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President's Letter

I write this letter during a very meaningful time of year here in the USA as we savor our most important and beloved holiday, Thanksgiving, and as we Christians begin the observance of Advent, my favorite liturgical season of the year. The convergence of these two important elements of my life enables me to reflect more deeply on two themes in regard to the World Union of Jesuit Alumni/ae.

I wish to use the opportunity of this letter to express my gratitude to several of our members who have contributed mightily to WUJA. This will be the final edition of ETC edited by Robyn Treseder. She has brought a sense of quality, professionalism and commitment to the job for which I am deeply grateful, as I hope we all are. Under her leadership, and with her very hard work, we have become a first-class publication that reflects well on WUJA. Robyn has many other commitments in her busy life and has served with great personal sacrifice. Robyn – thank you from all of us!

The transition from Father Pierre Salembier SJ, to Father William Currie, as Father General's Delegate, also awakens feelings of deep gratitude. First, I am deeply thankful to Fathers General Kolvenbach SJ, and Adolfo Nicolás SJ, for assigning such talented and committed men to work with us. This is a great demonstration of our importance to the Society and to the confidence the Jesuits have in our potential. We all should thank Father Currie SJ for agreeing to accept this assignment to work with us. His perspective born of his many years of work in Japan and at Sophia University will add new and important dimensions to WUJA. Thank you Father Bill for joining us!

My greatest gratitude goes out, however, to Father Pierre Salembier SJ, for his many contributions to WUJA. Of great importance was his very hard work and extensive travel throughout Africa that facilitated and made possible the most successful World Congress in Burundi. The great work of our Burundian colleagues bore fruit in part because of all the ground work provided by Father Pierre. We on the World Council also thank him for his 'presence' with us and to us. His optimism, sense of humor, feeling for the big picture, understanding and communication of Jesuit priorities and the relation of these to our role as laity, and his unfailing graciousness provided the ambience and catalyst needed for much of what has been accomplished. Thanks Father Pierre!

I thank Fabio Tobón and those working with him for all of the preparation that they are already doing for our next World Congress in Colombia. I hope all of you are beginning to plan to attend. It will be a great meeting in a beautiful country.

Thanks to Conrad Gonsalves for his work on the Council and as Treasurer. He has had to resign from both of these because of changing circumstances in his personal and professional life. His wise counsel will be missed. Finally, I thank those who are considering the position of treasurer, World Council member and ETC editor. We will soon make decisions on these positions.

My second theme for this letter comes from the season of Advent – 'Prepare ye the way of the Lord'. We as Christians believe that God's plan for Christ becoming man and therefore our salvation could not have taken place without the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary. His plan depended on her freely given 'yes' to His call. In the same manner, He depends on each of us to say 'yes' to His call to prepare the specific worlds of our times and places so He can enter into them with justice and peace. The role of WUJA is to enable each of us as Jesuit alumni/ae, Christian or of another faith, to respond more productively in service to justice, the poor and peace.

For WUJA to do its role we must recognize that we are human and material, with our work taking place in this world. This means we need resources. We depend on all of our alumni/ae associations and clubs to pay dues. We also urge all to donate as we can to the Arrupe Association mentioned elsewhere in this issue. Please be diligent and generous in your response. And urge others to do the same. Thanks!

Tom Bausch – President
World Union of Jesuit Alumni/ae

Previous World Congresses of the World Union of Jesuit Alumni/ae



SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA – 1997



KOLKATA, INDIA – 2003



BUJUMBURA, BURUNDI – 2009

*You are invited to plan ahead to attend the next
World Congress of the World Union of Jesuit Alumni/ae
to be held August 10 – 18, 2013 in Medellín, Colombia.*

*Please come, meet other Jesuit alumni/ae gathered from
around the world and become a part of our
global community striving for a more just world.*

Editorial



Bienvenue

Welcome

Bienvenido

Ensemble Together Concorde (ETC) welcomes Fr William Currie SJ newly appointed as Father General's Delegate to the WUJA – we also say thank you and farewell to Fr Pierre Salembier SJ, retiring from this post, who has been a source of inspiration to all who have met and worked with him over the last 6 years.

I, also say farewell, as I am stepping aside as editor of ETC after 5 editions, and 14 years association with the World Union of Jesuit Alumni/ae. I treasure and am grateful for that association and for all the friends I have met and made during this time. I wish my successor well and will follow with interest the progress and ongoing development of the World Union and its team.

I offer my grateful thanks to the many people who have assisted by offering their words, views, time, expertise and photographs. Thank you to the Presidents with whom I have worked, Fabio Tobón, Bernard Thompson and Tom Bausch, Jesuit Frs Pierre Salembier, Des Dwyer and the late Vin Duminuco, and two very special WUJA members, François-Xavier Camenen and Eric de Langsdorff, who have always offered me great support. Special thanks to graphic designer Maggie Power of Jescom and my final very warm thanks go to my special friend, Sr Josepha Clancy CSJ, who has advised me and proof read 36 editions of The Journal, the former publication of the Australian Jesuit Alumni Association, and also all editions of ETC.

Thank you all most sincerely.

Adieu
Farewell
Adios

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My sincere thanks go to François-Xavier Camenen for the French, and Cécile Launay for the Spanish translations and proof reading for ETC. Also grateful thanks go to Sr Josepha Clancy CSJ for English. Ed.

Welcome to newly appointed Fr William Currie SJ

FATHER GENERAL'S DELEGATE TO THE WUJA



I am both honored and humbled at the thought of taking on this responsibility as Father General's Delegate, hoping that I can follow in the footsteps of my illustrious predecessors, two of whom I knew quite well: Fr Vincent Duminuco and Fr John Blewett.

My own experience as a Jesuit alumnus plus my 57 years as a Jesuit working with alumni/ae of our schools and universities have convinced me that an organization such as the WUJA has an enormous potential for good in this world, and I am very happy to become a part of it.

Actually my contact with Jesuit graduates began the moment I was born, in Philadelphia in 1935. My father was educated at the Jesuit high school in Philadelphia, as were his four brothers. Later my brothers and I, as well as several cousins, graduated from the same school, and the family tradition continues down to the present: a grand-nephew is studying there now.

My encounters with Jesuit education naturally increased when I entered the Society of Jesus in 1953 and received a Bachelor's and Master's degree from Fordham University in New York and an MA in theology from Sophia University in Tokyo.

I came to Tokyo in 1960 and have lived here for most of the last 50 years, spending four years back in the US doing doctoral studies at the University of Michigan, where I received a Ph.D in Comparative Literature.

My first assignment in Japan, after completing a two-year language program, was teaching in a Jesuit high school outside of Tokyo. Then from 1972 until mandatory retirement in 2005 my work was at Sophia University, the Jesuit university in the center of Tokyo with a student body of 12,000, teaching American and Japanese Literature.

During most of my 33 years at Sophia I was also involved in administration, serving as chair, dean, vice-president, and from 1999 to 2005 president. But my happiest memories of Sophia are of directing the student choir for 25 years and living in the student dormitory on campus for almost the same length of time. These student contacts led to lasting ties with alumni/ae that continue to be an important part of my life as a Jesuit today.

After retiring from the university I had a wonderful experience of another kind of Jesuit education: four years of teaching English and serving as spiritual director for Jesuit scholastics at Arrupe International Residence in Manila, the Philippines. The 60 young Jesuits living there were from 14 different Asian and African countries, and taught me a great deal about the vitality of the Church and the Society in their respective countries.

All through these past 50 years in Japan and the Philippines an important presence in my life has been a Jesuit classmate in theology named Adolfo Nicolás. We were ordained to the priesthood together in Tokyo in 1967. If my work as his delegate to the WUJA will somehow lighten his burden it will be only a small return for the friendship and inspiration he has given to me over the last 50 years.

William Currie SJ

Call for WUJA 2011 membership dues

ETC is sent to you without charge, although it does have a cost, mainly of printing and mailing. We can only meet this cost thanks to the membership dues paid to the World Union by all alumni associations and federations. So, even if you have recently paid your dues for 2010, do not forget those of 2011! The amounts to be paid are:
– 100 € or US\$150 for a secondary school association
– 200 € or US\$300 for a university association
Details of our bank account follow:

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In order to diminish the bank charges, please group your transfer with those of other alumni/ae associations of your country. If you require an invoice or other document to enable you to subscribe, please contact me, I will be pleased to meet your requirements.

François-Xavier Camenen, Secretary of the World Union.
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News from the Pedro Arrupe World Association (PAWA) in 2010

IN 2010, THE ASSOCIATION HAS PURSUED ITS ACTIVITY WITH THREE PROGRAMS: A NEW PROGRAM OF HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY AID FOR HAITI VIA THE JESUIT PROVINCE OF CANADA AND HAITI, AND TWO PREVIOUS ACTIONS (IN CAMBODIA AND ZAMBIA) THAT ARE CONTINUING UNDER THE NAME OF THE 'ALOYSIUS' PROGRAM AND WHICH CONSIST OF GRANTS DESIGNED TO ASSIST POOR STUDENTS IN THESE TWO COUNTRIES TO FINANCE THEIR HIGHER EDUCATION. A TOTAL OF ALMOST 11,000 EUROS WAS GRANTED.



Eric de Langsdorff

The Arrupe Dollar (or Euro) appeal to Jesuit alumni/ae and their associations was launched again on February 5, 2010 via a message posted on the World Union website. This year, this campaign has yielded less than other years (probably due to the current crisis, but it could also be simply an oversight) and the Arrupe Association had to dip a little into its reserves to fund its programs (8,000 euro shortfall). But luckily it can always count on a core of friends (in Europe and Latin America) and some associations that have remained faithful over the years (although only from Europe this year) and are very responsive to PAWA calls! We still believe that the suggested scale of the contribution, one dollar or one euro per membership fee, has the merit of being simple and affordable for the associations.

A presentation of the goals, structures, programs and accounts of the association (donations and programs funding) for the

2003–2009 period was made at the meeting in Antwerp, Belgium, of the World Union Council. Some proposals were also made to raise the association's profile in the future, in particular through a more frequent updating of the Arrupe pages on the WUJA website, in order to give it the financial means commensurate with its ambition to carry on its worldwide solidarity action.

This ambition must, of course, continue to be inspired by the challenging words of Jesus in the Gospel: 'Whatever you did for the least of my brethren, you did for me' (Matthew 25:40). For any further information, please contact the Arrupe Association at: arrupe.association@orange.fr.

Laurent Grégoire and Eric de Langsdorff
(PAWA's Executive Committee)

Seattle University's Magis Program on Africa Shows Richness and Complexity

IT IS NOT UNCOMMON TO WATCH A TV NEWS REPORT ON AFRICA WITH IMAGES OF FAMINE, WAR, AND DROUGHT FILLING THE SCREEN. RARELY, DO THE NEWS REPORTS TELL STORIES OF THE GREAT SUCCESSES AND HOPES AMONG THE DIVERSE COUNTRIES THAT MAKE UP THE WHOLE OF THE CONTINENT OF AFRICA. CERTAINLY THERE IS A COMPLEXITY AND RICHNESS AMONG THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES THAT MAKE UP THE CONTINENT NAMED AFRICA.



Fr Mike Bayard, SJ

At General Congregation 35, the Society of Jesus recognized the importance of Africa in our global community. In the document *Challenges to our Mission Today: Sent to the Frontiers*, the Jesuits designated Africa as one of its special apostolic preferences. 'Aware of the cultural, social, and economic differences in Africa and Madagascar ... we acknowledge the Society's responsibility to present a more integral and human vision of this continent.'

With that call in mind, Seattle University's Magis: Alumni/ae Committed for Mission in conjunction with its Justice Education Forum presented *Africa: Past, Present and Future* during the 2009 – 2010 academic year. Magis, a 4-year old program at Seattle University, gathers Jesuit-educated alumni/ae who live in the Seattle area, providing them opportunities to delve more deeply into the issues of our day through the lens of the mission of the Society of Jesus. This particular series invited Magis' participants to understand the long history of Africa, to recognize the present day challenges as well as successes, and to engage the possibilities for its future.

As the planning for this series unfolded, two hopes emerged: 1) Participants would leave with an understanding that Africa is a diverse continent made up of several countries each with a distinct culture, language, and way of life; 2) Participants would see the richness and complexity of the culture as well as the great

optimism for the future among its citizens, as the media can so often portray Africa as the 'sum of all its tragedies'.

The first event in Fall 2009 drew over 100 participants from a variety of Jesuit institutions. That evening provided a historical overview of African politics and culture led by two Seattle University faculty members. Many of those who took part in this evening also took part in the book groups that convened to discuss Richard Dowden's *Africa: Altered States, Ordinary Miracles*.

Certainly many alumni/ae who attended these Magis events on Africa left with a more rich and deeper view of Africa. An alumnus of Seattle University's School of Theology and Ministry, David Murphy, offered this reflection, 'My first reaction participating in the Africa forum was embarrassment as I realized how very little I knew about this amazing, diverse continent. All I brought to it were a few shallow stereotypes, a few unreflective generalizations. Africa is incredibly complex with unique problems shaped by long histories that that require a patient, committed discernment if one wishes to make any positive contribution.'

Fr Mike Bayard SJ is the Director of Campus Ministry at Seattle University in Seattle, Washington. Fr Bayard attended the most recent World Union of Jesuit Alumni conference in Bujumbura, Burundi in July 2009.



Challenges of Peace and Development in the Great Lakes region

THESE ARE EDITED EXTRACTS FROM AN ADDRESS GIVEN BY RIGOBERT MINANI BIHUZO BIN KAKURU SJ AT THE WORLD CONGRESS OF JESUIT ALUMNI/AE, HELD IN BUJUMBURA, BURUNDI – JULY, 2009. Please visit the official website of the WUJA www.jesuitalumni.org for the complete presentation.

DIMENSION AND NATURE OF THE CONFLICTS

The conflicts that have ravaged the African continent since independence are, in the opinion of many analysts, one of the obstacles to its economic takeoff and development. Even today the building of peace in Africa remains a major challenge with regard to areas of ongoing violent conflict. A quick glance at a map of conflicts in Africa shows that this continent is experiencing conflicts in several of its regions.

- In the east, the conflict in the Horn of Africa, which once had opposed Ethiopia and Eritrea, continues today with other players interposed in the current war in Somalia.
- In the northeast, the conflict in Darfur reminds us that Sudan has not finished with its long wars. The prolongation of this conflict in Chad today and the insecurity it creates in Central African Republic (CAR) raise fears of a conflagration throughout the region.
- In the south, the land question in Zimbabwe raises fears that stability in South Africa is only momentary. As for Angola, the wounds of the long civil war will still require much time to heal.
- In the northwest, is the Western Sahara conflict, forgotten by most countries, and fundamentalism in Algeria, if it remains unsolved, could jeopardize peace in this area.
- In the west, slow, painful building of peace in the Ivory Coast reminds us that conflicts in Sierra Leone and Liberia were not isolated cases.
- The continued tensions in the Delta region and sporadic clashes between Muslims and Christians in Nigeria still raise concerns.

Conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

The DRC is at the heart of Central Africa. Most countries on its borders have experienced conflicts of very different nature and extent (civil war, inter-state war, intra-state war, liberation war, low intensity conflict, insurrection, coup, secession, aggression...).

The war of armies without borders 1996–1997

The first war in the Democratic Republic of Congo involved directly or indirectly the armies of more than nine countries (Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia, Angola, Zimbabwe, Eritrea, South Africa).

The war in the Democratic Republic of Congo was mainly in conjunction with the different wars that were taking place in Central Africa and the extension onto Congolese soil of neighboring countries' internal conflicts. The shock wave was dampened by the size of the territory and the refusal of the majority of Congolese to embark on unknown plans. However, the country entered a phase of convulsions which is far from being ended.

The war of looting of natural resources (1998–2003)

After they seized power in Kinshasa on May 17, 1997, countries involved in the war in DRC in 1996 were not able to agree on the interests of each other. They started a new war on August 2, 1998 against each other. Their coalition split into two blocks. On the one hand, there is the trio Rwanda, Uganda, Burundi and on the other hand, Angola, Zimbabwe, Namibia.

Military leadership passionately fond of wars

Some studies claim that the reasons for conflict in Africa can also be analyzed by considering the people in positions of leadership.

Many of the chiefs of the new political and military class that came to power in this region came directly from the bush. They showed little respect for human rights. Some had even made large-scale massacres, crimes against humanity and genocide a way of conquest, conservation and management of power.

Conflict against the backdrop of bad governance

These conflicts have been assisted by the absence in this region, for long periods, of democratic regimes and of alternation of power, the practice of coups, civil wars, assassinations of heads of state and other violent, undemocratic forms of access to and preservation of political power.

The involvement of international organized crime

This conflict has also seen the emergence in the region of a politico-financial mafia. The report of the UN Panel of Experts on the Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources in DRC, published on April 12, 2001, states (No. 213) that 'the main reasons for the conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo have become access to five mineral resources of primary importance: coltan, diamonds, copper, cobalt and gold, as well as control and trade of these materials.'

The duplicity of great powers

From the beginning of this war in 1996 and after it started again in 1998, the international community turned a blind eye to the massive violation of human rights that this conflict has caused, by the violation of territorial integrity of the DRC and its national sovereignty, even though this is protected by instruments of international law.

A conflict with a number of human victims that revolts the conscience

The conflict in DRC has been the bloodiest since the end of World War II. The war of 1996 saw the massacre of more than 200,000 Rwandan refugees of the Hutu ethnic group on Congolese territory. That of 1998 saw the worsening of collective killings. Humanitarian NGOs have talked about 3.5 million dead, 2.5 million displaced persons, among which were more than 400,000 children, 16 million Congolese people directly affected by the effects of war, and a galloping prevalence of HIV/AIDS.

Conclusion

Building a lasting peace today demands that we devise rational and consistent mechanisms of governance, capable of dealing with multiple forces currently creating disruption and unrest. The horizon is known: it is the rule of law, good governance, popular participation, sustainable development, democracy and peace. The DRC is, for the first time in its history, making steps in the right direction. The Congolese population, who were the main victims of these conflicts, are hoping that the same efforts will be made by neighboring countries.

Rigobert Minani Bihuzo Bin Kakuru SJ, Facilitator of socio-political sector Cepas, Permanent of the Christian-inspired Network of Human Rights and Civic Education Organisations in the DRC (RODHECIC).
President of the Jeremiah Group



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GOOD GOVERNANCE

If 'peace is the new name of development' (Pope John Paul II), we can also say that today good governance is the new name of development. Poor governance is a major challenge in the Great Lakes Region (Burundi, Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo). Following the Congress theme 'For a better Africa', it goes without saying that good governance involves the integration of political, legal, mining, security, economic and social issues, including human rights.

Inventory

1. Economic governance

Poor governance has indeed not allowed the countries' wealth to improve living conditions for the greatest number, to enhance transparency and accountability and to improve the performance of public and private companies.

2. Political governance

'Good governance, including the ideas of separation of powers and of rulers accountable to the governed, for the management of the State and understood not only as an obligation which is incumbent on the rulers, but as a place of exchange between the top and bottom, a synergy of trust, responsibility, action and reaction between policy makers and constituents, integration and sharing of initiatives from the governors and from the governed, from the State and from the citizens, aimed at bringing structural changes or at building a project of community'. (Adau Akele and Angélique Sita)

3. Mining governance

A transparent and equitable management of mineral, oil and forestry resources will be a key factor to promote peace, alleviate poverty, fight against corruption and its impunity and thus contribute to the integral development of the

Congolese and African people. 'The natural resources of the poor are frequently exploited by transnational interests, free of national laws and often favored by corruption. Powerful economic groups foment violence, war and arms trafficking'. (General Congregation 35, d.3, n.26)

4. Judicial governance

With almost three decades of conflict, civil wars, wars between neighboring countries, genocide in Burundi, Rwanda and DRC, with the absence of the rule of law, there is much abuse, and many violations of human rights and crimes against humanity.

Recommendations

1. Economic governance

– At the level of each state of the Great Lakes region, there must be incentives to encourage investments in order to increase production of goods and services. We cannot talk about trade without the production of goods and services.

– Reorganize the economic environment for a better public/private partnership and make effective various current initiatives in favor of transparent cross-border trade by promoting CEPGL economic projects of common interest: the rehabilitation project of the Rusizi I & II to improve the provision of electricity between the DRC, Rwanda and Burundi; the ADB project of 300 million US dollars for the exploitation of methane gas in Lake Kivu for the DRC and Rwanda and the proposed oil exploitation in Lake Albert between DRC and Uganda.

– At the level of each nation, to invest in the implementation of physical infrastructures for disengagement (roads, water, electricity).

– Develop economic infrastructure (roads, bridges, railways, energy,

etc) in regional or cross border areas and remove non-tariff (visas, etc) and tariff (customs) formalities.

– 'Help to develop corporate social responsibility, to create a business culture more open to compassion and to initiatives of economic development of the poor'. (GC 35, d. 3, n. 28)

2. Political governance

– Bring political rulers to promote local governance, accelerate the process of decentralization and empowerment of provinces in the DRC.

– The fight against corruption and the promotion of governance in the DRC requires not only the existence of the rule of law, but also and above all education and training in values of the common good, of justice, of transparency, of honesty, of human dignity. The fight against corruption is one of the channels required for poverty reduction and reconstruction of the DRC.

– Promote the rule of law, fight against corruption, crimes against humanity, sexual violence and human rights through:

- the establishment of a Regional Centre for promotion of democracy, good governance, human rights and civic education;
- the establishment of a 'Regional Forum on the Administration of Justice and Law Enforcement, under the rule of law';
- the African Initiative for Prevention of war crimes, crimes against humanity, crimes of genocide;
- enforcement of provisions for fighting corruption contained in the Convention of the African Union and in the laws of the three countries of the region.

3. Mining governance

– Fight against illegal exploitation of minerals and promote social responsibility of public and private mining companies.

– Establish a map of the mineral-rich areas in Eastern DRC, proceed to the traceability and certification of minerals such as coltan, cassiterite and gold, according to the model of the Kimberley Process.

– Make advocacy at regional, continental and international levels by strengthening the networking between civil society, churches and research centers.

– Implement the mechanisms proposed by the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) in the ESCGTA countries.

4. Judicial governance

– Make available various codes containing all procedural laws: criminal procedure, civil procedure, administrative procedure, and all mechanisms related to the protection of human rights.

– Popularize the texts of laws and train local people.

– Give more support to civil society organizations that together play a role as an observatory of the judicial situation.

– Undertake judicial reforms to promote an independent judiciary, promoting the independence of the judiciary as a living reality.

– To undertake or intensify the fight against impunity for perpetrators of violations of human rights.

What should we do for a better Africa?

Call for commitment

'Common' actions will have to be initiated, taking into account the desire of the Society of Jesus to give some priority to Africa in its apostolic and human actions, in cooperation with and the support of its alumni/ae.

Professor Ferdinand Muhigirwa Rusembuka SJ

Director of the Center for the Study of Social Action (CEPAS)

Federation of Jesuit Alumni Associations of India

2010 – INDIAN ALUMNI SUPPORT AFRICANS' STUDY IN INDIA



Fr K L George SJ with Agathe, Sonia and Lina at St Joseph's College.

During the African World Congress of the World Union of Jesuit Alumni/ae held in 2009 in Bujumbura, Burundi, JAAI Indian delegates attending the Congress offered both graduate and post-graduate studies, and scholarships to a number of needy African students.

Subsequently, JAAI Secretariat received many enquiries. WUJA Council Member Naresh Gupta, corresponded with all such applicants and three girls were granted admission to attend St Joseph's College, Darjeeling, West Bengal, India.

These French speaking Burundian girls namely Agathe, Sonia and Lina arrived in Darjeeling in May 2010 and are attending classes including special English language classes; Sonia and Agathe are doing BCA and Lina is doing BBA.

Four months on, and after initial difficulties and challenges, the three girls have settled down, feel more at home in English and are into their studies seriously. In the freshers' welcome given to the first year students Lina was declared Ms Fresher. All three share one room for close companionship and are gradually learning to widen their circle of friends. They also teach French to school children at St Joseph's School, North Point, which gives them a little support for their sundry expenses.

The spicy Indian food, cold weather and the slopes of the Darjeeling hills, which they have to hike up and down each day, have all been new challenges – they have really felt the need of extra warm clothing coming as they do from such a hot climate.

Words from Lina, Sonia and Agathe. '... we have appreciated the fact that people of different religions tolerate each other. Also we have found teachers are always helpful and our classmates very friendly here at Saint Joseph's College in first BBA and BCA and we are sure that our expectations will be accomplished after three years and we will never forget this wonderful place.'

Words from their Principal Fr K L George SJ. 'I am sure the three will find their stay in India and especially in Darjeeling an experience which they will cherish. May these three girls be our ambassadors to give witness to our hospitality and service.'

*Naresh Gupta, Secretary – JAAI
Council Member – India, World Union of Jesuit Alumni/ae*

Australian Union of Jesuit Alumni/ae – Dinner Meeting

SYDNEY – OCTOBER 13, 2010

At the Australian Union of Jesuit Alumni/ae (AUJA) Dinner, the Australian Provincial, Fr Steve Curtin SJ was the Guest Speaker: his topic was *Challenges to our Mission Today: Sent to the Frontiers*. Guests included Fr Michael Ryan SJ and Pedro Pablo Díaz, Chilean Ambassador to Australia and Latin American Council Member on the World Union of Jesuit Alumni/ae (WUJA). Andrew Horsley, Oceania Council Member, was the Convener and Host of the evening.

The occasion followed the 14 years of dinner meetings organized by Fr Des Dwyer SJ and Robyn Treseder. These dinners ran from 1992 to 2006 under the Australian Jesuit Alumni Association. This recent Dinner was intended to build on the WUJA World Congress held in Bujumbura, Burundi in 2009.

Andrew Horsley in his welcoming speech related that when Father General Adolfo Nicolás SJ addressed the WUJA World Congress in Bujumbura, he said 'You, Alumni/ae, don't need us anymore but we, the Jesuits, need you'. He also spoke of his aim that AUJA will seek to have greater involvement with all the Jesuit education institutions in Australia and seek meaningful collaboration with Jesuit Social Services, Jesuit Refugee Services, Jesuit Mission, Gonzaga Network and the Australian Jesuit Foundation.

Fr Steve Curtin in his address, made mention of the recent Canonization of Australia's Mary MacKillop and of her long and close association with the Jesuits. In his topic *Challenges to our Mission Today: Sent to the Frontiers* (GC35, Reflection 3),

embodying justice of the Gospel, he said that the reference is not only to geographical frontiers but that the Jesuits were dependent on the assistance and expertise of their lay friends, colleagues and supporters. To this end, he said, the growth of a local alumni/ae association was a positive move for not only the Jesuits but also those who had been dealt a bad hand in life.

He concluded with 'AUJA holds out promise of forming an alliance in the struggle for building a more just world. Such an alliance would be most influential because we have a common vision, mission and spirituality'.

*Andrew Horsley
Council Member – Oceania
World Union of Jesuit Alumni/ae*



Australian Provincial Fr Steve Curtin SJ, Fr Michael Ryan SJ, Andrew Horsley and Pedro Pablo Díaz.



Asia Latin America 15th Congress

Approximately 60 Latin American Alumni/ae from 12 countries gathered in Santiago, Chile for 3 days beginning July 30, 2010 in the presence of Tom Bausch, WUJA President, from USA. Under the main theme 'We entered to learn, and we left to serve', meaning that the education received in Jesuit schools enables us to work and serve our brothers, three main objectives were achieved:

1. Motivate our alumnus and propose actions through presentations about the Ignatian leadership, the Catholic Church in Latin America and the many current challenges for education, social and political action in our context.
2. Explain and prepare the Latin American alumnus of the structure and procedures regarding the next WUJA Congress to be held in Medellín, Colombia in 2013.
3. Elect new officers of ASIA Latin America which is now presided over by Carlos Baena from Medellín, Colombia. Baena will be assisted by the following:
 - Silvio Piza (Brazil) as VP in charge of relations with WUJA
 - Juan Piaggio and Lucila Fagalde (Uruguay) in Communications
 - Eduardo Romero and Klara Morillo (Venezuela) and Rolando Blacutt (Bolivia) in data base organization
 - Carlos Gianicolo (Argentina) in social work
 - Tito Otero (Peru) in services and benefits
 - Santiago Saitua Doren and Pedro Pablo Díaz (Chile) in spirituality
 - Gabriel Calderón in administration and finance

At the end, after a beautiful Mass celebrating the feast day of Saint Ignatius at Padre Alberto Hurtado Sanctuary, we all felt the joy of being together, recognizing our common values and experiences in Jesuit schools throughout Latin America. Now our challenge and our commitment is to live up to what we stated in the beginning: 'We entered to learn and we left to serve' or in Spanish: 'Entramos para aprender, salimos para servir'.



Represented countries at the Congress L to R:
Standing: Argentina, USA, Bolivia, Peru, Mexico, Chile and Uruguay.
Seated: Venezuela, Colombia, Brazil, Uruguay and Venezuela.

News from Antwerp, Belgium

On March 4–5, 2010, the World Union of Jesuit Alumni/ae Council met in this Belgian city with its President Tom Bausch. Most time was devoted to follow-up of the Bujumbura Congress. A report was made on efforts of the alumni/ae associations of the Great Lakes Area (Burundi, Rwanda and Congo) to implement Resolution 6 of the Congress, asking them to start among themselves a process of truth and reconciliation. Then, many suggestions from the Congress working groups were summed up in a 'strategic plan' aimed at making the WUJA a stronger organization, which implies a permanent secretariat, an improved website, more support to the Arrupe Association and... a major effort to get funds.

Following, also in Antwerp, the European Confederation of Alumni/ae held its bi-annual meeting, chaired by its President, Frank Judo, which gathered together representatives of most National Federations of the Continent. Prominent on the agenda was the preparation of the next European Congress to be held in Budapest at the end of March 2011.

Francois-Xavier Camenen
Secretary – World Union of Jesuit Alumni/ae

MEDELLÍN, COLOMBIA IS PREPARING FOR THE 2013 WORLD CONGRESS

ASIA Ignaciana in Medellín and its organizing committee, with the support of the ASIA Colombian Federation, will be hosting the 8th World Congress of Jesuit Alumni/ae, an event that will be held in Medellín, Colombia from August 10 to 18, 2013. According to the World Union program, this event will be the first World Congress of the Jesuit Alumni/ae to be held in the American Continent.

The Congress is a great opportunity for the World Union of Jesuit Alumni/ae (WUJA) to broaden alumni/ae bonds by congregating delegates of 127 countries of existing Jesuits Alumni/ae Associations.

2013 will be a milestone in the history of the WUJA Congresses and will be the opportunity for the city of Medellín, and Colombia to demonstrate the warmth and hospitality of its people. Besides, it will be an open space to know, exchange experiences and create a dialogue between the different cultures involved in the Alumni/ae movement of the Society of Jesus. The participation of 600 Jesuits Alumni/ae from around the world is expected.

The theme

Jesuit leadership with Social Responsibility. 'We were educated, let's educate' is the proposed theme of the Congress, subject to final decision of the WUJA Council. It corresponds to the education received by the Jesuits Alumni/ae, which we wish to spread and strengthen worldwide.

Jesuits Alumni/ae are recognized as world experts and important leaders in society due to the quality and high level of education received (with a high content on social commitment).

The leadership of the Jesuit Alumni/ae is more significant if it is shown through their Social Responsibility in commitment. Their Social Responsibility is more than philanthropy and it must be based on the sustainable development concept, which means that the increase of the economy and productivity are associated with the life quality and the relevance of profitable organizations, with environmental consciousness and involvement with the social development of their communities.

The invitation goes out to all the WUJA Members around the world. Get ready for the meeting in Medellín, Colombia and let us know your activities so we can strengthen our global community.



The organizing committee of the
2013 World Congress – Medellín, Colombia.

The Principle and Foundation in my Life

REFLECTIONS BORN OF 49 YEARS OF IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY THOMAS A BAUSCH, PRESIDENT – WORLD UNION OF JESUIT ALUMNI/AE

'I am created through all eternity to praise, reverence and serve God, my Lord, and by this means to save my soul.' This, the first line, revised and personalized, of the 'Principle and Foundation' transformed my life in 1957 when I first made *The Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius* for eight days as a freshman at John Carroll, the Jesuit University in Cleveland, Ohio. Why the transformation? Because the Exercises grabbed 'the me' as I was and am, the me that God was creating then and is creating now, the me of 'And I called you by Name'. On many levels and from many perspectives. Ignatian Spirituality became the foundation for my life.



My deep feeling of this divine love is not a 'Jesus and me' thing, for every other person has a dignity born of this same profligate love of God. Come to think of it, every creature, 'every sparrow' has great dignity born in love. My Jesuit education introduced me to Catholic Social Thought, the pattern of thinking and action, focused on the dignity of the human person, and the sense of community that is a mere reflection of the Trinity, called me, through all of the gifts lent to me by God, to serve, in communion with him, all loved by God.

Above all else, at that point in my life and ever since, this foundation gave my life a deep sense of meaning. I really have purpose and meaning! The thought is transforming! I was transformed and, to use Garrison Keilor's (the greatest of the Middle American humorists) image of the shepherds in his rendition of the Christmas story, I still smelled of all my faults, the sheep in my life remained obnoxious, and in my own ways I still drank too much and swore too much, but I was never to be the same. God loves the me that I am and gives this me purpose.

At about the same time in my life I discovered the intellectual elegance of economics. (Although the phrase may be precious and pompous, I know nothing better.) I am a very logical person who thinks in the context of intellectual models. The Jesuits provided me with intellectual excellence and enabled me to develop my abilities and interests. The 'Principle and Foundation' just plain made good sense to me the budding rational economist. Over the years I believe that my spiritual life has moved beyond my head-trip to the heart, but this God of 'the Jesuits' has always had a knack of meeting me where I am at the moment. This movement was complemented by the fullness of the Jesuit pedagogical foundation.

As I matured the absolute love at the heart of the Principle and Foundation, which is fully developed in the 'Contemplation' of the Exercises, grew and grew and grew. In the deepest me, I realized that I have existed in the eye of God for all eternity. Out of an infinite number of possibilities, he created me and then, as a Father, allowed his Son to be killed to earn the graces for me to be saved. I am a father of eight and my knowledge of what I feel and do when my kids and grandkids are being attacked in some fashion provides just a bit of insight into the love that the Trinity has for me. Why me? Why this love?

In this first line of the Exercises, the word 'serve' makes the whole meaning of life complete in my 'economist' way of thinking. God is infinitely complete and needs nothing; I can add no value to God, so what does 'to serve God' mean? To serve is living my life as calling and vocation using the gift that is me and the gifts that are mine to serve those brothers and sisters of mine, all loved infinitely, as I am loved.

An executive friend of mine was close to Mother Teresa. He was considering selling all he owned and joining Mother's work. She said 'no' to him for 'God has blessed you with the skills of an executive and given you stewardship over much wealth as your service to others. That work that you are called to do with Him.' (Note that Mother used the word 'with' not the word 'for'. Each of us is called to do God's will, not what we alone decide to do for God.) Another businessman I know, who is being proposed for canonization, was going to give up his life as an executive and become a labourer. His spiritual director said, 'Show me your hands, those are the hands of an executive, not of a labourer, go and serve God with Christ as you have been called to serve.'

This perspective, paradigm or moral compass is the special value added by Jesuit education. It was added to the competence that I certainly achieved, but I also would have found in many very wonderful public and private institutions. I must respond, as God has requested, by using these gifts as best I can to serve and specifically by doing all I can to make the gift of Jesuit education available to others. And all of this it is my privilege to do with Him.

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