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## Vatican Appointments

Pope Benedict XVI appointed Italian Jesuit Fr. Federico Lombardi as the director of the Vatican Press Office. Lombardi will remain in his current positions as director of Vatican Radio and Vatican TV, combining all three media operations under one roof.

"I know him. I'm not starting from zero," the pope told journalists. "He's a very expert journalist, and therefore I have faith in him."

Lombardi was educated in Turin and Frankfurt and has degrees in philosophy, mathematics, and theology. He was the editor of the Italian Catholic magazine *Civiltà Cattolica* and served as provincial of the Jesuits' Italian province from 1984 to 1990.

The pope has also appointed Argentinian Fr. José Funes, SJ, as the head of the Vatican Observatory. An astronomer at the observatory since 2000, Funes succeeds Fr. George Coyne, SJ, director since 1978, who will take a year's sabbatical and remain on the observatory's staff.

Coyne said that suggestions that he was forced out of the post by the pope "are simply not true." Coyne, a proponent of evolution and a critic of Intelligent Design, said that he had been asking his superiors to replace him for some years now. "In May of this year, upon my repeated request, they finally agreed to begin search for a new director, resulting, rather rapidly to my delight, in the appointment of Fr. Funes," said Coyne.

—CNS



Fr. José Funes, SJ

## Common Saints

Drivers on Chicago's Kennedy Expressway are looking to the saints for help handling their daily commute, thanks to a banner campaign by Loyola Press promoting Jesuit Fr. James Martin's recent spiritual memoir, *My Life with the Saints*. The "Use Your Common Saints" campaign features humorous messages reminding viewers of the virtues of patience and humor with such messages as "St. Jude Knows an Alternate Route," "St. Joan of Arc Says Keep Your Cool," and "St. Ignatius Encourages Mass Transit."

"The lives of the saints show

that joy and laughter are sure signs of God's presence. They encourage us to laugh at life," author Martin observes. "Besides," he adds, "Nobody would pay attention to them if they were boring."



PHIL MARTIN



## Refugee Assistance in Lebanon

Since a fragile peace was negotiated between Hezbollah and Israel in late August, Lebanon has begun to return to normal. For the Jesuits there, this means starting classes on schedule at its primary and secondary school and other schools, including Saint-Joseph University in Beirut.

Jesuit relief efforts during the month-long war included opening a "campus kitchen" at Saint-Joseph, where students and staff prepared and served about 1,000 hot meals daily to refugees from south-

ern Lebanon. About 200 students and alumni from the Jesuits' College of Notre Dame in Jamhour, Lebanon, came to Saint-Joseph's to assist.

All told, Jesuit institutions have sustained only minor damage and have not suffered any loss of personnel or buildings. But with more than 800,000 people displaced in Lebanon during the crisis and classes starting in late September, it will be difficult for the schools to open on time with a full complement of students. —CNS, Jesuit Curia



## Painting Discovered

Jesuits in Bruges, Belgium, recently discovered that one of their community's paintings is the work of Flemish artist Cornelius Schut (1597–1655). Francis Xavier baptizing the Indians is the subject of this 32" x 40" oil on linen *bozzetto*, or preparatory study, of an altar piece dating from 1648. Jesuits in Madrid had ordered it for their Francis Xavier Church, now the cathedral of San Isidro.

After the suppression of the Society in the late eighteenth century, the final painting ended up in a nearby village church and was destroyed during the Spanish Civil War.

Cornelius Schut, possibly a disciple of Rubens, was much favored by the Jesuits; his work was in Jesuit churches in Antwerp, Ghent, and Cologne.

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*web site of interest*

[www.pray-as-you-go.org](http://www.pray-as-you-go.org)

Jesuit Media Initiatives in England offers daily prayers that you can listen to on your computer or download to your iPod or other MP3 player. The ten-minute sessions include music, scripture, and reflective questions that help you become more aware of God's presence in your life.

## Katrina Relief: Jesuit Volunteers

Jocelyn Sideco is the coordinator of the Jesuit Katrina Relief services, an organization the Jesuits in New Orleans created in March to coordinate the efforts of volunteers who have been coming steadily from Jesuit high schools, colleges, and universities.

Since starting, Sideco has worked with about 800 volunteers, referring most of them to existing programs in the area; she also lines up places for them to eat and sleep. She steers many volunteer groups to Operation Helping Hands, a Catholic Charities program that guts and rebuilds damaged homes.

Volunteers have come from thirteen Jesuit schools, including Loyola University Chicago, Regis University in Denver, and Strake Jesuit College Prep in Houston. Santa Clara University is planning an alumni trip this winter break.

Once Sideco builds a group's itinerary, she and the Jesuit Katrina Relief services "encourage them to pray with the New Orleans community, pray amongst themselves, and create a space to reflect," she says.



JEAN SANTOPATRE

## Men in Black

Fairfield University photojournalist Jean Santopatre brainstormed with the three Jesuits in this shot, Frs. Mark Scalese, James Mayzik, and Mark McGregor, to get it just right. The idea was to give and get some publicity for Fairfield's New Media: Film, Television, and Radio Program. The photo appeared on the cover of the fall 2005 *Fairfield Now* magazine, which included an article about the new program.

The clerics and the shades evoke two legendary films, *The Blues Brothers* and *Men in Black*, and allow Santopatre to highlight the fact that the New Media program boasts three Jesuit professors (Mayzik is also the program's director).

Because the modern media is crucial to forming one's aesthetics and values, "it makes a lot of sense for us to have influence in these areas," the article quotes Scalese as saying.



SHAUN MACIEWSKI

## A Habitat at Canisius College

Daniel Theal ('08), with the Canisius College (Buffalo) chapter of Habitat for Humanity, and soon-to-be homeowner David Burton measure and trim insulation in a house the college once owned. Canisius donated the building to the Habitat program when it no longer needed it as a student residence.

"Canisius College believes very strongly that it needs to do everything possible to encourage home ownership in the neighborhoods immediately

around the college. More owner-occupied homes will mean a stronger, more-stable neighborhood with a higher quality of life for people who wish to live here," says Canisius president Fr. Vincent Cooke, SJ.

"It's a great program," adds Burton. "It gives people the opportunity to own their own homes and also help out."

Burton and his wife, Regina, will put in 500 hours of sweat equity into this and other Habitat projects.

—Canisius magazine



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## Class Act

"Teaching at a Jesuit high school and doing comedy are really quite similar," says former comic and now-Jesuit Jake Martin, here teaching improv comedy to Austin Morris and others at Brebeuf Jesuit Prep in Indianapolis. "The only difference is that with teaching, the audience is sober and required by law to be there."

A former stand-up and improv comedian, Martin worked his craft at comedy venues in Chicago, including ImprovOlympic and the Playground Theater. He con-

siders the highlight of his performance career working with Mick Napier, the artistic director of Second City in Chicago.

Martin's call to the Jesuit life trumped comedy; during his years in the novitiate (he joined in '04) he had the chance to work at Brebeuf as a substitute teacher, campus minister, and director of a production of *The Diary of Anne Frank* in addition to offering a popular non-credit course in improv comedy.

Martin is now in philosophy studies at Fordham University in the Bronx.

## Birthday Celebration

The crowd that gathered this summer at St. Ignatius Church in New York to celebrate the 85th birthday of Jesuit priest, poet, and peace advocate Daniel Berrigan included musicians Natalie Merchant and Pete Seeger, author Kurt Vonnegut, and former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark.

Berrigan, pictured here with well-wishers at the party, traveled to North Vietnam in 1968 to retrieve three American pris-

oners of war. That same year, Berrigan, his brother Philip, and seven others burned draft records in Catonsville, Maryland. Berrigan served eighteen months for his role in the protest. Since then, he has combined his nonviolent advocacy for peace with teaching, offering retreats and poetry readings around the country, and writing books. His most recent work, *A Sunday in Hell: Fables and Poems*, was published this spring by Bunim & Bannigan.

—Gene Roman



GENE ROMAN

## Remembrance of Things Past

### New Jesuit Cardinal



Honoring a lifetime of work in Biblical studies, Pope Benedict XVI elevated Albert Vanhoye to the cardinalate in March. The 82-year-old French Jesuit was rector of the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome and secretary of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, where he worked with then-Cardinal Ratzinger, the commission's president.

Vanhoye's dedication to the Scriptures was also incor-



porated into his coat of arms, designed by amateur heraldist George Cannizzaro, SJ, in studies at Loyola University Chicago. A friend suggested that he submit a crest for the cardinal to consider.

Cannizzaro's design incorporates the well-known Jesuit insignia and an open book representing the Bible; an alef, the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet, symbolizes the Old Testament, while the Greek letter omega symbolizes the New.

The design also includes a *galero*, the red, broad-brimmed, tasseled hat that is the traditional emblem of a cardinal, and Cardinal Vanhoye's motto, which in Latin reads "united to your heart."

**October 5, 1964.** The death of Father General Jean-Baptiste Janssens.

**October 9, 1820.** The Jesuits' 20th general congregation, the first of the restored Society, begins.

**October 10, 1950.** Jan Korec is ordained a priest in prison in Czechoslovakia, a year before becoming a bishop. Released in 1968, he was named a cardinal in 1991.

**October 10, 1806.** The first novitiate of the Maryland Mission opens.



**October 17, 1578.** Robert Bellarmine enters the Jesuit novitiate in Rome at age 16.



**October 21, 1866.** Gerard Manley Hopkins is received into the Catholic Church by Cardinal Newman.

**October 25, 1567.** Stanislaus Kostka is admitted into the Society by Francis Borgia.

**October 28, 1958.** The death of Wilfrid Parsons, editor of *America* (1925–1936).



**November 5, 1660.** The death of Alexandre de Rhodes, missionary to what is now Vietnam.



**November 6, 1789.** John Carroll is appointed the first Bishop of Baltimore.

**November 13, 1865.** The death of James Oliver Van de Velde, Chicago's second bishop (1848–1853).

**November 15, 1536.** The first companions leave Paris together to meet Ignatius in Venice.

**November 16, 1989.** In El Salvador, the murder of six Jesuits, their housekeeper, and

her daughter at the University of Central America.



**November 20, 1864.** Pope Pius IX beatifies Peter Canisius.



**December 1, 1581.** Edmund Campion and Alexander Briant are martyred in London.

**December 25, 1538.** Ignatius celebrates his first Mass at St. Mary Major in Rome.



**December 31, 1726.** Aloysius Gonzaga (above) and Stanislaus Kostka are canonized by Benedict XIII.