVC placement serving gang-affiliated youth in Los Angeles. "I can speak in shorthand to them."

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JESUIT VOLUNTEERS UNDERSTAND THE SPIRIT AND PRINCIPLE OF STANDING WITH THE POOR.

FR. GREG BOYLE, SJ

Beyond forming relationships in the work setting, JVs also come to know the Jesuits who provide ongoing support to the program. Many communities have a Jesuit support person. Jesuits also serve as spiritual directors and lead reflections at JVC retreats, offering volunteers a unique opportunity to pray, sit in silence, and try to listen to what God is asking of them. Several Jesuits have been directors of JVC regional organizations and five currently serve on the board of directors.

These formal contacts are enhanced by a variety of opportunities that allow JVs to know Jesuits in a social setting. Detroit volunteers have had dinner at the University of Detroit Mercy Jesuit community every Tuesday night for the past 25 years. In Baltimore, volunteers attend the Jesuit community's annual Super Bowl Party. The San Francisco Jesuit community has invited volunteers over for meals and the evenings are punctuated by "great conversation, as each person learns more about what the other is doing," said Fr. Jim Stormes, SJ, Lo Schiavo Chair in Catholic Studies and Social Thought at the University of San Francisco.

This mutual interest might be a reflection of the parallel between the JVC year and the first years of a Jesuit novice. "The volunteer year is not all that different than the experience Jesuits have at the same time in their lives," said Stormes. Both novices and volunteers have an intense experience of apostolic work while learning to live out their faith in community with others. "JVC has been called a novitiate for life," said DeCola. Just as Jesuits are informed by the experience of their novitiate, FJVs continue to be guided by the JVC values they embraced as volunteers.

JVC HAS BEEN CALLED A NOVITIATE FOR LIFE.

FR. VIN DECOLA, SJ

Moreover, the JVC experience also compares to the transforming power of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, which a Jesuit first encounters during his novitiate, according to Fr. Si Hendry, SJ, former director of JVC South and University of Detroit Mercy Director of Catholic Studies. "The questions that the Exercises pose—

how to know yourself, how to love and be loved, how to forgive and be forgiven, how to accompany one in suffering, what it means to find hope, where one finds hope—are the same questions" JVs wrestle with during their years of service.

In fact, the JVC year of practical discernment has led some volunteers to recognize their vocation to the priesthood. While working with inner-city youth, Fr. Scott Santarosa, SJ, *(Newark '88)* realized that his "desires to be a Jesuit were perhaps not just my own imagination but that God had something to do with them." For Santarosa, the Jesuit-directed spring retreat offered the chance to reflect on his decision to apply to the Jesuits and also the opportunity to discuss it with a Jesuit priest. "As a Jesuit, I look back on that formative year with great gratitude." Fr. Greg Bonfiglio, SJ, *(Rochester '82)* echoed that sentiment. "The JVC year remains one of the most important of my adult life. JVC tore down the walls of all my categories. I will spend a lifetime building them up in ways consistent with building the Kingdom of God."

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My JV year working with inner-city youth formed my desire to be a Jesuit, to realize that God had something to do with it.

Fr. Scott Santarosa, SJ *(Newark '88)*

When Jesuit Volunteers finish their years of service, they continue to be "drawn to standing where Jesus stood," understanding that they will be "evangelized" by their accompaniment of the poor, said Boyle. This ongoing call springs from the Jesuit worldview of finding God in all things. "God's love is present in all. God's love says that we must do something about the poor in the world," added Smolich.

This is a counter-cultural way of being in the world, as Smolich explained. "There is a fundamental disconnect between the way that God tells us to live and the way the world tells us to live." Yet after working alongside the poor during their JVC years, FJVs "can no longer fall back into the model of looking at themselves first," noted Podsiadlo. They emerge with a new way of seeing, one that is aligned with the Jesuit mission of promoting justice in service of faith.

The feeling of shared mission evidences the strong bond that exists between JVC and the Jesuits. "Volunteers are trying to live a life of integrity," said Hendry. "They are connected with the heart of what the Society of Jesus is about. Jesus reached out to the poor and Jesuits have always tried to be about that," added DeCola. "Jesuit Volunteers share that same desire and sense of urgency."

Jesuit volunteers are very serious about the four values and call us to live our lives more simply. They make the community younger and more vibrant.

Fr. Don Ward, SJ

Many Jesuits have found JVs to be an ongoing source of inspiration. Historically, Jesuits have gone to the furthest places, undertaken the hardest tasks, and engaged in the widest range of ministries, all in promotion of the reign of God, explained Fr. Fred Kammer, SJ, founder of JVC South and executive director of the Jesuit Social Research Institute. "JVC is a great source of encouragement and also a challenge for me as a Jesuit," said Kammer. The volunteers bring a "freshness and an aliveness," added Fr. Don Ward, SJ, former in-country coordinator for Tanzania. "They are very serious about the four values and call us to live our lives more simply. It makes the community younger and more vibrant to be around them."

Jesuits and Jesuit Volunteers view each other as companions, fellow pilgrims and friends. In short, there is mutuality between Jesuits and JVs, as Boyle explained. "You return me to myself. I return you to yourself. We are in this together."

Margie Clark, Portland, Oregon '88, is a writer who lives in Arlington, Virginia, with her husband and four children.

Each issue of JVC Magazine *will highlight updates from FJVs as space allows. We want to share your news, but you need to tell us first! Visit* **www.jesuitvolunteers.org/fjvnews** *for additional news. Send your information to updates@jesuitvolunteers.org.*

News from FJVs

In Memoriam: Former Jesuit Volunteer, JVC East Board Member and Holy Cross Chaplain

Katherine M. (Kim) McElaney, director of the Office of College Chaplains at the College of the Holy Cross since 1992, died May 3, 2010, after an illness. JVC lost a friend, alumna and supporter, and the world lost a light and a pioneer.

Kim served as a Jesuit Volunteer in Idaho after graduating with the first class of women from Holy Cross in 1976. She earned a Master of Divinity degree at Weston School of Theology and worked as a chaplain at Fairfield University before returning to Holy Cross. In 1992, she was named director of the Office of the College Chaplains, the first layperson and first woman to hold that position.

Kim provided leadership to JVC as a board member and, ultimately, the chair of the JVC East board for many years. Her influence went far beyond these roles as countless Holy Cross graduates who served as Jesuit Volunteers viewed Kim as a tremendous influence in their lives.

JVC adds its gratitude to the many voices who have spoken of Kim's dedication and commitment. We know that her light will continue to shine.

Work

Tracy Hagerty *(Los Angeles '96)* completed her internal medicine residency at the University of Arizona and is now a physician with the Indian Health Service near Tucson, Arizona.

Family

Susan Spagnola Rutherford *(Chicago '89 and Atlanta '90)* traveled with her husband, Doug, and sons, Carter and Quinn, to Costa Rica to learn Spanish and experience life in another country.

Nuptials

Lexie Lasch *(Washington '04 and '05)* and **Marc Adams** *(Brooklyn '05)* were married May 1 in Washington, D.C. They were surrounded by many FJVs, current JVs, and JVC staff, pictured above.

Continuing JVC Connections

The 1990 Washington, D.C, community gathered for pizza, ice cream, and lots of laughs. Below are: **Laura Elkins, Mary Anne Adelanwa, Megan Donahue, Sheila Purello**.

Bethany Paul *(Kansas City '03)* is cycling 5000 miles in Catholic Charities USA's *Cycling for Change*—from Cape Flattery, Washington, to Key West, Florida in 100 days.

Former JV Leads Ignatian Volunteer Corps

Mary McGinnity (Newark '77 and '78) is the new executive director of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC). IVC provides volunteers, aged 50 and over, opportunities to serve others, to address social injustice, and to transform lives.

Q: How did your Jesuit Volunteer experience impact where you are today?

A: The holistic approach of JVC—the integration of the four pillars—was very formative in how I have approached adult life. It was because of my experience in working with children and families in Newark and seeing their incredible spirit to be better that I wanted to support people.

Q: What was your work between JVC and IVC?

A: I had 20 years as a clinician in counseling underserved people. I was the first lay woman to serve as full-time pastoral associate in New Jersey. I learned how to start and run a non-profit and to run a faith-based initiative. I served on the public side of health and human services, learning about public-private partnership. Finally, I did service and justice work with the Archdiocese of Washington.

Q: What brought you to IVC?

A: In 2008, Suzanne Geaney *(Philadelphia '76 and Baltimore '77)* asked me to serve on the national board. When Suzanne left, the IVC board recruited me to this position.

Q: How do JVC and IVC connect?

A: More FJVs can become Ignatian Volunteers or support IVC.

Visit ***www.ivcusa.org*** *or* ***www.jesuitvolunteers.org/themagazine*** *to learn more.*

DEVELOPMENT Notes

An Interview with **William Lane, Sr.**

Friend, Advocate, Donor

William Lane, Sr., known to us as Bill, one of eight children, was born in Boston, Massachusetts, during the Depression and grew up in a poor working class family, although as he states, "we didn't know we were poor." But he did know what it was like to lack something he very much wanted—a bicycle. And he knew it was the obligation of everyone in the neighborhood to help each other in any way they could. "It's just the way I grew up," he recalls.

Today Bill is semi-retired from his very successful position as founder and owner of Superior Plumbing and spends at least part of the year in Florida playing golf and enjoying a more leisurely life. But he can't quite forget what his childhood was like and what it meant to give to others then and how important it is for him to continue to give back now. JVC is fortunate that he has this vision of service for others, and that he carries out his faith through his support of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps and other charitable organizations.

Q: What led you to JVC?

A: Over 20 years ago a close friend, Jerry Ryan, described the work his daughter Sharon was doing as a Jesuit Volunteer and I liked what I heard. When Jerry died 10 years later, I wanted to do something in his memory and organized a group of friends to put on a golf tournament in support of JVC.

Q: That golf tournament's success was certainly a financial gift to JVC, but that was only the beginning. For the past 10 years, you've proclaimed the role as JVC's biggest fan, cajoling, begging, harassing, and persuading countless friends to join your unwavering support of JVC. Can you tell us about your other efforts?

A: One result has been the successful Boston fundraising event, which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars in support of the mission of JVC. The event is now replicated in other cities across the country, using my model of spreading the word amongst my Boston friends and widening the circle of JVC supporters.

Q: What do you find captivating about the Jesuit Volunteer Corps?

A: First, serving the poor. It's what we are supposed to be doing. This is what Christianity is all about. This is the true Church! I can't do everything for everybody, but I know that taking care of the poor and the sick is an obligation for all of us, especially those such as I who have been so blessed by God.

And I have been enthralled by the volunteers and what they do. I absolutely love these young educated men and women who are working for others and also the staff who support them in so many ways. Like Sharon, who worked with poor children at a day care center 20 years ago in Camden, New Jersey, and now is on the senior staff of JVC. Like Kathleen Haser (Senior Program Director of JVC), who I think fully commits herself and doesn't look for any accolades. It is not only the work that JVC carries out so fully that moves me to respond, but the people I meet in the organization as well.

We are grateful that Bill Lane has been so committed to JVC in his own generosity and in the widening of the circle those committed to the mission of JVC.

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Planned Giving Opportunities

Over the years, JVC has received generous bequests from individuals committed to answering God's call to service. You can make a lasting contribution toward our mission by considering a special gift of cash, securities or real estate, or by means of a gift through your will.

If you wish to discuss the language of your bequest, or to learn additional information on planned giving opportunities, please contact the JVC development staff at 410.244.8226 or email development@jesuitvolunteers.org.

Thank you *to all of our generous donors to the consolidated Jesuit Volunteer Corps. Our annual listing of all donors to JVC is available online. Visit the* JVC Magazine *web pages or* ↗ **www.jesuitvolunteers.org/donate.**

DEVELOPMENT Notes

CELEBRATE JESUIT VOLUNTEERS

In our first year as a consolidated organization, we have celebrated the service of Jesuit Volunteers at fundraisers across the country and around the world. These fun and inspiring events brought together over 1,000 friends and former Jesuit Volunteers and raised more than $300,000 to help continue sending JVs to answer the call to service. Visit ↗**www.jesuitvolunteers.org/celebrate** to view more photos from the events.

The final event was held on June 16, 2010 in Chicago. Email Julie Richards, jrichards@jesuitvolunteers.org, if you are ready to be a part of planning these events for next year.

LOS ANGELES / February 11, 2010

Former JVs from many different years and different communities gathered to support JVC in Los Angeles.

PHILADELPHIA / March 23, 2010

Pat Brier (Washington '79), *left, catches up with Joe Burke* (Philadelphia '80) *and his wife, Kathleen, as they support JVC in Philadelphia.*

HOUSTON / April 14, 2010

The Houston office of the law firm Baker Botts was instrumental in navigating the legal matters of JVC's consolidation. Baker Botts partner, Richard Hussein, was honored with the Standard of Christ award for his dedication and work.

SAN FRANCISCO / April 29, 2010

JVC president Kevin O'Brien talks with JVC supporters and committee members Rob and Nancy Redding at St. Ignatius High School.

Called by Saint Ignatius

Prayer for Generosity

Lord, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve you as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labor and not to ask for reward,
save that of knowing that I do your will.
– St. Ignatius of Loyola

How can we best serve God? How can we best serve others? These are questions that St. Ignatius struggled with and that shape the foundation of Ignatian Spirituality. Jesuit Volunteers have answered the call to service by committing to community, social justice, simply lifestyle and spirituality; many former Jesuit Volunteers continue to apply lessons learned to their daily life in almost every line of work and walk with current Jesuit Volunteers as support people, administrators, and friends; the Society of Jesus recognizes JVC, its current and former volunteers, staff, board and friends as members of the larger Ignatian family who strive to answer that call to serve; family members and friends see a spirit of generosity in those that serve as Jesuit Volunteers and support them through conversation and prayer; other friends to JVC answer the call by giving generously of their talent and financial resources. God calls us all to serve others and the answer to that call has many forms. **Will you answer the call?**

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HEATHER KEANE, PROGRAM COORDINATOR AND FJV

This beautiful outdoor chapel is located at Ignatius House, a retreat center outside of Atlanta, Georgia, where many Jesuit Volunteers in the Houston Program Office traveled for retreat this spring.