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WUJA's communication: a challenging new orientation¹

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Communication nowadays is mostly digital, multidirectional, network oriented and structured as a spider web. It leans on a bouquet of interacting communication tools and channels.

As the Executive Committee of the World Union of Jesuit Alumni(ae) (WUJA) wished to enhance its overall communication and interaction with its base², it had to revisit both the content of its communication and the channels to convey it to the desired targeted audiences.

New tools that meet the needs of WUJA are gradually to be developed, aiming at increasing the penetration of the messages and the impact of the communication, hence the overall efficacy of WUJA's action.

Electronic publishing and distribution will therefore become the primary means for reaching WUJA's audience. This means that, beginning with this issue, this publication will be distributed electronically. This will enable us to broaden the distribution, significantly cut production costs and cut the volunteer time necessary to produce the publication.

WUJA's magazine that you are reading presently is posted on a specific website and an email containing the link to this website was and will be sent out to thousands of recipients each time a new issue comes out. This will allow WUJA to expand its distribution and its audience. Electronic publishing however implied revamping ETC, the magazine of the World Union, changing its name, renewing the web site and connecting it to social networks. This will take some time. The issue nb. 1 is the first step of the process.

The Executive Committee asked Michel Jadot to take over the chief editorship of the new version of ETC, renamed The Jesuit Alumnus, to make proposals as to how to deploy these means and to maximise their impact, so that THE JESUIT ALUMNUS becomes one of WUJA's critical communication tools.

Michel is an alumnus of Collège Saint-Michel in Brussels / Belgium. He will be reporting to the Executive Committee. He will have gradually to set up his team in order to build up a broad panel of responsive sources of articles and information from all over the globe in order to guaran-

tee a comprehensive representation of our "population". The World Union is indeed fortunate to have Michel Jadot as our chief editor. He has both the educational and professional background combined with a commitment to WUJA that will ensure a first-class and exciting publication.

The JESUIT ALUMNUS will be published in three languages³, twice a year. Three issues per annum might be considered when adequate resources are available and the process has reached cruise speed. This is the challenge ahead.

The JESUIT ALUMNUS must certainly be much more than a newsletter: it must, among other characteristics, excite people about what our fellow alumni from around the world are doing and foster interaction between various alumni groups. In other words, it must help the alumni discover one another in their immense diversity. These are some basic features of the editorial policy as communicated by the Executive Committee to the chief editor. This policy will have to be further developed to bring the Jesuit Alumnus to the level of a true tool to mobilise our members.

THE JESUIT ALUMNUS and the web site must be a bridge to enable the sj alumni around the world to become a true social network that is held together in its great diversity by a strong common denominator (their sj education). If this network is real and if communication flows efficiently amongst them through THE JESUIT ALUMNUS and the website, then we shall be able to mobilise them and have them contributing their talents, time and treasure to causes that we would like to invite them to support.

Tribute to R. Treseder by T Bausch, president

As we are about to make an important step, I would like to pay tribute to Robyn Treseder who for many years was the editor of ETC. Her professional competence and dedication to WUJA and ETC moved it forward to a new level of excellence so that we can now take the steps necessary to move into the electronic age. Thank you Robyn!

¹ ID box: for each author, a number of information will be systematically mentioned as follows: Christian name, Family name, Title - Jesuit institution where the author studied, Year of graduation, Country of graduation - Email address, Profession, Country of residence

² The latter includes the continental confederations, the national federations, the local associations, the alumni(ae) themselves, the Jesuits and the friends of the Society of Jesus.

³ Spanish, French and English.



We are not the centre: there is no centre

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Many of us acting in their sj alumni associations do not see much further. They hardly know about their federation, continental confederation and the World Union. Their association is the centre and the rest of the world is around it.

As a matter of fact, the Jesuit alumni/ae are everywhere on the planet, even on tiny islands in the middle of oceans. We live at the surface of this planet and could not be the centre: a sphere has a centre, the surface of a sphere has no centre.

We are very diverse: some of us are catholic, others are protestant or orthodox, some are hindu, some are buddhist, some are muslim, some are agnostic, many of us do not believe in the God of the Christians or in any god. Some of us are european, others are african, arab, asian, south or north american.

Some of us speak spanish, mandarin, french, dutch, german, ingala, english, japanese, cantonese, wolof or any other language.

But we all have a very strong common denominator that is not the religion: it is our Jesuit education.

What is it ?

What holds us together like a centripetal force?

What is our common Jesuit education?



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Three pillars of the Jesuit education Testimony

Jesuit education, that implements the Ignatian pedagogy - after the name of Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556), founder of the Jesuits - was the subject of many books written by highly competent authors. The few words that follow do not pretend to challenge them, neither to synthesize what they have written. It is rather the simple testimony of someone who, having benefited from a Jesuit education, has been earmarked and appreciates the degree of influence it has on his everyday life as a father and a man active in the society.

This education is, I believe, based on three pillars: the positive attitude, the development of talents and the service to others.

1. The positive attitude

It is a state of mind that makes us look for the positive aspects of every person encountered, of any information heard, of any circumstance experienced, of every object. It is a prejudiced favourable opinion. But this favourable vision must not be understood as a mere contemplation, it is an active principle, an invitation to act. It is an invitation to develop the relationship with the person, to explore the information, to experience fully the circumstances of life, to respect the object, etc. This positive state of mind is conducive to a commitment; it leads to take things to heart and to do them thoroughly. This implies however that we discern with pragmatism and modesty, the issues in which we want to deploy our talents with more efficiency and that we establish a priority amongst them. Hence, commitment, surpassing oneself, idealism are pivots of the Jesuit education. They are important in a society that, like ours, sometimes struggles with discouragement.

2. Development of the talents

The Jesuits have founded many schools where they have been teaching. The development of the talents goes beyond teaching, though. Ignacian pedagogy aims at developing our four basic dimensions: body, mind, heart and soul. The subject is asked to develop his physical, intellectual, but also human (the relationship to others) and spiritual (the relationship to the divinity) dimensions. This is done in a certain way, according to a certain method, three features of which are rigor, critical thinking and questioning. They must lead to the discernment that comes before action.

Rigor should, uncompromisingly, govern the analysis prior to action, but also the implementation of this action. It can be translated by a modern term, a bit simplistic though: professionalism. Critical thinking is a foundation of understanding. It frees the mind and produces free thinkers ... people who are, at times, quite "restless" in the Catholic Church or other religious currents.

Questioning is the constant challenging of oneself that governs the search for the MAGIS. Questioning is the antonym of complacency and should be practiced consistently, even and especially after the action. Jesuit education encourages us to never being satisfied with the *status quo*, but to strive for excellence, for the better (MAGIS) in a perpetual quest.

3. The service to others

"A talent is meaningless if it serves only the one to whom it was granted" said Ignatius. This little phrase reveals his vision of our role on this earth: we are not here for ourselves but for others.

We are the managers, not the owners of the talents that were granted to us: after we develop them, they must serve the well-being of our fellows. It is a fundamental message of Christ. Ignacian education leads us to be men for others in the light of the Gospel, as would be put in Christian terms.

The positive attitude leads us to be vectors of optimism. The development of talents leads us to be factors of progress. The sense of service to others leads us to be agents of solidarity.

These are three fundamental characteristics of the Jesuit education. This education has no monopoly on these values, but it has erected them in a coherent system. This system rests in the heart of those who freely choose it and it becomes a source of strength as well as a guideline on the path of their lives.

This is what we have in common on our little sj alumni/ae planet. This is also what translates into our language and behaviour and makes us recognisable to each other. This is what holds us together as well. Our challenge is to levy on it to mobilise our community and pursue noble causes in line with our values.



A new chief editor

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The Executive Committee of the World Union of Jesuit Alumni and Alumnae asked Michel Jadot to take the function of Chief Editor of the Jesuit Alumnus, the magazine of the World Union.

Michel Jadot is Belgian and alumnus of Collège Saint-Michel in Brussels where he graduated in 1970. He remained a member of the Board of the College (the school) and of the Alumni Association for over 12 years in the nineties until 2007.

From 1997 to 2010, he worked at Horizons, the magazine of the Association of which he became editor until 2010. He was very close to the Alumni Association as well as to the Federation of Jesuit Alumni for French speaking Belgium, the European Confederation and the World Union.

Michel has a son and a daughter, both Alumni of the College Saint-Michel, like their father and grandfather.

Professionally, Michel has made a quite diverse career, mostly in banking.

He is currently working as a Director of a few companies and living in Luxembourg.

We trust Michel will carry out this work with excellence and commitment.

He can be assured of the full support of the Executive committee of WUJA.

The Jesuit Alumnus will foster a better mutual acquaintance amongst the alumni across the world by reporting about as many as possible associations and schools and showing the diversity of the alumni worldwide.

It will encourage building bridges and fostering interaction and mutual support between the alumni / alumnae across the world.

The Jesuit Alumnus will also promote reflection and affirm opinions in line with the ignacian values.



Michel Jadot

New Chief Editor of the magazine of the World Union



The Eighth World Congress of Jesuit Alumni

By Fabio Tobon, Past President WUJA - President of the organizing committee of the 8th world congress of WUJA And Michel Jadot

The Committee of the Eighth World Congress of the Jesuit Alumni organises the event that is to take place in the city of Medellín, Colombia, from 14 to 18th of August 2013.

Several important meetings were held starting February 2012 to prepare the congress that is to take place at Colegio San Ignacio, Medellín.

The Committee of the World Union of Jesuit Alumni (WUJA) including the President of the Union, Mr. Thomas Bausch U.S., the Chaplain Father William Currie SJ (from the University of Sofia Tokyo) and delegates from France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Burundi, Nigeria, Brazil, Hong Kong, India and Colombia paid a visit to Medellín.

We also met the Board of Directors of the Latin American Confederation of SJ Alumni with representatives of Venezuela, Colombia, Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay and Mexico. Also the Colombian Federation of SJ Alumni had a parallel meeting with representatives of the nine schools of the Jesuits in Colombia.

The meetings were held at the Colegio San Ignacio de Medellín.

The previous Congresses of the World Union of Jesuit Alumni were held in Bilbao/Spain, Rome/Italy, Versailles/France, Bilbao-Loyola/Spain, Sydney/Australia, Kolkata/India and Bujumbura/Burundi. It is the first time, the World Congress will take place in America. Hence we are preparing to offer the best to our congressmen.

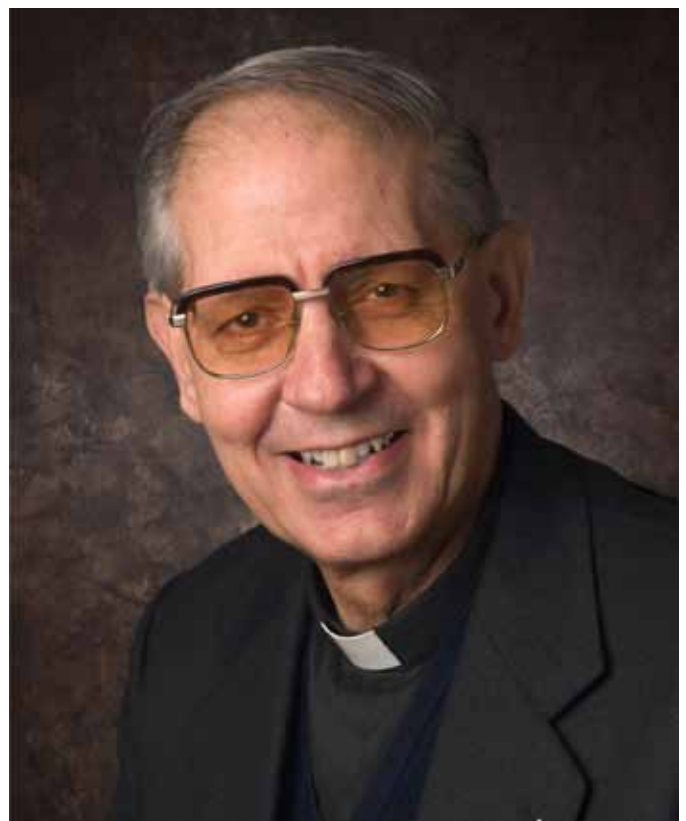
The theme of the Congress is **“Jesuit education and social responsibility, how can we serve?”**. Seven speakers will be addressing this central issue, including Father General of the Society of Jesus, Adolfo Nicolás SJ who will be the first speaker.

The speakers’ panel includes:

<http://wujacongress2013.com/en/programacion-academica-preliminar/conferencistas>

*Theme of the Congress:
«Jesuit education and social
responsibility, how can we serve?»*

1. Father Adolfo Nicolás S.J.



Father Nicolás is the Superior General of the Society of Jesus. He’s a Theologist specialized in Semiology. He is based at The Curia Generalizia in Rome.

Born in Spain in 1936, he succeeded the Dutch Father Peter Hans Kolvenbach sj in 2008.

He has spent a great part of his life as a Jesuit in Asia, especially in Japan where he got to be Provincial of the Society.

He holds a PhD in Theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University of Rome, stayed in Asia for forty-four years, in Tokyo as professor of Systematic Theology at the University of Sofia and in the Philippines as director of the East Asia Pastoral Institute (EAPI) in Manila. Between the years 2000 and 2004, he worked in the Pastoral Center for Migrants in Tokyo. From 2004 until his election as Superior General, he acted as president of the Asia-Pacific Provincials’ Conference. He was co-responsible of all the East Asia jesuit region that spans from Myanmar

(Burma) and China to Micronesia in the Pacific, including the province of Australia. Besides his native Spanish, he speaks five languages: Catalan, Japanese, English, French and Italian.

2. Chris Lowney



Chris Lowney is a known lecturer on leadership and business ethics.

He worked for 17 years with J. P. Morgan & Co, as an administrative director and member of the Board of Directors in New York, Tokyo, Singapore and London. Before joining JP Morgan, Chris was a Jesuit seminarist for seven years. He graduated from Fordham University where he also got his master's degree and was made member of Phi Beta Kappa.

He is the author of the successful book ***Heroic Leadership: Best Practices from a 450-Year-Old Company that Changed the World*** that was a best-seller. He currently lives in New York, where he is a consultant for the Catholic Medical Mission Board.

3. Gunter Pauli



Born in Antwerp, Belgium, in 1956, Gunter Pauli graduated from Loyola University in Antwerp and obtained his MBA from INSEAD (Fontainebleau, France) in 1982. He is the founder of ZERI Foundation (Zero Emissions Research Initiative). He founded a number of companies,

associations and held a number of prestigious international positions.

His entrepreneurial activities span business, culture, science, politics and the environment. He is dedicated to design and implement a society and industries that respond to people's needs using what is locally available. His visionary approach supported by dozens of projects on the ground landed him an invitation to present his cases at the World Expo 2000 in Germany. There he constructed the largest bamboo pavilion in modern days that became the most popular pavilion with 6.4 million visitors.

Since 2009 he has taken responsibility for the design of an economic development concept based on GNH (Gross National Happiness) principles and values as part of his advisory role in designing an economic development strategy for Bhutan.

Gunter has published numerous books and articles. Fluent in seven languages and having resided on 4 continents, he is a world citizen.

4. José Antonio Ocampo



José Antonio Ocampo is one of the most prominent economists in Latin America. He has received numerous academic distinctions, such as the Leontief Prize for Advancing the Frontiers of Economic Thought in 2009 and the Alejandro Ángel Escobar National Science Award in Colombia in 1988.

After finishing high school at Berchmans School in Cali, Colombia, he attended the University of Notre Dame where he got degrees in Economics and Sociology in 1972. In 1976, at the age of 23, he received a PhD in Economics from the University of Yale. He was Minister of Agriculture and Finance in Colombia, as well as Director of the Economic Commission for Latin America.

He is currently a professor, Director of the Economic and Political Development Concentration, member of the Committee on Global Thought and co-President of the Initiative for Policy Dialogue at Columbia University.

He's held numerous positions at the United Nations and

in his home country of Colombia. Amongst them: Joint Secretary-General of the United Nations for Economic and Social Affairs, Executive Secretary of CELAM and Minister of Finance in Colombia.

He has published extensively on topics of macroeconomic theory and policy, international financial matters, social and economical development, international trade, and the economic history of Colombia and Latin America.

5. Fr Augustin Kalubi sj



Jesuit from the Central African province and an expert on the educational field and Jesuit education, Augustin Kalubi sj has been principal of several schools in Africa and is a renowned international lecturer.

He was born in the Democratic Republic of Congo and joined the Society of Jesus in 1983 after finishing studies in Applied Pedagogy.

Father Kalubi sj finished his studies in Philosophy at the Facultés Saint Pierre Canisius, Kimwenza. He also studied mathematics at the Institut Supérieur Pédagogique de Bukavu and got his masters degree in Theology at the Jesuit School of Theology in Boston.

Father Kalubi is currently the Delegate for Education in the Central Africa Province (ACE) of the Society of Jesus; there, he has been Coordinator of Jesuit Schools. He has also been assistant of Editions Loyola and Director of the Loyola Center for Teachers' Professional Reconversion. Kalubi also took part in the Congregation of Procurators in 1999 and in the 35th version of the General Congregation of the Society of Jesus. He also attended the launch of the World Union of Jesuit Alumni Congress held in Bujumbura and the Congreso Internacional de Fe y Alegría in Quito in 2010.

6. Carlos Raul Yepes, alumnus of Colegio San Ignacio in Medellin and President of Colombia's largest bank.



Born in Medellin in 1964, Carlos Raul Yepes is characterized by his Ignatian Spirit and the humanization process he has managed to introduce to his country's banking sector. He has a personal commitment to social responsibility as a means to improving society by generating wealth.

He graduated from Law School at the Pontifical Bolivarian University in 1987. He specialized in Business Law at the Universidad Externado in Bogota and has taken specialized courses in several universities abroad, in the USA including Delaware, Yale School of Management and Wharton. He held a number of prominent positions in various large industrial companies and banks

He was a delegate for Colombia in the Latinoamerican Round Table for Corporate Governance by OCDE – IFC Organization and Confecámaras, Founding Member and President of the Circle of Companies Issuing Securities of the Colombia Stock Exchange and the BID. He also taught at several universities.

7. Swati Gautam



Swati Gautam comes from the land that has practiced unity in diversity through thousands of years – India.

Born in Gujarat (Western India), Swati graduated from St Xavier's College, Kolkata (Eastern India) with a major in Political Science. She is comfortable in 7 languages: Hindi, English, Bengali, Sanskrit, Punjabi, Gujarati and Marwari.

Swati did her Masters in broadcasting from the University of Sheffield, UK. She has also been a faculty member at St Xavier's College, Calcutta for 5 years where she imparted communication and media related content to graduate students.

Swati is a keen contributor to the leading English dailies of India: The Statesman, The Telegraph, The Times of India, The Pioneer and many more. She has also edited and co – authored two Coffee Table books.

Fresh out of College, Swati set up what is today India's only customized lingerie brand: Necessity-SwatiGautam. In doing so she's reaching out to impoverished and marginalized women by equipping them with much needed skills and further more, by providing them employment too.

Building on her Indian heritage and Jesuit values, Swati is also a Governing Body member of Howrah South Point – an NGO led by Fr Francis Laborde - that has 9 centers and 8 schools that touch the lives of tens of thousands of children and adults who are in need of education, health facilities, disability support and much more. Having been a motivator who's used to public speaking, Swati hopes to channelise her oratory into lighting a little lamp at the WUJA World Congress at Medellin, for she believes that the mind is not a vessel to be filled but a fire to be kindled...

To register to the congress, click here

<http://wujacongress2013.com/en/inscripciones-en-linea>

To book your accommodation, click here

<http://wujacongress2013.com/en/hoteleria-y-turismo>

Hotels and the facilities we offer to Congress can be found on the website. We can accommodate the needs of everyone and we expect to join us in Congress in Medellin, with the guarantee that attending a major world event.

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Making of our future Alumni global citizens

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From July 29 through August 2, 2012, Boston was the theatre of an extraordinary event in the Jesuit-inspired community worldwide. For the first time in history delegates of Jesuit secondary schools gathered for the International Colloquium on Jesuit Secondary Education.

Masterly organized by a group of Alumni of Boston College High (BC High, the secondary school - www.bchigh.edu), but hosted by the Boston College (the university college - www.bc.edu) in its remarkable facilities, this event enjoyed a very professional communication, logistics and financing, under the expert lead of Dan Carmody, a young Alumnus of Boston College. The Colloquium was a four-day long event with a very successful balance of a dozen of keynote speeches and a real abundance of workshops (64 in total leaving many attendants with the frustration of not being able to attend more than... 4).

This profusion of new school projects, of innovative pedagogical initiatives, of best teaching practices, of reports of field experiences created in all participants a sense of pride, of exhilaration and of renewed commitment. By all standards, it was a meeting worth remembering, not only because of the numbers of delegates (700 out of which more than half were Jesuits!) and of schools represented (290 out of a total of 450 from 48 countries), but mainly because of the spirit that presided to this encounter.

Highlights were the speeches of Father Agbonkhianmeghe Orobator sj, provincial of the Eastern-Africa Province, whose speech had a title that already told volumes: 'The first time I went to school, there was no school'... His intervention, or better said his performance, included a beautiful African song which he psalmodized with much gusto. A standing ovation crowned his inspirational speech. As much was awaiting Father Patrick Huang sj, regional assistant for Asia-Pacific, who in his one and a half hour speech, through describing its current organization, captured the very essence of the Society of Jesus of today.

Actually, I went to Boston to represent WUJA on this world stage and I delivered my address in front of the full audience. People were interested but also baffled to learn that WUJA existed for more than 50 years. Most



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Vice-President WUJA

of them had never heard about it. Not surprisingly, the delegates of US schools were a bit sceptical about our capacity to penetrate the US schools which, as we all know, manage themselves their Alumni and would resist affiliating to a world body of Alumni that could represent some kind of competition for their Alumni's money...

I had the chance to meet with people of at least twenty different countries.

In all my conversations, I could feel a definite feeling of belonging surfacing, belonging to a worldwide body of Ignatian helpers aiming at creating a better world, but also to a worldwide network, without equivalent in the world, of schools inspired by Ignatian spirituality. As a



matter of fact, the theme of networking ran through a lot of speeches. Father Daniel Villanueva sj, assistant director of the Foundation Entreculturas – Fe y Alegria in Spain, made a forceful impression in summarizing all the technologies available to the Jesuit school network (and in fact already used in many cases) that erase the physical distance that had so far been an obstacle to communication. Father José Mesa sj, secretary of the Society for pre-secondary and secondary education, even concluded the Colloquium by coining this formula: ‘Isolated schools won’t survive’. Indeed, Jesuit schools may well enjoy a good reputation, if they cannot connect among themselves in a global world, they will miss one of the most important pieces of teaching they can offer to their students: the openness to embrace a multicultural world and the tools to become leaders in the transformation of that world.

On one of the evenings, an Alumnus of BC High, was celebrated for his generous offering of 3 millions US dollars to help establish a global secretariat in charge of organizing exchanges of pupils between Jesuit schools worldwide, but also twinning relationships or virtual classroom experiences.

The colloquium was concluded by the adoption of a ‘vision statement’ from which we extract a phrase that reads like a conclusion: ‘Our commitment to networking as a universal body, and our call to the frontiers, comes

from our awareness of the world and our desire to effectively help students face global challenges’

A new colloquium will be held in 2016 or 2017, in a place to be determined.



Jesuit Education – Our Commitment to Global Networking

Hereunder follow the resolutions of the international colloquium on Jesuit Secondary Education.

From July 29 through August 2, 2012, for the first time in the history of the Society of Jesus, with the encouragement of Father General and under the guidance of the International Commission on the Apostolate of Jesuit Education, the leaders of our secondary schools from around the world assembled in Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A. Their goal was to strengthen our global network by providing a venue to share ideas and resources and to discuss their strengths and challenges in the light of our Jesuit mission and identity as expressed in the documents from the Thirty-fifth General Congregation of the Society of Jesus.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the delegates are convinced that the new “signs of the times” warrant a change in our way of proceeding. This new way of proceeding includes on-going communication and collaboration through a continued development of our international network of schools. The goals of our collaboration will be to better serve the faith, justice, and care for the environment, to build bridges between youth and their faith communities, to develop stronger Jesuit/Ignatian Apostolic communities and to provide our students with opportunities for a truly global education.

Our international network of schools is uniquely suited to educate global citizens who will be able to participate in a globalization of solidarity, cooperation and reconciliation that fully respects human life and dignity and all of God’s creation. Our commitment to networking as a universal body and our call to the frontiers, comes from our awareness of the world and our desire to effectively help students face global challenges.

We are committed to:

1. Developing our truly unique global community and network. Our ability to respect and participate in our own situation and yet be mindful of our universal identity and mission as Jesuit schools, is one of our greatest resources and unparalleled in the world.
2. Working with our established local and regional networks. While remaining committed to our regional priorities, we will at the same time focus on the importance of nurturing global relationships within the Jesuit network and other networks of secondary schools.
3. Using technology as a way to create, develop and foster our global relationships. We recognize that the physical distance that has historically formed significant obstacles to our communication still exists, but that it should no longer prohibit global communication and collaboration. We will provide opportunities for our students and staff to experience the world from a vantage point made possible by the vast reach of our network.
4. Developing twinning relationships, service outreach programs, virtual classroom experiences, and more, to provide students with experiences that truly prepare them to become leaders in the transformation of the world.
5. Providing a safe educational environment based on respect and dignity. This environment, conducive to learning, growing and developing, will be free of all forms of abuse.



Derived from our commitments, we leave this meeting with the following suggested actions:

1. The momentum of the International Colloquium on Jesuit Secondary Education impels us to develop new and creative collaborative efforts amongst the global network of Jesuit secondary schools. These new efforts will fall under the leadership of the Secretariat of Secondary and Pre-Secondary Education and the International Commission on the Apostolate of Jesuit Education.
2. The Jesuit secondary schools represented at the ICJSE recognize the importance of assigning a member of its leadership team the responsibility of facilitating global collaboration and outreach to the global network. These representatives will work with already existing networks and structures to ensure that the efforts started at the ICJSE continue.
3. We recommend that the ICJSE newsletter and web-page continue as a forum for global communication, collaboration and networking. This newsletter will ensure that our global network has a specific avenue to regularly communicate, share network initiatives,

express desires for collaboration, and engage in conversation and share resources.

We recommend that this Colloquium experience should be continued in the future and that plans should be made for the next colloquium to take place in 2016 or 2017 at a time and place to be determined.

*The World
is our House*



Habemus Papam



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After his novitiate in Arlon (Belgium), he studied philosophy and sociology at Louvain (Belgium). In 1971, he left to India, studied the Bengali language (Calcutta) and theology (in Pune, near Mumbai). Ordinated in June 1976 (in the church of Collège Saint Michel), he returned to Calcutta where he was in charge of the 'Shanti Nir Youth Centre' for several years. This a centre for disadvantaged youth located in the southern outskirts of the city. At the same time, he was in charge of the education of young Jesuits in Calcutta. From 1997 to 2003 he was the Vice-Provincial of India in New Delhi. From 2003 to 2012, he was Assistant Commissioner for homes and international works of the Society of Jesus in Rome. He will soon join his new post in Kathmandu (Nepal) where he will again be involved in the education of Jesuit novices.

It was a surprise when from the loggia of St. Peter, Cardinal Tauran said '... Habemus Papam: Giorgium Marium Ecclesiae Sanctae cardinalem Bergoglio'.

It was an even greater surprise though, amongst the Jesuits.

There had been no indication whatsoever during the conclave and certainly not in the learned articles and expert comments that we read in the press or heard on television.

If the Jesuits, like others, expressed some preferences in private conversations, I do not remember having met any "tifoso" of Bergoglio ... Contrary to what some people think or write, the Jesuits do not rally behind one of theirs and do not act as a lobby at the Vatican! Moreover, the paradox is that never before, the Jesuits were so minimally represented in a conclave. Out of the two voting Jesuit cardinals, one, the Indonesian Cardinal Julius Darmaatmadja, was absent for health reasons and the second was no other than Jorge Mario Bergoglio, archbishop of Buenos Aires. And this only Jesuit present at the conclave was elected Pope ...

One can learn from looking back into the past: despite what is said and written about the 'power and influence' of the Jesuits in the Vatican, only two of them were ever



Three Popes

considered serious contenders to the seat of St. Peter: the (holy) Cardinal Robert Bellarmine, in the seventeenth century and, if the rumours are correct, Cardinal Carlo M. Martini, retired archbishop of Milan, in the conclave of 2005. Additionally, the return of a 'Religious' on the seat of St. Peter is also unexpected: the last pope coming from a religious order is a Benedictine, Gregory XVI, who was elected in 1831.

Sibi ... nomen imposuit Franciscum: the choice of this name is striking. It comes as a breath of Pentecost in the middle of Lent. Even more so, since this choice is followed by many signs, symbolic perhaps, but conducive to think. FRANÇOIS. One immediately thinks of the Poverello: Francis of Assisi is one of the most beloved saints amongst the Christians and far beyond the circles of the Catholic Church. He is the patron of Italy and is revered among the followers of other religions. It is not a coincidence that the two large religious meetings (under John Paul II and Benedict XVI) took place in Assisi. Some were surprised that no pope had ever chosen this name. In fact, the saint of Assisi is the first "François" in history. The young Bernardone, born during the absence

of his father, a wealthy cloth merchant, while travelling in France, received at baptism the name of Giovanni. After his return to Assisi and very satisfied with things he had done in France, enthusiastic Bernadone dad called his son Francesco (Small Frenchman). This name is relatively recent (thirteenth century) and Giovanni Bernardone is the first to be named Francis.

However, during his Jesuit training, Bergoglio was fed spiritually by another Francis. He knows well Francis Xavier, one of the closest companions of Ignatius of Loyola. It is difficult to figure out he did not think about it. Francis Xavier is THE missionary, the one who went to the borders of the Christian world of his time, to proclaim Christ. When Pope François invites the priests, as he did during the mass on March 28, to “go to the outskirts, to bring the Gospel to those who have nothing at all, where are evil, injustice, pain and ignorance”, it is the same missionary movement.

The borders of the Church and the outskirts of the Christian world do not pertain to the scope of geography. They relate to other realities, i.e. existential, cultural, socio-economical and religious realities where the values of the Gospel are insufficiently present.

One can think, for instance, about the prevailing indifference to religion, about deadly ideologies, about the growing marginalization of the weak and vulnerable and the challenge of interreligious dialogue.

It is not unreasonable to suggest that Cardinal Bergoglio accepted this election in a simple Ignatian way, that is to say, as a “mission” in the service of Christ and his Church, even if this mission, in his particular case, has an extraordinary and exceptional dimension.

When he made his final vows in 1973, the young Jesuit priest made a special commitment to obey the Pope “regarding the missions”. In the present circumstances, is it not the conclave that expresses the voice of the Church and assigns as a special mission to Cardinal Bergoglio, to govern the Church and to guide the ship of Peter? Hopefully Pope Francis, former master of the novices and Jesuit Provincial, is well aware of the Ignatian dimension of any religious government - what is called *cura personalis* - emphasizes the interpersonal dialogue and collegiality in the government of the Church. In this respect, the fact that he immediately preferred the title of Bishop of Rome to any other - and avoided that of Roman Pontiff - perhaps reveals something. The Pope is, above all, the successor of St. Peter as bishop of Rome. This title is meaningful and carries many hopes. The ecumenical dialogue might resume on new bases. The other Christian would more easily recognize the primacy of Peter's successor if the ensuing ministry of unity and

communion were exercised differently.

These are a few simple ideas and a lot of hopes as well ... They are raised in this Easter season, as we are getting closer to the celebration of Pentecost when Peter, the fisherman of Galilee, boldly addressed the people of Jerusalem and said, quoting the Scripture: “In those days I will pour out my Spirit upon all. Their sons and daughters will prophesy, young men shall have visions and old men make dreams “(Acts 2:17).

I no longer belong to the “young people”, I hope I am not yet an old man, but I am not prohibited from having visions and dreams.



Pope Francis greeting the Jesuit Superior General, Adolfo Nicolás, SJ, on Sunday at the Casa Santa Marta.

“At the personal invitation of the Pope Francis, I went to the Santa Marta House, which had been used for the Cardinals present at the Conclave, at 5:30 p.m. He was at the entrance and received me with the usual Jesuit embrace. We had a few pictures taken, at his request, and at my apologies for not keeping protocol he insisted that I treat him like any other Jesuit, at the ‘Tú’ level, so I did not have to worry about treatments, ‘Holiness’ or ‘Holy Father.’ I offered him all our Jesuit resources because in his new position he is going to need counsel, thinking, persons, etc. He showed gratitude for this and at the invitation to visit us for lunch at the Curia he said he would oblige.” said Father Adolfo Nicolás.



“Medical Practice with a Human Face”:

first training session for Alumni Area Medical professionals

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For a girl like me, who is entering the professional world and has now taken an active part in the complex and multifaceted reality of an hospital for a relatively short time, a meeting with professionals in the area, who have received the same training and who have now several years of experience behind them, could only be an occasion you cannot miss.

The first training session of the Jesuit alumni belonging to specific professional areas was held in Paris from June 29 to July 1. In this case, the medical area. The meeting was attended by about thirty alumni from all over Europe, mainly doctors.

The theme of the conference was “Medical Practice with a Human Face.”

The idea of this meeting was initiated by the European Confederation of Jesuit Alumni, at the invitation of Father General Adolfo Nicolas SJ, made at the last world meeting alumni, when he invited us to be men and women of depth, with the other and for the other.

For most alumni daily life revolves mainly around the family and professional life, and it is in these contexts that the invitation should materialize.

In Paris, the meeting was structured in a way that five teachers would introduce a topic and did their presentation followed by a discussion involving the whole group. The small number of participants allowed discussions during times of training and gave the chance to know each other and interact personally during social occasions.

The first to speak was Professor P. Andrea Vicini, SJ, a pediatrician and professor of moral theology at Boston College. P. Neighbours spoke mainly of the virtues of medicine, the importance of checklists to reduce medical errors and the promotion of justice at the global level, which led to a vigorous debate.

Prof. Jean-Louis Misset, an oncologist, then spoke. He raised the interesting question of the possibility to treat patients even when the Evidence Based Medicine - considered today to be the best model of care - did not anticipate. The rapporteur believes that such an approach



is widely accepted to hinder scientific progress and deny the patient the right to hope to be part of that small percentage of cases for which the drug is effective. All this, however, raises the vexed question of life-prolonging and the huge costs involved.

The economic aspects were dealt with by Prof. Carlo Fronticelli, surgeon, who has faced the difficult and extremely relevant issue of resource allocation in the health sector, turning the interest of all. In particular, he referred to the importance of optimizing the cost according to the criteria of equity, effectiveness, efficiency (and therefore cost-effectiveness ratios, cost-effectiveness and cost-utility) and appropriateness.

Fr. Patrick Langue SJ, Manager of the Centre Laennec, explained the aims and activities of this prestigious centre of which we were the guests. It is exclusively dedicated to students in medicine. Students, admitted in small numbers compared to the number of applications, are guided in their scientific training, as well as in their human and spiritual journey. Fr. Langue told us how he considers essential to complement the study of scientific

subjects with other activities such as the arts, theatre, painting and volunteering as well as personal confrontation with him when the student comes into direct contact with the reality of the hospital. I was personally impressed by the attention to the best possible scientific level, of course essential, combined with the focus on human formation and growth of the students, which in our universities is too often left on the sidelines. It would be desirable, dare I say exciting, to propose such a comprehensive approach in other universities.”

Prof. Stephan Claes, a psychiatrist, talked about new frontiers in this fascinating field of free will, in the light of recent neurobiological theories whereby every choice is actually dictated by the particular pattern of the neurotransmitters. I think I was the only one to appreciate this exciting report on particular issues frequently dealt with by the superficiality of scientific papers.

The speeches have addressed various topics of great interest, arousing the active participation of all.

The program also included a moment of silence in the chapel of the Centre Laennec, with a Eucharistic celebration officiated by Father Langue.

There were also very pleasant convivial moments. Every detail has been carefully organized and, not negligible, especially for us Italians, our meals were always excellent.

Special thanks go to Eric de Langsdorff, Former Student of S. Louis de Gonzague in Paris, who has actively participated in the development of the meeting and invited us to dinner at his beautiful family home.

Since our first meeting on Friday evening, you have created a very pleasant atmosphere of collaboration and desire to know one another. We felt almost at home, in confidence, thanks to a common feeling but it did not stop us from taking different positions during discussions and to differ on the basis of differing opinions, always with great respect.

It was also very pleasing to see how the difference in age was not a limiting factor to relationships but, on the contrary, one more opportunity of comparison, exchange and enrichment, especially for us young members of the group. I was pleasantly surprised to feel so united with people you've never seen before, in the first few minutes after we were introduced. This rarely happens in the daily life, and especially in the business world, often polluted by envy and excessive competition. So I think the turning specifically to a professional area has been a major strength of



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this project, making it possible to compare true and honest with the professionals of their field, who face similar challenges every day and often found the same difficulties. I think it was really a great idea to give the opportunity to understand how to practice each day, each in his own context, the invitation to be men and women of depth, with others and for others.

We are now all used - and forced-to make our daily lives a race against time: take three days to awaken our critical spirit, our ability to reflect more deeply on topics that are part of our everyday life, with other professionals, in a climate of openness and friendship, it was a gift.

“Many thanks to Chris Thürlimann Secretary ECJA and Frank Judo President ECJA who have been so much involved in the success of this great initiative.”

The experiment was a complete success:
see you next year!

**2nd Event for alumni/ae working in medical fields :
in Paris, 26-28 April 2013.**



News from Nepal

By Fr. Bill Robins S.J., Socius, Nepal

Dear Friends:

We rejoice in our faith that God is always with us, as we again prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth. I recently hiked to the top of Pulchowki, the highest point on our valley's rim. A shrine to Shiva marks the summit. Shiva, for me, is simply another name for our ever-present God.

This year has brought a few minor changes.

I have moved to a new residence, Kamal Niwas, along with Fr. Casper, J. Miller and Fr. James P.A. The three of us care for several young men who are "pre-novices." They are spending a year with us as they and we consider their future as possible Jesuits in Nepal. Nine men joined us in July. It was clear for four of them that ours was not the life they wished for. The others joined me on this hike. Fr. James P.A. takes care of the pre-novices. Cap Miller and I help with English teaching and we have a good teacher to guide their Nepali studies.

Fr. Cap Miller is the Dean of our "Collegians Program." These fourteen young Jesuits have completed their noviciate spiritual training and pronounced their first vows. They are all studying at St. Xavier's College. Five of the men are from Bangladesh and will return there after college studies. The other nine, all from India, have devoted their lives to Nepal.

The Nepal Jesuits continue their service in the fields of education, social service and pastoral care. This year we have begun a school at Sadakbari, a village in Jhapa District, close to the border with the Indian state of Bihar. Our largest concentration of Catholics is there.

Fr. Boniface, our Regional Jesuit Superior visits the school's first class of students. Classes use the village church for now. We have bought land and are busy fencing it, and preparing to build temporary classrooms. We hope the school will grow to become a high school for our Catholics in the area. These people are mostly farmers. Some have land of their own. Many farm others' land, share the costs and profits with the land owners.

Fr. Ignatius Hemrom and Br. B. Rajashekar are taking care of the school and living in rented quarters in the village. They provide pastoral as well as educational services to our parishioners.

Our Tipling mission, to the north west of Kathmandu, continues to thrive. Thanks to Fr. Jiju, Fr. Jomon, and Br. Ayar, the local school results greatly improved. The parish youth continue to be active. In October they joined a national Catholic Youth Camp in Pokhara, where they showed great talent and proved to be responsible young adults. Fr. Arul Selvam has now replaced Br. Ayar. The parish primary school boys are presently taking part in the Moran Memorial "Under Five Foot" football tournament at St. Xavier's Godavari. These little fellows have a tiny practice field in their village, but are strong and athletic, so can stand up to, and certainly outlast, our local players.

Please pray for these young men and for us who are helping them become good Jesuits, who will devote their lives to the people of Nepal.

Our five pre-novices surround me. The men on the left, Tarcus and Francis, are from our parish in Jhapa District, Nepal's south-eastern corner. Boney and Augustine are top center and right. Both are from the south western India, the state of Kerala. Naven, to the right of me, comes from the central Indian state of Chhatishgarh.

You can count on my prayers, and those of all the Nepal Jesuits, that God will bless you and your families at Christmas time and throughout the year. We pray especially that you will experience Emmanuel, God with Us, who guides us through life.



Sadakbari students cool off at the well. Donors provided funds for the drilling of a dozen similar wells around Jhapa District's St. Xavier's Parish



Busy with lessons in the Tipling school



In our Tipling chapel, Fr. Arul leads the singing while Fr. Jomon accompanies him on the guitar



Our first year college Jesuits from the top, left to right: Albester, David, Antony, Akhlesh, Sunny, Martin, Paleshwar, Devadhas, Jeffry, Anup, and Ashish

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The first ever crib set from India for the International Nativity Museum of Bethlehem

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The first ever crib set from India for the International Nativity Museum of Bethlehem, designed by artists of Kolkata based organization Church-Art, would be the latest addition of the crib set was unveiled here today by Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal, Mamata Bannerjee, at the St Xavier's campus in the presence of Father J.Felix raj, SJ, Principal of St. Xavier's College and other dignitaries.

"It is a matter of great honour and prestige that artists from Kolkata-based organization, Church Art, got to design and present the crib set to the International Nativity Museum of Bethlehem, said father J.Felix Raj.

"The India setting of the crib is a welcome step to express that Christ transcends all cultures, and belongs to the whole world. Jesus belongs to India and to the people of this great land too as the crib rightly depicts. The crib is a tribute to all those who have to incarnate Christ's message in our land." Said Dr. George Plathottam, Secretary, Office of Social Communications, Catholic Bishops Conference of India.

"The Indian crib consists of 12 figurines of various proportions and characters. Some of them are of two feet in height and include humans, animal, bamboo huts with mud walls etc. these figures blend in intricately to enact a native Indian village scene. Three kings and three shepherds depict the mosaic of India cultures. Our Lady and St Joseph are dressed in typical Indian outfits-dhoti and sari. The chubby baby Jesus is wrapped in a white vest. Of the two animals placed on either side of the crib, one is a camel from Rajasthan and the other is a cow from north India.

"We have been trying to have an Indian crib set for quite some time. We are very happy to host one now," said artistic director of the International Nativity Museum, Elisa Nucci, in a message. "The dimension of our standard museum display is 88cm high, 44cm wide and 104cm long," said the Museum Director Salesman Fr Mario Murru.



Mr Ganguly has been in contact with the Museum authorities for the past one year planning the project. The crib set is made of fiberglass and requires a display area of 24sq. ft (6 feet by 4 feet).

The much-visited Museum in Bethlehem is located in an 18th Century building which once served as the Salesman provincial house and an orphanage. The museum was started in 1999. The International Nativity Museum of the Salesman at Bethlehem has been appreciated and promoted by the UNESCO, and has been sustained by the Palestinian National Authority and the Italian government. The Museum is visited by pilgrims from across the world.



Exchange of students between Burundi and India – testimonials

One of the resolutions of the 7th Congress of the World Union of Jesuit Alumni/ae in Bujumbura / Burundi, in July 2009 was to initiate exchange of students between Jesuit institutions, in particular in the Southern hemisphere. The alumni associations of Burundi and of India immediately developed an exchange program. This illustrates the type of synergies that can be implemented between Jesuit institutions with the intermediation and efficient assistance of the alumni/ae associations. One can easily figure out how much the students themselves and their respective countries will leverage on these exchanges. This is an example of concrete, efficient and useful cooperation between alumni associations at international level. Three testimonials are being presented to you hereunder. (M. Jadot)

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My name is Agathe Hatungimana.

I am from Bujumbura, Burundi. I am a student of St Joseph's College, Darjeeling, India in Computer Application Department (BCA). I had a pretty nice and challenging experience. I struggled a lot but as it is said if u will sow crying then obviously u will reap happily. It was not easy to study as I came from a French background, but still by the God's grace and hard work I made it possible. So I didn't lose my hope still I practiced and got success in every university exams.

I have learned about the basic programming language C which was not at all easy to understand but with the time (in my second year) i did lots of hard work to learn the programming languages. Subjects such as data structures, microprocessor, Java, Visual Basic, Data communication and networking, Software engineering, DBMS, Oracle, SQL. And now i am planning to develop a software on Pharmaceutical Stock Management system that will be submitted as my final 6th semester project with Visual basic 6.0 as front end and back end as Microsoft Access.

Although in the 1st semester I was unable to understand very well the programming languages but still my teachers helped me a lot with my studies, they use to answer all my silly questions in polite language with patience, I thank them very much.

The course I choose is very interesting, as today's world is totally informatic, robotic and gadgetry world and to implement all those gadgets the market now requires a software developer and i guess now this college helped me a lot to implement all of my studies and that will help me to develop a new software in future.

With a bachelor degree, it is not possible to get a good job in my country; that is the reason why i would like to go for further studies i.e. Masters. My future vision is to become a database manager (administrator) or IT agent in any IT field company.



I am thankful to JAAI (Federation of Jesuit Alumni/ae Associations of India) and in particular Mr. Naresh Gupta – President for assisting in getting admission and also for scholarship.

Thank you



I am Sonia Hakizimana, I am from Bujumbura, Burundi. I am student in Bachelor of Computer Applications (Vth Semester) at St Joseph's College Darjeeling.

We've learned about Programming languages, Micro-processors, System Design and Analysis, Mathematics and many other subjects so that we may be able to write applications that are usable in day to day life. For example, for my last semester project, I'm planning to work on project about Patient Information Management System.

I have chosen Computer Applications because I want to build my career in Information Technology field since it is the fastest growing industry in today's world.

To achieve this ambition, I need to upgrade my knowledge because the market is very competitive and a bachelor degree does not give many job opportunities.

For this reason, after my graduation, I need to continue with Master Degree in Software and if possible, I would like to go for training in an IT company.

Finally, I will go back to my country, with enough knowledge and eligible to most of IT related jobs that are available such as Database Administrator or programmer in an organization, teacher in a college and others.

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My name is Lina-Olivia, I am from Bujumbura, Burundi. I am a student of St Joseph's College, Darjeeling, India, in BBA 4th Semester.

Our main subjects are: Account, Business & Company, Law, Human Resources, Marketing, Financial management, Entrepreneurship.

As well as the use of technology in Business today and in this subject we learn how to use Tally software and how to make presentations etc.

I have chosen BBA because I have been always interested to do business. And in today's world people are most attracted by Business.

From my experiences, BBA gave me an opportunity to stand in front of the people and talk freely without being scared and convince them by sharing with them my topic.

Our college used to organize some Management Tour where we visit some factories. In our Tour we got a chance to visit Zydus which produce pharmaceutical products and Wai-Wai factory, these two factories are in Sikkim.

We also have a Management Club, which is composed by BBA students; this club organizes inter departmental competition, big Events.

The most popular Event is JMC which signifies Joseph Management Convent where we invite other Colleges to compete through games for getting the first place. In this Event we learn many things and develop our skills, our way of communication, we also get a chance of exchanging ideas as well as knowledge, as they learn from us we also learn from them.

After completing my Bachelor I really want to go for further studies like Master in Business Administration and at the same time if possible to get some training which will make me eligible to afford the corporate world and get nice and suitable placement in my country.

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The Council of the World Union (WUJA)

By **François-Xavier Camenen**

General Secretary of the World Union

The Council of the World Union is the executive body of the Union.

The General Assembly is the supreme body that represents all the member associations and decides on their behalf. The General Assembly makes the major decisions including the election of the members of the Council and their positions (president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer). The General Assembly also votes on resolutions and decides where the Congress will be held. The General Assembly meets once every four years, on the occasion of the Congress.

Between the congresses, the Council, elected by the General Assembly, makes the decisions pertaining to the Union's action (upon the proposal of the President).

In particular, it approves the budget and annual accounts, it decides about the actions to pursue, about the collection of the contributions, the implementation of the resolutions adopted at the Congress, the communication (newsletter & website), the preparation of the next Congress.

The Council consists of officers (president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer) and thirteen representatives of major regions of the world as follows:

- two each for Africa, South Asia, Europe, Latin America and North America
- one each for the Middle East, East Asia and Oceania

It is assisted by the Jesuit Counsellor (appointed by the Father Superior) who is there to notify the World Union priorities of the Society of Jesus and in turn inform the Society of concerns and actions of the World Union.

Associated to the Council are former presidents of the World Union, as honorary members, officials of the association Pedro Arrupe and delegates of the "Youth Wing" representing the younger generation involved in the activity of the Union.

The current composition of the Council is as follows:

- **President:**
Tom BAUSCH (USA)
- **Vice President:**
Alain DENEEF (Belgium)
- **Secretary:**
François-Xavier CAMENEN (France)
- **Treasurer:**

Ronald D'COSTA (India)

- **Jesuit Counsellor:**

Father Bill CURRIE (United States, residing in Japan)

- **Representatives of Africa:**

Grégoire BANYIYEZAKO (Burundi),
Sina BURAIMOH-ADEMUYEWO (Nigeria)

- **Representative of East Asia:**

Peter WONG (China)

- **Representatives of Europe:**

Frank JUDO (Belgium),
Eric de LANGSDORFF (France)

- **Representatives of Latin America:**

Pedro Pablo DIAZ (Chile),
Silvio PIZA (Brazil)

- **Representatives of South Asia:**

Sunil Kumar GOEL (India),
Pramod Kumar MATHUR (India)

- **Representative of the Middle East:**

Nagy KHOURY (Lebanon)

- **Representatives of North America:**

Melissa COLLINS Di LEONARDO (USA), Frank BRADY (USA)

- **Representative of Oceania:**

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“Mapping” of the Province of France

of the Society of Jesus and Alumni its educational institutions

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The Province of France

1. Yesterday:

One could almost say that the Society of Jesus was already in France, “in embryo” before its official birth, when “the first six companions” led by Ignace, then all students at the University in Paris, came on August 15, 1534, from the « Quartier Latin » where they studied, to the hill of Montmartre¹: there, in a chapel dedicated to the first bishop of Paris, Saint Denis², they met and took upon themselves the solemn vows of their lifelong work, during a Mass celebrated by Pierre Favre, the only priest amongst them.

2. Today:

478 years after this event and after some political hurdles in the 18th century³ and in the early 20th century⁴, the Society of Jesus is still there. Back in France, in the realm of the “Sacred Union” of the First World War, 650 Jesuits returned from exile. Many enrolled in the Army and 163 lost their lives. The Province of France was legally recognized in 2001 by an official decree: today it includes the “Hexagon”, Greece, North Africa, Mauritius and Reunion. It is associated with other Western European provinces i.e. North & South Belgium, Great Britain, the Netherlands, Ireland and Malta, as well as English & French Canada and the Middle East. It is also part of the Conference of European Provincials⁵.

This “Apostolic space” is, in many respects, European “because, as stated by a former Provincial, to think and act as apostolic Europeans is not a choice that would more or less ensue from options or beliefs: it is a necessity if we want to meet, as European Jesuits, issues faced by a fragile and uncertain Europe, present in the world and in the Church, confronted with expectations and hopes commensurate to its history.”

The Jesuits of the Province of France⁶ work in increasingly diversified apostolates.

Firstly, the educational apostolate: 15 schools (Amiens, Avignon, Bordeaux, Le Mans, Lyon, Marseille, Paris, Reims, Saint-Chamond, Saint-Etienne, Toulouse and Versailles) whose leaders joined, since 2008, in a national association, Association Ignatius Loyola- Education. Reporting to a Jesuit national team, the manager, now a full-time secular employee is appointed by the Provincial. Training in Ignatian pedagogy (for the staff of these institutions) is, in turn, provided by a specialized organization, the Ignatian Centre for Educational Studies. The Jesuits are also present in higher education: in addition to St. Genevieve High School (Versailles), on 3 French sites (Lille, Nantes and Toulouse), at the Institut Catholique des Arts et Métiers (ICAM) for engineers and soon, after its international development in Africa, India and Poland, a fourth site will open in the Paris area (Paris-Sénart). The Jesuits are also present in the School of Engineering Purpan (Toulouse) for executives and managers. Finally, they are present as chaplains in a number of high schools (Ecole Centrale, Ecole Polytechnique, HEC, ESSEC, Institut d’Etudes Politiques ...). A support centre for students of the University of Paris 8 – was created: it represents 27,000 students of which 27% are foreigners and 50% of are French nationals with a foreign origin - the CISED.

The Province also organized another network, the Loyola Training network, that consolidates four vocational training centres, three schools, networks of associations supporting the education of underprivileged youth, Youth Education Associations and associations to support parents and young people. They are also present in various apostolic movements amongst young people, Eucharistic Youth Movement, the Ignatian Youth Network, that, amongst others, take part in Sunday liturgical celebrations mainly for young people, “the Mass takes its time “... Jesuits also work in centres to complement the human and spiritual training of students in medicine and / or pharmacy such as in the Centre Laennec - Paris, the House of Catholic Students - Lyon, the Medical Cultural

¹ north of Paris

² martyred by the Roman occupiers in the 3rd century AD

³ the ban of the Jesuits from France in 1764 and the suppression of the Society of Jesus by Pope Clement XIV in 1773

⁴ almost forced out of France following the anti-congregational laws of 1901 and 1904, in particular to control the influence of religious teachers on the French youth

⁵ One of the six Regional Conferences of Major Superiors in the Society

⁶ now 485 in addition to 74 French Jesuits serving in other provinces and 69 foreign students in France

Centre Augustin Fabre (Marseille). Finally, the Province runs a volunteer service, Youth Volunteers International, that hosts students and young professionals from abroad for periods of 4 months to 2 years, under the auspices of the Catholic Delegation for Cooperation: their mission is to serve the poor in Africa, Latin America, Asia, the Middle East, mission during which they may receive spiritual guidance provided by Jesuits ...

The Province is quite happy with this **educational apostolate** focused on the youth, thanks to which it gained the reputation of "expert" in human and spiritual education! The Province now wishes to assume this mission and to share it with lay associates (including alumni) and with other congregations, male or female.

This ministry is not the only one to absorb the resources of the Province of France that does not renew itself fast enough, as is the case in other countries, in view of the high demand for educational services from the Society by the Church of France and other countries.

Number of Jesuits are also engaged in the **intellectual apostolate**. The dialogue with the society (Faith and Reason) takes place in a context of technological developments, globalization, Internet and web applications. This apostolate covers various fields including culture, philosophy, ethics, society and of course, theology. It is implemented through magazines and publications such as *Etudes / Studies (Culture)*, *Christus (Ignatian spirituality)*, *Croire aujourd'hui / Believe Today* (for the general public), all three published in partnership with Bayard Presse group

Following the decisions of the recent General Congregations, the social apostolate has also developed through Ceras (Centre for Research and Social Action, in Saint Denis) and its publication, *Project Magazine*. A recent initiative of the Jesuit Service to the Refugees-France, is called *Welcome*. It aims at finding families or communities that welcome refugees, providing an ecclesial presence and mutual aid. This is increasingly necessary as more people from numerous countries seek asylum or protection or just work in our developed countries of Europe and peace in Africa.

The Abidjan based Cerap (Centre for Research and Action for Peace) added to its two existing departments (a documentation center and a social welfare service in urban areas) two new departments: Cerap publishing who

publishes monthly *Débats-Courrier d'Afrique de l'Ouest* and the Institute for the dignity and human rights, recognized private institution of higher education that has also trained postgraduate students, meeting "the needs of education and research, while maintaining strong Ignatian values. "

The **spiritual apostolate** is also a major priority amongst the activities of the Jesuits in France: between 500 and 600 people, men and women, lay and religious, are engaged alongside the Jesuits, in 14 Spiritual centres.

The Apostleship of Prayer is a mission entrusted to the Society of Jesus by the Pope. It has been recognized by the Church since 1849 and it now operates in 71 countries, in support of the so-called "new evangelization". It encompasses the services to parishes (as priests), the Jesuit presence in popular environment (where they participate to local community life), or with prisoners. Let us also mention spiritual movements such as the Christian Life Community (CLC), the Movement of Christian leaders and managers (MCC).

The list of "missions" is far from being comprehensive. There are also amongst the Jesuits of the Province individual personalities and talents as artists, poets, scientists, researchers, jurists, writers, specialists in liturgy or even seafaring.

The above list continues to expand over the years in places where the Jesuit presence is required and desired. The last General Congregation confirmed the orientation towards these new "borders", including the inter-religious dialogue, the presence amongst young or vulnerable people caught by poverty, lack of parental support or integration problems.

The dialogue is sometimes difficult in the new global society shaped by images transmitted in real time and by free and instant communication enabled by the Internet and its various applications. The province quickly adapted to these new and continuously developing tools, so essential today: the Province has a site (www.jesuites.com), a Facebook page, a tweeter account, the site "Our Lady of the Web", first French Ignatian spiritual centre on the internet, as well as applications for the new phones that "look more and more like computers,". It is "a whole new world that emerges before our eyes and develops, while no one can predict whether it is taking sustainable course."

The Alumni

The alumni have their own associative structures: at local level, Jesuit schools have their Alumni Associations⁷, to which one should add the alumni associations of institutions that are no longer managed by the Province or that were closed⁸ and the High Schools⁹. They are all gathered in a National Federation, the French Federation of Alumni and Friends of Jesuit schools that has, since its inception, been an active member of the European Confederation and the World Union of Jesuit Alumni. It also hosts the Association of Alumni of Our Lady of Jamhour (Beirut Lebanon) living in France and in Europe. It is also a member of the French Confederation of Alumni and Friends of Catholic Education. The French Federation is currently seeking to connect these local associations with each other and through them, their members, using for this purpose the communication of today, Internet, to maintain the ties of friendship, to communicate about its activities or those of the various member associations, to exchange ideas and best practices about associative governance, to share plans, common concerns, to pool resources, to collaborate on initiatives, to provide information on the European congress and the world (including the Congress)

At the same time it contributes to serving the various above-mentioned ministries of the Province of France and, of course, that of the educational apostolate of the province, thereby participating to the implementation of the educational Ignatian project, updated in 2010 in the Association Ignatius Education Loyola. The President of the Federation is a member of the Law Association and has explicitly been invited by the Province of France, to be part of the "Ignatian Family" that is gradually shaping up in France and in the Church. National gatherings at Lourdes in particular have contributed to making it more visible, in recent years.

They share the same mission and cooperate to the above ministries, in their diversity and in their own way, "for the greater glory of God" (AMDG).

⁷ north Amiens, Avignon, Bordeaux, Le Mans, Lyon, Marseille, Paris, Reims, Saint-Etienne, Toulouse, Versailles

⁸ Nantes, Lille, Metz, Sarlat, Vannes

⁹ Icam Engineers Association, Association of Engineers Purpan

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