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EDITORIAL

EI ACTIVITIES OF THE WORLD UNION

The year 2001 has been one of the most active years for our World Union and for the Jesuit Alumni/ae movement in different continents. This is why we regret to have published only two ETC Newsletters. Following is a review of some of our activities this year.

The World Union Council meeting in January in Rome, that was reported in the last issue of our bulletin, was an important one and a landmark for our Union. It was the first of such meetings ever. In this ETC we are including an address to that meeting by Mr. Thomas Bausch, President of the International Association of Jesuit Business Schools (IAJBS). It was an inspirational talk that explored ways of cooperation between our WUJA and the IAJBS.

Our webmaster, Mr. Mario Soavi has done an outstanding job with our electronic page and as he mentions in this issue, the site has already taken off. There is still the need to use it more actively and extensively to improve our communications throughout our organization. We would like to invite all our Alumni/ae associations to use it and to link their sites with ours.

This has also been the year of large alumni/ae meetings. In September, The Latin American Confederation held its Congress (it is held every three years) in Lima, Peru. The European Confederation met at Malta at the beginning of November. Also later in November a meeting of the Indian Federation is scheduled. Through the reports in this issue, one can see how powerful our movement is and how the Ignatian Spirituality bonds us together in our ideals and actions to help the poor and the needed.

The Indian Federation along with the Organization Committee have been working hard to finalize the arrangements of our next World Congress to be held in Calcutta (Kolkata) in January 2003. We have also received, for the first time, a report from some African Associations that we didn't know were active in their countries.

We've heard of numerous activities in different associations in many places in the world. There are some reports here that can help us understand the magnitude of our movement.

I, as the President of our Union, had the good opportunity of traveling extensively this year visiting different alumni/ae associations and Federations. I visited the



Delegates XII Latin Congress. Lima, Perú.

movement in Lebanon, at the Jesuit School in Beirut. I also attended one of the Australian Federation annual meetings in Sydney. My traveling brought me to the Latin Congress in Lima and also to Paris where I met with the Vice Presidents of our Pedro Arrupe World Association and with our WUJA Council and official members from Europe.

All in all it has been a good year full of successes for our movement, but I'm sure that next year will be even better and more activities will be held in our different associations worldwide. I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the Jesuit Alumni/ae for the work they have done this year for their associations and to help improve the conditions of the marginalize in their countries. May God bless you all and give you renewed strength to continue with your good work.

Merry Christmas to all our Jesuit Alumni/ae in the world and best wishes for a very prosperous and happy 2002.

Fabio Tobón
President WUJA

Ps. What happened in New York and Washington on September 11 is something that no one can fully understand. Violence and terrorism is not good under any circumstances. As Jesuit alumni/ae I invite you to joint me in condemning violence coming from any source and to pray that the nasty situation of war that we are living through finishes as soon as possible. Only working for the improvement of the life conditions of the poor and the needed in the world (there are some 3 billion people living under two US dollars a day) will the hate and violence disappear from the face of the earth.

**WORLD CONGRESS OF JESUIT ALUMNI/AE TO BE HELD LATE JANUARY 2003,
CALCUTTA, INDIA "THE SUMMIT OF JOY"**

THE WORLD UNION OF JESUIT ALUMNI/ AE AND THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JESUIT BUSINESS SCHOOLS: PARTNERS IN SERVING FAITH AND JUSTICE

Dr. Thomas A. Bausch, Executive Director
International Association of Jesuit Business Schools
IAJBS
January 26, 2001
Rome Italy

Following are edited extracts from this address given by Dr Bausch to Delegates at the Council Meeting of the World Union of Jesuit Alumni/ae. Edited by Robyn Treseder, Council Member Australia

"Both of us (IAJBS and the World Union) must insist that the work of our Jesuit universities and secondary schools is focused on faith and justice, on the work of Christ. Both of our groups must insist that our institutions provide an education to our students for faith and justice and help create the environment in which our graduates, our alumni/ae can work for faith and justice. We cannot tolerate graduates not working for faith and justice. Working together the two groups can be a forceful facilitator, catalyst and leaven that will enable our graduates to do the work for the kingdom that our Lord, through their Ignatian education, has called them to do. I can only hope that the spirit can move through me in some small way today to encourage our cooperation." . . .

"The lesson for both of our groups in the new century is that both of us, as separate organizations and jointly, must help our students and alumni to have professional excellence, and to exercise it, in a manner that will enable them to promote the Kingdom and serve the poor in their secular arenas. One of the foundations for ethical behaviour in any profession, in any area requiring knowledge and skill, if the common good is to be served, is on-going professional excellence. We are in a world of life-long learning and I stress "on-going" as we think about our work." . . .

"The fourth lesson then is that both of our groups must work to help Jesuit alumni to develop and live an authentic lay spirituality. A good place to start your reading on this issue is a new book by Greg Pierce entitled spirituality@work. I know of no spirituality more for the laity than Ignatian spirituality. We have the gift and we again have a tremendous stewardship, although this one falls more on the backs of our Jesuit colleagues. We have organizations like Christian Life Communities to provide the context of a solid lay spirituality being lived in the world. The work of both of our groups, and jointly is to promote this spirituality." . . .

"WHAT ARE THE OPPORTUNITIES AND STRENGTHS WE BRING TO THE CONCEPT AND WORK OF THE IAJBS?"

First, we live and will continue to live in a global economy and society. Globalization is not going to disappear. It is neither a new God that will solve all problems, as Thomas Friedman suggests, nor some sort of demon to be dispersed as some of the theologians and sociologists seem to suggest. It is a reality to be

harnessed and made to serve the human person and the common good or it is something we can allow to enslave us. We have the Jesuit global network of educational institutions that can address issues and provide opportunities to our students that no other related group in education can provide. We can help to harness globalization for the common good.

Second, we have an educational system that is recognized for its excellence and its proven quantity. In the words of marketing, we have a franchise. We are the Coke and Pepsi of the educational world.

Third, there are resources in our system to share that none of us, even the richest institution, could afford in total. For instance, The Center for the Study of the Modern Arab World at St. Joseph's University in Beirut is well on its way to providing a data base on the Modern Middle East that none of us have the resources to replicate. This database will soon be available to all of our faculty and students. Universidad Iberoamericana - Golfo Centro in Puebla has a Center on Migration that is doing outstanding work and is a source of data and expertise for all of our schools. Regis University in Denver has developed an extensive and excellent system of distance learning. UAH in Santiago is developing ties with ECLA that I hope will provide opportunities for all Jesuit institutions in Latin America to serve their communities. The archives at Marquette University in Milwaukee hold an extensive collection of materials on the Indian missions in the United States, available to anyone studying similar phenomena in other countries.

Fourth, we have alumni and contacts as a system in every corner and city of the world. What great opportunities exist for our students!

Fifth, we have a system of spirituality and of social thought that the world desperately needs and is seeking. There is simply no other system of principles to guide business and economic activity that is as comprehensive and as rich as Catholic Intellectual and Social Thought combined with Ignatian Spirituality." . . .

Dr Bausch concluded his address with these words:

"Yes, I have a dream and I think all of us in Ignatian Business Schools and the World Union have a dream. I dream of using the powerful networks of Jesuit Business Schools and Jesuit Alumni/ae to serve better the Kingdom. Let us work together to find a way to make this dream come alive."

FINALLY, THE WU WEBSITE IS WAKING UP!

Being the webmaster of the World Union's site, I'm the worst person to judge it. And I'm definitely not going to say if the work was well or badly done: I only wish to illustrate all the facts occurred during the current year, as they're so many and not universally known.

First of all the website was the platform for preparation of the World Council meeting which took place last January in Rome. Everything started early in Sept. 2000, when a private part of the site was dedicated to publish all the preliminary documents. Every Council Member was given a key to enter this section and the opportunity to read, comment and revise all the material, the data, the projects that were the basis for later discussion face to face.

Let me say something: I strongly believe the success of the Council Meeting was mainly due to our President efforts and, secondarily, to the collaboration of all people who attended to it. But I'm also sure that they all took advantage from the opportunity of having a common place where to share all the preliminary work. They were able to work with this new mean and the site made their work efficient.

Another big change occurred. At the end of 2000 the Australian Association was the only one to use the WU servers for its site. In 2001 two new users were added: the Pedro Arrupe Association and the US Federation. All that is a clear example of how the WU space could serve not only the WU itself but also everybody else needs Internet services in a safe, speedy and very cheap environment.

One mere regret: no single association asked for this hosting service nor one single "rich" association asked to use some place building up a site for a "poor" one. When it happens, we'll be sure we also consider the net as another way to help the poorest.

On the statistical side, let me tell you some numbers:

- at the end of August the overall visits were over 63000;
- the average number of visits is near to 2000/month;
- near to 200 associations are linked directly with their website.

All that puts in evidence the fact that the WU site is beginning to be a point of reference for a part of our movement. And, if we take into consideration that currently the WU e-mailing list counts 641 alumni, we definitely can say the Internet became a focal way of communication for all of us.

Finally, please, let me introduce to the improvements I'm working on in this period. Since last August I have started with a structural and technical revision of the entire site. This was due to not only to have a better technical management of it but also to introduce some graphical improvements that could make it more and more user-friendly.

All the sections of the site were divided into subdirectories and I rearranged the internal "database" in order to be prepared to better serve all the Association's requests.

In addition to it a complete revision of the language sections was made, completing the missing parts. And, this was the most interesting part of the work, more and more sections were added, with important documents and publications that could better announce our mission and efforts in the world.

I wish to thank everybody who helped me in this work. I'm honored to serve the Jesuit Alumni/ae movement through its site and I ask every single alumnus/ae to contact me in case of need for information or help: I'll always try to give my best in order to keep our site alive, now that it's awoken.

Mario Soavi
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FINANCIAL REPORT

Dear friends,

You were informed in the last issue of ETC that the World Union had been registered as a non profit-making association under Luxembourg law. It is therefore able to carry out its activities as a legally constituted body.

Its principal activity is to maintain and improve contact between its members throughout the world. This costs money. In addition to the printing and postage costs which result from the sending out 2000 copies of ETC three or four times a year, there are other costs associated with the maintenance and development of our Internet site (www.jesuitalumni.org) for which Mario Soavi is responsible.

If we are to preserve our independence and our freedom of expression, these costs have to be met by our only own resource, which is subscriptions paid by member association as provided for by our Statutes. The general meeting, which took place in Rome in January 2001, re-approved the following subscription rates:

- 100 Euros for a secondary school association
- 200 Euros for a university association

We apologise if the rates seem high. Some associations belonging to particularly deprived areas will be unable to afford them. We will not, however, cease to consider them as members of the Union. But everyone should make an effort to carry out this duty in the best possible way. For instance, a number of African associations have done so.

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François-Xavier CAMENEN
Denis LARCHER
Secretary to the WUJA
Treasurer to the WUJA

PEDRO ARRUPE WORLD ASSOCIATION

Dear Friends,

This letter is to inform you of the progress made so far and the outlook for 2001 and 2002 for our various projects. Our aim is to implement the decisions taken at the Board Meeting of the Pedro Arrupe Association which took place in Paris on Saturday 2 June 2001 under the chairmanship of Fabio Tobón and in the presence of Bernard Thompson, Vice-Chairman of the World Union and of François-Xavier Camenen, Secretary General. These decisions concern two new projects of

targeted aid for the ongoing training of people from developing countries, the continuation of the Great Lakes project (see below), as well as contact with JRS authorities for the launch of new projects on continents other than Africa and contacts with authorities of "Eagle Aid" in the UK with the view to establishing links between the two structures.

1. Great Lakes Programme

In July 2001, we invested US\$14,250 in the first stage of this project aimed at the Kongo-speaking refugee camps in Gihembe and Byumba (Rwanda). These funds were released following an appeal from Father Joaquin Ciervide, Director of the Great Lakes Jesuit Refugee Service who wrote to us on 24 July 2001: "I am writing to suggest we prepare for action concerning the aid project in the Byumba and Kibuye camps. This is almost an SOS. We need money for the new school year beginning in September. We must provide funds to pay for supplies for the 437 secondary school pupils who are continuing their education in Rwandan schools outside the refugee camps. . . . As I mentioned in my last message, it costs US\$285 a year per pupil. I suggest supporting 50 pupils which will cost US\$14,250. If there are any remaining funds, I will send a proposal for teacher training projects in both camps. . . ." We will be supporting this project in 2002 with a total voted budget of US\$30,000. Our warm thanks to Mrs. Robyn Treseder for her illustrated article on this project which appeared in the August issue of the Australian Jesuit Alumni magazine.

2. The Dollar Arrupe campaign in 2002

We will also be expecting your help in the collection of funds for the Arrupe Dollar Campaign in 2002. The World Union has decided that Tuesday 5 February 2002, the anniversary of the death of Father Arrupe, should be an opportunity for all Jesuit alumni around the world to celebrate the hard work of Father Arrupe on behalf of refugees. This day should be a chance for all of us to help collect vital funds needed for the successful completion of the refugee projects on the continents where the JRS is present and requires aid. The Pedro Arrupe Association has prepared a leaflet - in English, French and Spanish - to explain how the campaign has been organised. It will be posted on the World Union website to help all local associations adapt the general principles to their own particular circumstances. We hope this anniversary date will inspire the world's Jesuit alumni in their actions in aid of refugees.
To be continued.

Eric de Langsdorff and Laurent Grégoire, Vice-Chairmen of the Association

XII LATIN AMERICAN CONFEDERATION CONGRESS

With delegates from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Puerto Rico, Uruguay, Venezuela, Spain (special invitation) and Peru as the host country, the XII Latin American Jesuit Alumni/ae Confederation Congress met from 26 to 29 September at the "Nuestra Señora de la Inmaculada" Jesuit School. The event took place in an atmosphere of friendship and fraternity that set a perfect frame for the discussions held.

At the opening ceremony's by Mr. José Luis Camborda, President of the school association and Secretary of the Confederation welcomed the attendees and emphasized the importance of the meeting and to maintain the unity to plan for future actions of benefit to all the associations.

Then, Fr. Ernesto Cavaza, S.J., provincial in Peru, main speaker of the night, talked about the Congress' theme: "The common good - An ethical most and an Ignatian commitment" Fr. Cavassa referring to the recent and sad events in the USA, said: Where and with whom where the Jesuit alumni/ae? Do we have to wait for more terrorist acts to mobilize ourselves for life? Will we be part of the problem or part of the solution?

Fr. Gabriel Codina, S.J. representing Fr. General, Peter Hans Kolvenbach, referred to the common seal of Jesuit alumni/ae which is the same Ignatian vision that helps us as light and guide to overcome the challenges that we face in our lives. Based on the Papal New Millennium letter, Fr. Codina touched three specific points:

- Christian Identity (to help the Jesuit alumni/ae to grow in their faith). The Federations and Associations must look for the "Being" instead of the "doing" offering opportunities for continuous education.
- Justice and Leadership. Referring to the queries that Fr. Arrupe expressed in 1973 at the European Congress: Have we educated you for Justice?, Are you educated for Justice? To respond himself humbly that no, "We have not educated you for Justice as God requires us" . . . Few like the Jesuit alumni/ae have had the chance to go through the teachings of "learn to perceive, think, judge, choose and act in favour of the rights of others, specially of those less fortunate and in needed conditions". If you don't act in the social and political life, others will do it and in the way we have been seeing in this world. . . . We miss the leadership of politicians that promote the common good.
- Ignatian Spirituality. Speaking for the Society of Jesus and using Fr. Kolvenbach's words, I can assure you that the Society offers its services to the lay mission offering what we are and what we have received: "our spiritual and apostolic heritage. Our educational resources and our friendship".

September 27. Theme: "The Latin American reality from the Ignatian perspective"

Mr. Carlos Amat presented the "Economic situation, the globalization and its effects and the distribution of wealth". He pointed out the challenges that we have to face with imagination, enthusiasm and energy. We have to be more proactive.

Dr. Marcial Rubio took the topic: "The socio-Political situation" and said: An Ignatian attitude in politics demands reflection to be the drivers of the necessary changes. This is a very Ignatian value that some human beings don't share since some of them prefer to hide than to act.

To work for the world is an essential part that will allow us to share with communities, to construct churches in poor towns and help the needed even during weekends. We believe that Ignatian attitude towards politics is highly civilized and enhance the development of the human being. It demands efforts and dedication to know the reality even of our own shortages to elaborate moral alternatives for the common good and concrete work of solidarity for our brothers.

Fr. Alberto Simons S.J., spoke on "Presence of the church and the Society of Jesus in today's crossroads" The Christian duty is to reach coherence between the common life and faith. The vision is characterized for a certain conception of humans, the world, the society and God. . . . and that is the Ignatian vision. The mission.... option for the poor, service in faith, promotion of justice and intercultural

and inter-religious dialogue. In our societies we have the in-moralization, the amorality and the demoralization. This happens when money, prestige, pleasure and power are the end . . . the well-being and the common good are relegated to a second place. The service of faith implies the promotion of justice to search for the Common Good in our societies.

September 28. Mr. Fabio Tobón, President of the WUJA, presented the theme: "Alumni/ae in front of the change, leadership, strengths and weaknesses of our associations". Mr. Tobón started his presentation with these words: "We have been called to provide leadership in a world where we, as Jesuit alumni/ae, are privileged because of the education we have received and for being part of the Latin American society's elite. Our leadership has to be proactive and it has to be directed towards the satisfaction of the needs of the poorest and needed in our society". Mr. Tobón also pointed out the strengths of our alumni/ae associations: - We are a worldwide organization, The Ignatian spirit and teachings is the glue that bounds us, We have the same ideals and the desire to help, being men and women for others, We are privileged since we have an education that only a large minority can reach, We live the social commitment with the needed in our societies, We are a world brotherhood.

Fr. Javier Quiros SJ, presented " Joint actions of the Jesuit alumni/ae and the Society of Jesus". He pointed out that: "the relationship between the alumni/ae and the society of Jesus has to be focused in the relationships of the Jesuits and the lay" . . . "The Jesuit alumni/ae are, for the society of Jesus, an special kind of lay, since we belong to the same family. Fr. Kolvenbach has reiterated , we Jesuits and our alumni/ae share a same vision and mission".

September 29. Finally, Mr. Jose Maria Candiotti, President of ASIA Argentina and member of the WUJA Council, talked about "Spirit and life of our alumni/ae associations" He addressed two concrete questions in his presentation: What should we do? And how to achieve it? He referred to the need of human, time and physical resources needed to accomplish our goals. He remarked what Fr. General has said in the way that we must "Think globally and act locally". If we work within our associations with willingness, courage, time and enthusiasm the achievements will come per se" With this spirit of work we will have strong, successful and financially sound associations

At noon, after the conclusions and recommendations of the Congress were read and approved, the Congress was officially closed down. The Congress elected Mr. Jose Luis Camborda of Peru as the new President of the Latin American Confederation of Jesuit Alumni and Mr. Mario Ayala from Venezuela as the new Secretary.

The Saint Ignatius School in Caracas, Venezuela was chosen as the venue for the next Latin Congress in the year 2004.

After the closing ceremony, a mass concelebrated by all the Jesuit fathers present at the Congress was held. Fr. Donaldo Ortiz SJ. of Colombia presided the ceremony. The Peruvian associations offered, at the end, a lively Peruvian evening party for all the participants with a rich variety of native food and folk music from the country.

JOSÉ LUIS CAMBORDA A.
PRESIDENT ASIA INMACULADA LIMA
PRESIDENT LATIN AMERICAN CONFEDERATION



*Jesuit Alumni Latin Congress.
Lima, Perú.*

European Confederation of Jesuit Alumni, Congress, Malta, 1-3 November.

The congress was held in the Jesuit college in Malta, and attended by a 140 delegates. Its main theme was "working for others". During three days a specific way of approach, based on the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises, was tried out in little workgroups. The first day oriented on "we are alumni" and focusing on "the foundation". It opened with an address from father general, different addresses focused on Ignatian spirituality and the meaning of this congress. A second day in a real pilgrimage focusing on "discernment", ended in a gathering in Mellieha as a strong moment of prayer, near the place where St Paul landed in Malta. The third day was oriented on "we are doers" and focused on bringing the reflection to action. We ended with testimonies of young people, opening horizons for the future. Written group conclusions were gathered. A lot of this material you find on the website www.jesuits-europe.org, under "alumni".

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This Malta experience, in retrospect, seems to have been a strong and deep human experience. This approach is at the same time so simple, and at the same time brings human beings together so intensively that it creates a lot of energy and transforms people, makes them free and make them free-makers.

However good the congress was, the main point is that we can, going back home, continue this experience in our daily life - simply by interacting with others and together looking for what each wants to realise and why. Just by going on interacting and looking together for the good decision-making that leads to action. And why not, after a certain experience of exchanges, ask a Jesuit to sustain this process of conscious approach, whatever the situation you are working in. And why not, on a beautiful day or before a difficult decision, ask Jesus Christ to come with you in the group and share with you how he would act. All this to bring yourself to work with others, in order to be able to work better for others.

Some know that they will extend this experience in schools and in family and in their work. One person at the airport promised me to do just this, in his workplace, the bank. I could not imagine a better present in return for the huge quantity of energy put into the Congress by a large group. And let us be clear about it, they were able to do so because they were strongly sustained by their partners, who had to miss them the time they worked for others.

With great gratitude to all who shared in the achievements of this congress.

Louis Cooreman
President, European Confederation of Jesuit Alumni.

NEWS FROM THE WORLD

ARGENTINA

We have received your message, just as we prepare to participate in the XII Latin American Confederation Congress in Lima at the end of September. We pray that this Congress will bring large delegations from different parts of our continent and that they share with us Ignatian values for the benefit of those of us that are following his teachings.

The Alumni/ae of the La Inmaculada School in Santa Fe, with great joy and enthusiasm have signed an agreement with the "Universidad del Litoral" whose Rector is a Jesuit alumnus. With the agreement, students of the last year on Information Sciences studies will teach, every day in the afternoon, the use of computers and some software to school students of the "Jesus Resucitado de Alto Verde" Parrish.

The Technology center at this Parrish has five Pentium computers of last generation, without very little use due to the lack of instructors. With the agreement, this situation will be solve with a two way advantage for the parties involved. On one hand the Students of the University will get in touch with a different reality in a poor neighborhood and will contribute to the education of other Argentineans that lack their economic resources. On the other side, young people from an important and poor section of the city, Alto Verde, will be able to access to new technologies that will open them new opportunities. The follow up of this agreement will be made by our alumni/ae association. We are happy of this arrangement and we wanted to share it with other associations in the world.

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José María Candiotti
Council Member WUJA

AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIAN JESUIT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REPORT OPENING OF THE LOYOLA INSTITUTE

Canisius College Pymble, Australia - Monday, April 9, 2001

As a centre for Ignatian Formation and Leadership the Loyola Institute has been founded to share and promote the Ignatian Spirit and Way of Proceeding for the ministries of the Province of the Society of Jesus in Australia. The genesis of this story lies mainly with the schools apostolate. For the past 20 years the schools have been working on, developing and offering programs to form teachers in the deeper story of the ministry of teaching. In the last seven years with the arrival of the Ignatian Pedagogy: A Practical Approach to Teaching, in Jesuit and Ignatian Schools there has been an accelerated approach to the Ignatian Formation of the teaching staff.

The emphasis on formation is to reach the hearts and minds of those working in the ministries of the Society so as to engage and commit them more deeply to the Ignatian Spirit and Way of Proceeding. As the secretary to Saint Ignatius, Fr DeCamara says, "Our Father wanted us, in all that we did, as far as possible, to be free, at ease with ourselves and led by the particular grace given to each one".

An exciting and liberating challenge lies in this goal. Martin Scroope, Director Loyola Institute.

Fr Ross Jones SJ, Chairman of the Board of the Loyola Institute began the Liturgy by welcoming all present and introducing Mr Martin Scroope, Director of the Loyola Institute, Frs Michael Stoney SJ and Gerald Coleman SJ and Br Brian Cribb SJ who make up the team of the Loyola Institute.

Fr Daven Day SJ, Australian Provincial of the Society of Jesus opened the Institute and following is an extract from his address.

"One phrase of the Mission Statement, (of the Institute) is "to share and promote the Ignatian way of proceeding". "Way of proceeding" is one of those terms used by Ignatius with a long and rich heritage. But what does it mean in practice? I believe it means that the Institute's mandate is to communicate something of the following:

- Ignatian Spirituality as captured in The Spiritual Exercises. That means sharing and promoting Ignatian prayer, discernment and the way of finding God in all things.
- Ignatian Pedagogy, our teaching style, which expects the sequence of experience, reflection and action. That means extolling the critical importance of the latter two, and so often ignored, steps: "reflection", where the meaning of a particular experience is allowed to surface, and "action" which is manifested not only in a new skill, but more importantly in a change of heart or attitude or a passion for doing something bold for the Kingdom.
- Motivations for action, such as the magis, that yardstick whereby one makes better choices, does the greater good, or is more influential. Or service, which draws us to be men and women with and for others, especially those who have greatest claim on our talents and resources. Or great desire, which Ignatius would see as a sign of the Spirit at work in the human heart.
- Promoting a faith that is linked to justice, so that those whom we are privileged to influence may be contemplatives in action, people who are both prayerful and prophetic.
- Enculturation and adaptation, which approaches the world, its cultures and institutions with a certain freedom born of a deep integrity, liberating one to shed the superficial while not compromising core values. It means, as Ignatius was so fond of saying, "entering through another person's door and leading them out your own".

These are but some of "the ways of proceeding". They are not approaches that the Institute will seek to impose upon those who work with the Society in this Province. They will always be invitations. Invitations made to those who desire to share in our mission more deeply."

Fr Daven Day SJ
Australian Provincial - Society of Jesus

Australian Jesuit Alumni Association Report

November update.

As 2001 draws to a close we will complete our program for the year with a Leadership Course, which will be held in November. During September another Father and Son retreat weekend was held, again under the direction of the NSW Representative, Geoff Brauer. Also in September, we held our second for this year, Dinner Speaker evening, with the new Archbishop of Sydney, the Most Reverend Dr George Pell as the speaker.

By happy coincidence, our World Union of Jesuit Alumni/ae President, Fabio Tobon was, for both business and vacation, visiting Sydney the week of the dinner. Fabio and his wife were able to attend as our special guests, and at our invitation, Fabio addressed all present. He spoke briefly and impressively of the World Union, of the great number of Jesuit Alumni/ae worldwide and of the next World Congress to be held in Calcutta in January, 2003. All of which he urged could be directed to work for 'peace and justice for all'.

It was a wonderful opportunity for Fabio to be a part of our Australian Association and we were delighted for the opportunity for us all to meet. Fr Dwyer, the AJAA President and I would like to sincerely thank Fabio for his attendance and address at the dinner, and for his readiness to be introduced and speak to so many of our members.

Robyn Treseder
Council Member - Oceania

BRAZIL

The Jesuit Alumni/ae movement in Brazil, pursue many different activities acknowledging the particular characteristics of the different associations. The common goal is to perform work that helps the development of the human being and to transform the society in one more just for everyone. We would like to mention some of the activities of our associations:

UNISINOS-ADISINOS San Leopoldo RS.

- Project living and learning
- Mini-Curriculums catalog
- Participation in Viva San Leopoldo and its projects
- Participation in the strategic planning of the University

Medianeira School association Curitiba - PR

On Holy Saturday this year, the association held a free volunteer work in a poor community in "San Jose de Los Pinos". The event was such a success that they plan to repeat it several times a year.

Alumni/ae Association of "Catarinense" school - Florianopolis - SC

This association is working in several projects such as:

- They coordinated education journeys in April of second grade students with the alumni/ae as teachers.

- They organized a championship of one popular game in the region: Domino
- Participation in the Saint Spirit festivity for four days
- Subsidy to one student to proceed with his studies
- Meeting of the class of 1988

Association of Nobrega School - Recife - PE

- Cooperation of the alumni/ae as teachers in the holy week with the St. Ignatius and Diocesano schools
- Organization and coordination of the meetings of the communities of Christian life CVX in Recife
- Participation in the art journeys at the UNICAP University

St. Ignatius Alumni/ae Association Rio de Janeiro - RJ

This association is working on its project "inVest". A preparation for the university course that has more than 90 students from poor communities. The course has 45 volunteers from the alumni/se association and is being offered in the St. Ignatius school. In its three years of work, 50 students of the invest program have been admitted to the university.

For more details on our associations, please enter our website: www.geocities.com/excsi

Mardile Friedrich
Secretary

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INDIA

The Indian Federation (JAAI) is organizing the First Indian Congress after the signing of the constitution in 1999. The Congress will be held in Mumbai. The Congress will bring alumni/ae from different parts of the country. The JAAI, although very young, groups more than 150 Jesuit educational institutions and is one of the largest federations in the world. Some of the purposes of the Federation, as stated in their constitution are:

To bring all Jesuit Alumni/ae Associations of India together for consolidating the voice and efforts of the Jesuit Alumni/ae of India and to provide a forum for networking, interaction and exchange of ideas and thoughts between different Alumni/ae Associations of India.

To encourage formation of Alumni/ae Associations in Jesuit Institutions in India where such Associations are not existing and also to revitalize the existing Jesuit Alumni/ae Associations and to make them active.

To foster links with Aulmni/ae Associations in other parts of the world, to act as the voice of the Jesuit Alumni/ae of India and to represent them before world bodies like the World Union of Jesuit Alumni/ae and to participate in the World Congress.

To play a constructive role in shaping of public policies in favour of secularism, alleviation of poverty, empowerment of women, upliftment of the marginalized, safe guarding of human rights, preservation of the environment and spread of literacy.

The Congress will meet from November 23rd to 25th at St. Stanislaus school Bandra and St Xavier's College, Mumbai.. Some of the topics they will cover will be: The role of JAAI: Defining our position in India, Focusing on the New Constitution, Can JAAI make a difference, Building a National Identity and Character for JAAI, Charting a National Agenda, Creating a Zone - wise Action Plan. There will also be presentations from the four different Zones in which the Federation is divided, to present their 2 year plan of action and also there will be an orientation for the 2003 World Union Congress to be held in Kolkatta (Calcutta).

Regarding the World Congress, the JAAI, along with the two World Union Council members, Mr. Kalyan Chowdhury and Mr. Rajendra Raj are working on the final preparations and the theme for the Congress: The Human Rights. The ETC, January 2002 edition will bring a full report on the Congress.

PUERTO RICO

Fabio:

Only a short message to let you know how please was I to have met you and to have share with you at the last Latin American Congress in Lima, Peru. The Peruvians were gret hosts of a magnificent Congress. Being my first experience within an activity of a Jesuit Alumni/ae movement I came to Lima with the sense of "see to believe" but I returned to my country full of enthusiasm, motivated and grateful.

8 I understand the need of belonging (I returned with this feeling) to something more universal to help to implement it in Puerto Rico. I gave first and last name to the meaning of being a Jesuit Alumnus. I recognize that we have to go a long way here in my country, but I have already started. I will keep you informed of the developments. If there is anything that I can do to help, please let me know. You have a friend in Puerto Rico. I hope we'll see each other in Caracas. My very best regards.

Luis Flamand

URUGUAY

After returning from the XII Latin American Jesuit Alumni/ae Congress in Peru in the month of September, we have kept working very actively to finalize the construction of our website. The address of the site is www.exalumnosjesuitas.org.uy

Is in that place, in our website, were a lot of information can be found about our association and we expect that this will be the real and active communication tool with our Uruguayan alumni/ae and with those alumni/ae worldwide. We will place in the web some articles of our magazine: EXALUMNOS which is our way to keep our continuous education effort for our alumni/ae on our Ignatian spirituality.

We would like to ask all associations, through this edition of the ETC, that have a website that send us their address to establish a proper link with ours. Please e-mail us to: jesuexal@adinet.com.uy

USA

Dear Fabio,

A number of Jesuit institutions in the U.S. have actively involved students, staff and alumni to improve the lives of people living in economically depressed areas of the U.S. and Haiti. They have worked in conjunction with the Jesuit Conference of the U.S. Loyola (New Orleans), Fairfield and Fordham Universities, St. Ignatius H.S. of Cleveland and several parishes have established such programs to improve the living conditions of people in these areas.

St. Ignatius created the Arrupe Neighborhood Partnership Program to enhance life in the community which abuts the school. Students tutor elementary school children; playing fields and recreational facilities are opened to neighborhood children and affordable housing has been built. In addition, an early childhood development projected has been created and the school has donated land for a community garden.

Fordham University has taken a similar tack by building affordable neighborhood housing in the Bronx, NY for area residents and its own students. Working with other institutions in the community, an agency was created the University Housing Program (UNHP). UNHP provides additional services, such as building management, staff training and assistance to tenants, who seek relief from shabby housing and excessive charges for water and other utilities.

Fairfield University and Loyola University (New Orleans) seek to improve the economic conditions of different groups of people. The former works with a village in Haiti, Fondwa, to create a bakery for the people. It is a difficult project because the village lacks electricity and running water among other commodities, which we take for granted in the U.S.

Loyola, meanwhile, has focused its efforts on economic improvement closer to home. The University's Economics Institute has supported the Crescent City Farmer's Market for several years and utilized its experience to establish an "asset-based development" program for young mothers, who live on public assistance. The program seeks to help these women to leave public welfare and become self-sufficient.

Finally Jesuit parishes in Massachusetts, Minnesota and Missouri pursue similar programs and goals with the people of Roxbury, St. Paul and St. Louis respectively. Ron Ferreri

Council member

¡MERRY CHRISTMAS!

