



Mission & Ministry Newsletter

Seattle University
Fall Quarter 2011

Greetings:

Students have finished fall quarter. Grades *should* be in by now. Loose ends from the past and preparing for Christmas occupy most of us. Christians celebrate Advent until December 25, then welcome the Infant, Emmanuel—God with us. Hanukkah this year takes place from December 21-28. The month of December also includes Ashura, the Islamic recognition of the Creation; Bodhi day, and the Buddhist celebration of Prince Gautama.

At the heart of the Christian season of Advent—I think it is in all religious traditions—is the longing for peace. Not just the cessation of war and violence, but something that penetrates to the depth of each one and embraces all of us. Cessation of war would be wonderful, but there is something more. C.S. Lewis, author of the *Chronicles of Narnia* and other wonderful works of imagination and theology, called this longing “joy.”



Stephen Holl, designer of SU's Chapel of St Ignatius, has just been named the 2012 AIA Gold Medal Winner. For more information, [click here](#).

In his autobiography, *Surprised by Joy*, Lewis describes three experiences, insignificant in themselves, that occasioned a transitory sense of longing for something he could not name. He calls them “the central story” of his life. Then he underlines “the quality common to all three experiences; it is that of an unsatisfied desire which is in itself more desirable than any other satisfaction.”

Call it joy, call it peace, call it ultimate fulfillment—we all desire it. But our desire gets buried by preoccupations, obsessions, addictions, and worries. We need some time to “chill out,” reflect, let down our guard, become vulnerable. 20 SU students and their directors took the five days after exam week for a silent retreat at the Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at Palisades in Federal Way—sans cell phones. Silence is the trick, inner and outer silence. I hope that the coming days of vacation will offer some time for quiet reflection, time to unveil the inner longing at the heart of each of us.

Read through the Newsletter, focus on what most interests you, let us know your responses. May these coming weeks be full of blessing from the One Who Comes.

[Peter B. Ely, S.J.](#)

Vice President for Mission and Ministry

Save The Date

January 17th, 2012: Robert Putnam, Ph.D.

"American Grace: How Religion Divides and Unites Us"

May 8th, 2012: Peter Steinfels, Ph.D.

"Catholicism and Politics: Secularization and Secularism"

<http://www.seattleu.edu/missionministry/chl/>



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Mission & Ministry Division Updates

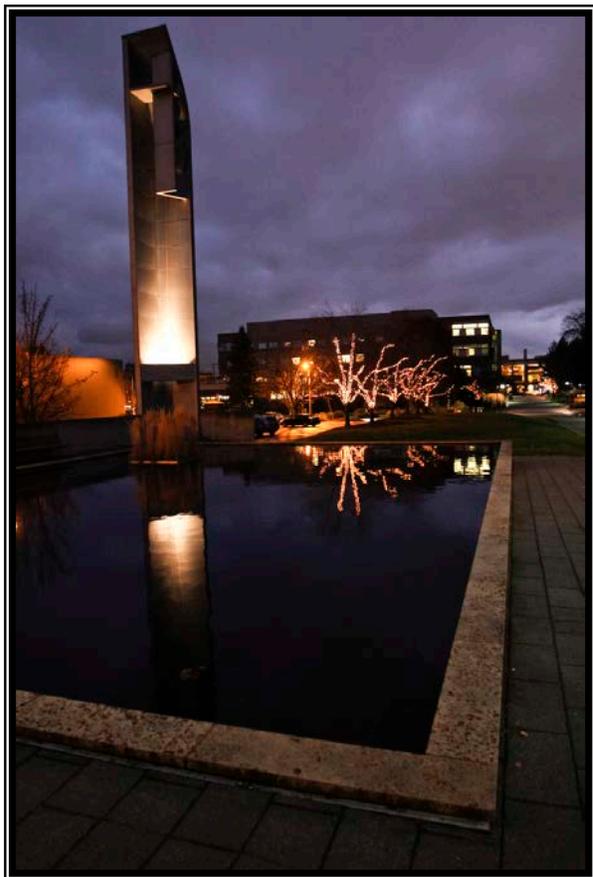


Photo taken by SU Photographer Joe Dyer
2011 Alumni Advent Mass

Campus Ministry

Seattle University will be one of at least 300 colleges and universities across the United States participating in *The President's Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge* in the 2011-2012 academic year. (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/ofbnp/interfaithservice>) With Campus Ministry leading the charge, S.U. will design a year-long project or projects for students of all faith backgrounds to work together in our community and to reflect on that service in the context of faith. The timing is perfect because with the Seattle University Youth Initiative kicking into high gear this fall, the plan will certainly involve outreach to the youth in our neighborhood.

There is already a good amount of grassroots support from students of a variety of faith backgrounds, S.U. staff and faculty, as well as from several community partners. Additionally, we will have a Student Development Administration intern who will be the coordinator for the Campus Challenge with the oversight of Erin Beary Andersen (Associate Director and Multifaith Minister, Campus Ministry) and partnership of the Multifaith Student Campus Ministers, Ray Kaffer and Carissa Perkins. Fr. Steve Sundborg and Fr. Peter Ely are hoping that we will be judged as one of the top universities completing the challenge so that S.U. will be invited to the White House to celebrate!

For more information on Campus Ministry programs and events please click [here](#).

Don't forget to visit
[All Things Jesuit](#) on [The Commons](#)



Magis: Alumni Committed for Mission

This fall, Magis kicked off its newest of service and community engagement opportunities for Jesuit-educated alumni in the Puget Sound region. In partnership with the [Seattle University Youth Initiative](#), Magis has begun to offer **Service Saturdays** at [St. Mary's Food Bank](#) in Seattle's Central District as a monthly opportunity where a group of ten Jesuit-educated alumni can serve the community together. Tasks include assisting with food distribution, checking-in clients, and sorting food items. Also, volunteers are invited to participate in a short reflection following service. St. Mary's Food Bank provides families and individuals who are struggling with hunger with nutritious food through a variety of services, including the Walk-in Program, where over 6,700 people receive groceries each month. The Magis staff is really excited to see this offering grow into more service opportunities for alumni who are looking to form community and serve together.

In addition to *Service Saturdays*, Magis is looking forward to the first ever **National Jesuit Alumni Day of Service**, which will be held on April 21, 2012. In partnership with Seattle University Alumni Relations, Magis will be sponsoring a day of service at a variety of locations throughout the Seattle area. Several Jesuit universities across the U.S. will also be coordinating similar days of service during the month of April. **Don't forget to save the date!** If you are a Jesuit-educated alumnus/na, we invite you to sign up for one of these great opportunities. For more information, please contact Magis Assistant Director [Maria Ochoa](#).

For more information on Magis: Alumni Committed for Mission programs and events please click [here](#).

Office of Jesuit Mission and Identity

As a pilot program during fall quarter, the Office of Jesuit Mission and Identity has partnered with the Center for Service and Community Engagement and Enrollment Services to connect Seattle University staff with a service opportunity through the Seattle University Youth Initiative. The program, called Staff Serving Youth, recruited six SU staff to facilitate “literature circles” for the fifth graders at Bailey Gatzert Elementary School. The six literature circles (or book clubs) met 4 times over the course of the quarter and each group read a different book, based on the students’ reading abilities. The staff facilitators were able to utilize their community service leave benefit and also participated in a group reflection at the conclusion of their service, which utilized the Ignatian Examen as a tool for reflection on their experience.

For more information on the Office of Jesuit Identity programs and events please click [here](#).



Comings and Goings

Mission and Ministry said farewell to Tom Norwood and G DeCastro, and welcomed Liz Coz and Matthew Pycr, SJ.

Liz Coz recently joined Magis as the Program Assistant. Originally from Cincinnati, Ohio Liz graduated from Saint Louis University with a BA in Communication and minors in French, Theology and Marketing. Liz served as a Jesuit Volunteer in Seattle from 2008-2010 and worked as the Volunteer Coordinator at Recovery Café, where she stayed on as the Communications, Donor and Special Events Coordinator through mid-October 2011. Formerly on the Magis Advisory Board, she is excited to be now working for Magis and intends on starting the Masters in Public Administration program at Seattle U in the fall 2012. Liz is also the Residential Minister in Chardin Hall, and enjoys yoga, getting into the mountains, live local music, and the Seattle Public Library system.



Matthew Pycr, SJ, joined Campus Ministry in the Fall 2011. Serving as a Jesuit regent in social justice ministries, Matthew also recently finished a Master of Theology and Licentiate in Sacred Theology at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University in Berkeley. His thesis research was on the transformation process in Immersion programs. While at The Jesuit School of Theology he lived in Cali, Colombia for a year. Matthew enjoys traveling, biking, spinning classes, reading, movies, cooking, boating, coffee shops, and has a budding interest in photography.

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G De Castro, Assistant Director and Campus Minister for Liturgy, has left Seattle University to pursue other opportunities. G arrived at Seattle University 13 years ago, first taking a position in Financial Services. Soon thereafter, G moved over to Campus Ministry to serve in the area of liturgy. In 2008, while Resident Minister in Xavier Global House, G was promoted to the position of Assistant Director as he continued his work as Campus Minister for Liturgy.

We are grateful for G's generous and compassionate pastoral ministry to our students. We are also grateful for his many gifts and talents that enriched and enlivened the prayer and worship life of our community, whether at the 9 p.m. student mass, the Mass of Holy Spirit or the special liturgies he created in response to the very critical times in the life of our students, faculty, staff and alumni.



Tom Norwood left the position of Assistant Director for Magis in August 2011. He was recruited to work at Born to Run, a new chain of minimalist shoe stores that seeks to spread the joy of natural movement by educating others on the benefits of barefoot/minimalist running. Tom shared that "it may seem strange to be transitioning from Mission and Ministry to a job in the retail industry, but this position at Born to Run actually brings together many of my passions." We hear from Tom that he loves his new work, and we are grateful that he has stayed involved in helping to guide Magis' *Contemplative Leaders in Action* (CLIA) program by serving on the CLIA Advisory Team.

Upcoming Events:

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<u>December 17th</u>	Service Saturdays	9:30am-1:45pm, St. Mary's Food Bank
<u>January 19th</u>	Spirituality on Tap	7:00pm-9:00pm, Student Center 160
<u>January 28th</u>	Service Saturdays	9:30am-1:45pm, St. Mary's Food Bank
<u>January 31st</u>	Magis 5 Year Party	6:30pm-8:30pm, Student Center 160
<u>February 25th</u>	Service Saturdays	9:30am-1:45pm, St. Mary's Food Bank
<u>February 28th</u>	Magis Conversation Circle:	6:30pm-8:30pm, Boeing Room, Library
<u>March 17th</u>	Justice Education Forum Teach-In	9:00am-4:00pm, Student Center
<u>March 24th</u>	Alumni Day of Prayer	9:00am-4:00pm, Chapel of St. Ignatius
<u>March 24th</u>	Service Saturdays	9:30am-1:45pm, St. Mary's Food Bank

Visit the [Magis Website](#) for up-to-date information.



Magis extends a special invitation to our colleagues in Mission and Ministry to join us for monthly **Magis Mixers, every 2nd Thursday of the month from 4:30-6pm at Poquitos on Pike**. Join our staff for happy hour, learn about our programs, and meet Magis participants. Magis provides some light appetizers for everyone and happy hour prices are available until 5 p.m. Be sure to invite your Jesuit-educated alumni friends and family!

MAGIS MIXERS



CAMPUS MINISTRY

Liturgy

Jan 22nd: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Sunday Celebration at 11am and 9pm Masses with ELCA Deacon Jan Cherry of STM to preach with Fr. Natch Ohno, SJ Presiding.

February 22nd: Ash Wednesday in the Chapel of St. Ignatius. Masses with ashes are at 7am (Fr. Tom Murphy, SJ presiding), 12:30pm (Fr. Eric Watson, SJ presiding) and 7:30pm (Fr. Eric Watson, SJ presiding), with an ecumenical service of the Word with Ashes at 4:30pm (Deacon Jan Cherry, ELCA, STM, presiding)

Social Justice

Feb 22nd: Movies with Meanings: *The Last Mountain*, Wykoff Auditorium 7 PM. The film explores the United State's struggle to balance its energy needs with environmental concerns and the people who are caught in the middle. Student speakers from Campus Ministry's Appalachia Immersion will serve as panelist and direct a conversation after the film. For more information please contact brays@seattleu.edu

Crossing Borders Faith and Justice Cohort. A cohort of 8 students will journey together on Tuesday nights exploring migration, theology and the human journey. For more information please contact brays@seattleu.edu or bradys@seattleu.edu

Ecumenical and Multifatih

Jan 26th: Interfaith Prayer for Peace, Thursday at 12:30pm, welcoming religious leaders and students from many faiths to share in a prayer service for peace. All are welcome.

Feb 16th: (date tentative & location TBD) Annual Interfaith & Interdisciplinary panel on sexuality and spirituality

Retreats

Jan 13th-16th: 3-day Ignatian Silent retreat

Visit [Campus Ministry](#) online for more information

Samplings of Upcoming Programs offered by Seattle University partner: THE IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY CENTER

SEYA: Our Own Sacred Stories

Thursday, December 15, 2011 | 7:00 – 9:00 pm | Q Cafe (3223 15th Ave W, Seattle)
Jeanne Raymond, facilitating

Discernment in Daily Life Series

6 Thursday weekly gatherings | January 26 – March 1, 2012 | 6:30 – 9:00 pm | St. Joseph Parish Center
Fr. Mike Bayard and Marilyn Nash, facilitating

Praying the Gospel of John: An Ignatian Approach to Contemplative Prayer

14 Monday weekly gatherings | February 6 – May 7, 2012 | 6:45 – 8:30 pm | St. Joseph Parish Center
Rosanne Michaels and Steve Wodzanowski, facilitating

For more information about these and many more programs & events, please visit www.ignatiancenter.org

