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**GNATIAN FAMILY** 

## 2012 - 2013 **ANNUAL REPORT**



## THERE IS AN ENERGY I feel from Ignatian Solidarity Network that impels me forward in my own work. Thank you for broadening ISN's reach and helping connect all of us in the Jesuit network. Greg Carpinello, Director of Dorothy Day Center for Faith & Justice, Xavier University

Christopher Kerr talks with students from Fairfield University / Fairfield University

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

What a year for the Ignatian family! Our sense of "network" grew in so many ways - most notably through the efforts of hundreds of advocates who took part in Ignatian Family Advocacy Month in February 2013. Many new leaders were also formed during Arrupe Leaders Summits in California and Maryland. More than 100 students and faculty from fifteen different schools explored what leadership means in the context of Fr. Pedro Arrupe's vision of faith and social justice.

Of course, we can't forget the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice, bringing together nearly 1.100 passionate people, many of them high school and college students and alumni, former and current Jesuit Volunteers, and Jesuit parish members. Keynotes like Sr. Simone Campbell, S.S.S., and Fr. Fred Kammer, S.J., offered challenging addresses that called each participant to strive further to work for justice inspired by faith.

There are many moments from the past year that stick out, but I may have been most moved by a group of Jesuit university students who advocated for humane immigration reform in conjunction with a research project led by Fairfield University, Loyola University Chicago, and Santa Clara University. During the advocacy training session, I asked the group, which included 20 undocumented students, to share their inspiration for advocating on the immigration issue. Many offered personal stories of the struggles their families had faced in light of current immigration policies and reflected on how their Jesuit education instilled a desire to advocate for *humane* immigration reform. Their passion for justice was a great reminder of why I do the work I do. I am so proud to be part of the Ignatian family - I hope you are too!

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Christopher G. Kerr **Executive Director** 





Below: Students discuss social justice programming ideas at the Arrupe Leaders Summit

## 2012-2013 **MEMBER INSTITUTIONS**

## **Colleges and Universities**

Boston College **Canisius College** College of the Holy Cross Creighton University Fairfield University Fordham University Georgetown University Gonzaga University John Carroll University Le Moyne College Loyola Marymount University Loyola University Chicago Loyola University Maryland Loyola University New Orleans **Regis University** Saint Joseph's University Santa Clara University The University of Scranton University of San Francisco Wheeling Jesuit University Xavier University

## **High Schools**

Bellarmine College Preparatory **Bellarmine Preparatory School** Boston College High School **Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School** Canisius High School Xavier High School Desmet Jesuit High School Fordham Preparatory School Georgetown Preparatory School Gonzaga College High School Jesuit High School (CA) Loyola Academy Loyola High School of Los Angeles Loyola School Regis Jesuit High School Rockhurst High School St. Ignatius High School St. Ignatius College Prep (CA) St. Ignatius College Prep (IL) St. John's Jesuit High School St. Joseph's Preparatory School St. Louis University High School St. Peter's Preparatory School Verbum Dei High School Walsh Jesuit High School

## **Parishes**

Gesu Church (OH) Holy Trinity Parish Old St. Joseph's Church Our Lady of Guadalupe (CA) St. Ignatius Church (MA) St. Ignatius Church (MD) St. Mary's Student Parish St. Peter's Catholic Church

#### **Other Organizations**

Jesuit Secondary Education Assocation Jesuit Volunteer Corps A NETWORKED YEAR: Thanks to the support of our generous donors, Ignatian Solidarity Network has expanded both our web presence and program offerings to better network and animate communities inspired by faith and justice nationwide.

## **IGNATIAN FAMILY TEACH-IN FOR JUSTICE**

The 2012 program brought together nearly 1,100 faith-justice advocates from over 40 Jesuit & Catholic high schools, colleges, parishes and ministries to learn, pray, and act for justice. Sr. Simone Campbell (Nuns on the Bus) and other prophetic voices invited participants to engage in "imagination reform" to redefine what is possible in the struggle for justice.



Students gather at the public witness on Capitol Hill

## **IGNATIAN FAMILY ADVOCACY MONTH**

As a follow-up to the Teach-In, ISN provided opportunities in February 2013 for members of the Ignatian network to advocate in their local districts for humane immigration reform, the social safety net, and sustainable environmental policies. Throughout Ignatian Family Advocacy Month, over 350 people representing universities, high schools, and parishes engaged in legislative advocacy meetings with over 55 Congressional offices.

## **IMMIGRATION ADVOCACY**

In conjunction with Fairfield University's "Undocumented Students in Jesuit Higher Education" report, ISN helped organize an advocacy day on Capitol Hill for 55 DREAMers and immi-

gration reform supporters from Jesuit universities.

Christopher Kerr discusses meetings with students

## HONORING SR. HELEN PREJEAN. C.S.J.

Sr. Helen Prejean received the 2013 Robert M. Holstein Award in May 2013. Named after the late Bob Holstein, co-founder of Ignatian Solidarity Network, the award recognized Sr. Helen's significant leadership for social justice inspired by faith. Sr. Prejean first connected with ISN at the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice in 2003 where she formally introduced the Dead Man Walking School Theater Project; consequently, Jesuit high schools were some of the first institutions to perform the play. Bob Holstein's wife Loretta presented the award to Sr. Helen during the reception in New Orleans, LA.



ISN's board of directors and staff with Sr. Helen Preiean at the award reception in New Orleans, LA



St. Francis Xavier Church's Peace & Justice committee met with Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY)

## **ARRUPE LEADERS SUMMIT**

Student leaders and staff from Jesuit & partner high schools engaged in two summit weekends to learn more about the life and witness of Pedro Arrupe, S.J., share social justice programming ideas, network, and strengthen their leadership skills. Multiple schools have reported that their students returned "on fire for justice," and the weekends sparked follow-up programs ranging from starting a community garden to support homeless outreach efforts to developing service requirements that better reflect the Jesuit mission.



## **WEB PRESENCE**

ISN's web presence boomed this year with a new website unveiled at **ignatiansolidarity.net** and a >100% increase in social media followers. The new addition of ISN's Media Team has charged university students to share social justice news from their campuses via ISN's blog.

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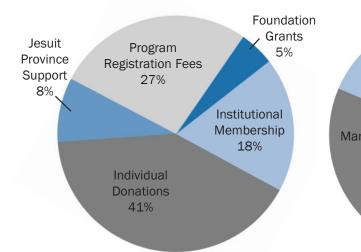
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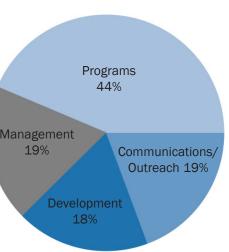
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The adjacent charts provide an overview of the Ignatian Solidarity Network's income and expense for the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year which runs from July 1st to June 30th. We experienced an operating surplus of \$600 and remain fiscally sound, possessing \$33,600 in total equity on June 30, 2013.

Audited financial statements are available via written request to: Ignatian Solidarity Network, 1 John Carroll Blvd., University Heights, OH 44118

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