



JESUITS

USA Central and Southern Province



COMPANIONS IN MISSION

2018 Gratitude Report



A MESSAGE FROM **ADVANCEMENT**

Dear Friend,

For nearly 500 years, Jesuits and their companions have worked together to bring people closer to God and to each other. Your support has helped Jesuit works thrive.

Thanks to your generosity, young Jesuits are being formed by experiences that transform their lives and prepare them for a life of service. Jesuits and their colleagues at schools and universities shape the hearts and minds of thousands of students annually. The province's senior healthcare communities are more vibrant than ever, and our international works are changing lives.

Because of you, your gifts, large and small, make possible these daily miracles of the Society of Jesus and its ministries throughout the world.

The financial summary in this report represents data from the 2018 calendar year. The Jesuits are sincerely grateful to the many individuals, organizations and charitable foundations who have contributed to the U.S. Central and Southern Province of the Society of Jesus during the past year. For a listing of these donors please visit www.JesuitsCentralSouthern.org/SupportUs.

With your help and with God's blessings, we will continue to accomplish so much. I remain grateful for your financial and prayerful support of our various ministries and missions. Because of you, the fruit of our shared work will continue to flourish throughout and even beyond the limits of this province.



Sincerely,

John Fitzpatrick
Assistant for Advancement

Querido amigo,

Durante casi 500 años, los jesuitas y sus compañeros han trabajado juntos para acercar personas a Dios y entre sí. El apoyo de usted ha ayudado a que las obras jesuitas prosperen.

Gracias a su generosidad, jesuitas jóvenes están siendo formados por experiencias que transforman sus vidas y les preparan para una vida de servicio. Los jesuitas y sus colaboradores en colegios y universidades modelan los corazones y las mentes de miles de estudiantes anualmente. Las comunidades de asistencia médica a nuestros mayores son más vibrantes que nunca, y nuestras obras internacionales están cambiando vidas.

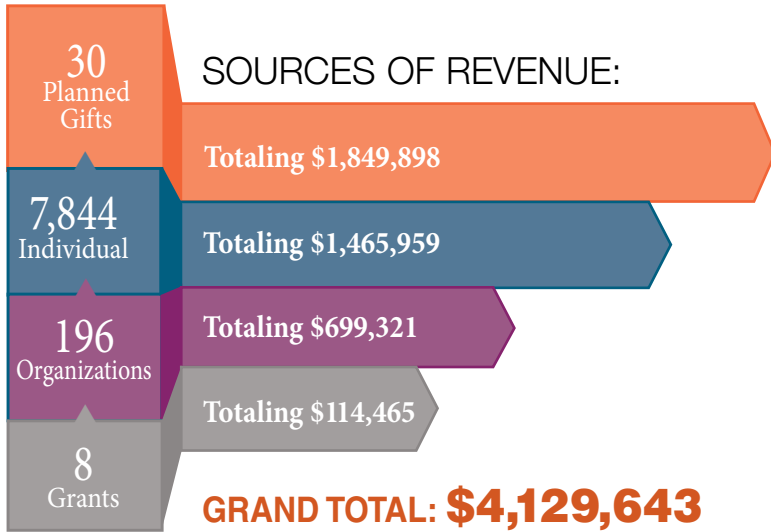
Gracias a usted, sus donaciones, grandes o pequeñas, hacen posible estos milagros cotidianos de la Compañía de Jesús y sus ministerios a través del mundo.

El resumen financiero en este informe refleja datos del año natural 2018. Los jesuitas agradecen sinceramente a los muchos individuos, organizaciones y fundaciones benéficas que durante el año pasado han contribuido a la Provincia USA Central y Meridional de la Compañía de Jesús. Para ver la lista de estos donantes, puede visitar www.JesuitsCentralSouthern.org/SupportUs.

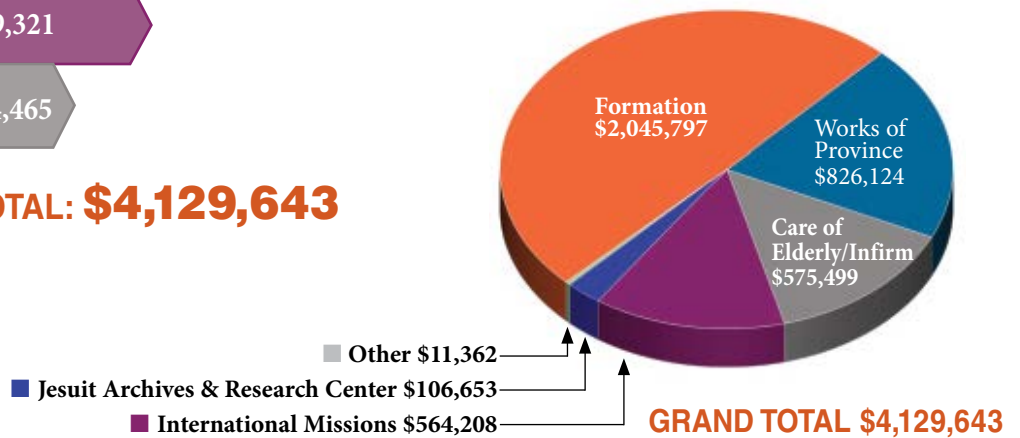
Con su ayuda y la bendición de Dios, continuaremos logrando mucho. Quedo agradecido por su apoyo financiero y devoto a nuestros varios ministerios y misiones. Gracias a usted, el fruto de nuestro trabajo compartido continuará floreciendo a lo largo y aún más allá de los límites de esta provincia.

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FINANCIAL REPORT



FUNDS USED FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY:



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BECAUSE OF YOU ...

Over the past year, you celebrated with the Jesuits of this province as we welcomed seven remarkable young men as new novices, ordained five to the priesthood and marked the Jubilee anniversaries of 33 faithful priests and brothers. These are some of the year's highlights. But every day, members of this province – with your help – sought to educate young people to become men and women with and for others.

With your help, we journeyed with men and women through retreats and spiritual direction, and we trained others as spiritual companions.

We met people where they were, offering support and counsel so that they might recognize themselves as beloved children of God, as we do. You helped us.

Daily, we relived Christ's Last Supper, bringing the precious Eucharist to thousands. You enabled us.

Because of you – your gifts of time, talent and treasure – we carried on our mission as Companions of Jesus.

As we reflect on the past year, we celebrate all that God has done with your help through the Society of Jesus. We thank God, and we thank you.



Jesuit Scholastics in philosophy studies at Fordham University. Standing are Ian Peoples and Connor Smith. Jeff Miraflor is seated.

Jesuits in Formation

Each issue of this magazine includes a brief profile of a “Man in Formation.” These are the men who will be tomorrow’s priests, teachers, school presidents and missionaries. Today they are preparing for those roles by following a prescribed path established by St. Ignatius. Jesuit formation is a lengthy process. The total journey to Jesuit priesthood or formed brotherhood can take from eight to 13 years. The path generally includes:

- **Novitiate** – two years learning about the Society of Jesus: how to pray, live in community and serve as a Companion of Jesus;
- **First Studies** – two to three years at a Jesuit university, usually studying philosophy and theology while serving in part-time apostolic ministry;
- **Regency** – two or three years working in a Jesuit apostolate, almost always a secondary school;
- **Theology** – three years of graduate studies in theology, also with part-time apostolic ministry.

BECAUSE OF YOU, Jesuits in formation can focus on their formation, on how to become a Jesuit, rather than earning a living. Because of you, Jesuit priests and brothers are educated and experienced, ready to serve the Church of God.



Fr. Roland Lesseps' work in Zambia will help future generations of local farmers provide for their families.

Care for Senior Jesuits

Father Roland Lesseps, SJ, is a teacher, a researcher and a priest. In addition to many years in classrooms at Jesuit institutions in the United States, he spent more than 20 years at the Jesuit-run Kasisi Agricultural Training Center (KATC) in Kasisi, Zambia, conducting scientific research to improve the lives of low-income Zambians. He helped develop an array of sustainable farming methods that enable local subsistence farmers to succeed in the challenging environment. His work will impact families for generations.

Today, at age 85, Fr. Lesseps lives at the St. Alphonsus Rodriguez Pavilion, the Jesuit assisted-living community in Grand Coteau, La. He is no longer able to work the fields or conduct research, but **because of you**, he is well cared for and content, surrounded by his brother Jesuits and a staff of caring people who value his life of service.



Teatro La Fragua in Progreso, Honduras, uses the theater as a creative commons, a civic space for dialogue, action and evangelizing – while providing the cast, crew and staff with steady jobs.

Jesuit Missions

Founded by Fr. Jack Warner, SJ, *Teatro la Fragua* in Honduras is one of Mesoamerica's leading cultural institutions. It enters its 40th year continuing its groundbreaking work in serving the people of Central America.

Teatro's renowned Gospel productions – the *Assassination of Jesus* and *Our Christmas* – tell the Passion and Christmas stories as they play out in a poor Honduran village. The theater's summer festival and its ballet school delight a wide range of audiences, students and artists.

BECAUSE OF YOU, *Teatro la Fragua* provides cultural enrichment and so much more. **BECAUSE OF YOU**, 22 families in El Progreso, Honduras – the staff at *Teatro La Fragua* – have food on the table tonight. Twenty-two families feel the dignity of a good meal shared in a safe home surrounded by loving relations.



Fr. Jack Warner, SJ

Father Warner's work with *Teatro la Fragua* is just one of the imaginative ways Jesuits serve in struggling communities around the world. **Because of you**, Jesuit missionaries help people, sometimes in desperate situations, to recognize their own dignity and make the most of their opportunities.



Tom and Maureen Nolan Make an Impact

By John Fitzpatrick

Tom and Maureen Nolan embody all the traits of good volunteers. Both come from families that stressed faith, fairness and service to others. Both spent their careers in education, choosing to serve in the low-income north-side of St. Louis. Now, because of the Nolans, low-income people in Belize have new reason to hope.

As they approached retirement in early 2013, Tom and Maureen knew they had more to offer. Tom said, “We have been blessed with good health, and our children – Rosie, Tom, Jr. and Patrick – were all grown, so taking on a volunteer role made perfect sense.”

They had specific criteria as they considered which projects to support with their time. Their next undertaking must have preferential concern for the poor. It would have to make a real impact, with measurable results. Finally, it had to include a sense of community.

Tom and Maureen prefer to work with like-minded individuals who want to accomplish good. “We knew we would continue our efforts in the northside through our parish, Sts. Teresa and Bridget,” Maureen said. “So, for our new venture, we thought about working beyond the U.S. borders.”

As good fortune would have it, their youngest child, Patrick, was serving as a volunteer in Belize City, Belize. Pat frequently visited the Jesuit community at St. John’s College, and Jesuit Fathers Tim Thompson and Bill Snyders and Br. Glenn Kerfoot took him under their wing. Pat became quite familiar with the Jesuit works in Belize. He scheduled meetings for his parents and two other couples: David and Nancy Danis and John and Joan Vatterott. What all three couples witnessed was a beautiful country and kind people living in extreme poverty.

That initial meeting inaugurated an ongoing effort to work with the Jesuits to help the people of Belize.

The Nolans and several other families launched Belize 2020. The “2020” in the name refers to perfect 20/20 vision, as opposed to the upcoming year. The Nolans helped to recruit more volunteers in the U.S. and worked with Belizeans to form a mirror committee to create a true partnership.

“There is one thing we have definitely learned from working in the northside, and that is not to simply jump into something, but to listen to the people who live there,” Maureen Nolan said. “It is their life. They know better than anyone what challenges they face and what is really needed.”

Belize 2020 has become a labor of love for Tom and Maureen. They travel frequently to Belize, putting in numerous hours and providing much needed guidance to the overall effort. All is done with great humor and humility.

“Today in the U.S. most people write a check and their obligation to help others has been met,” said friends John and Joan Vatterott. “The Nolans are different; they live their charity. We can’t think of too many couples like Mo and Tom that think in a Big Picture-Big Heart way and are so much fun at the same time.”

Currently, Tom and Maureen can be found working on their parish’s Winter Outreach Program. When the temperature drops below 20 degrees, Sts. Teresa and Bridget opens the basement to people who are homeless, providing a meal and a warm place to stay for the night.

When Maureen and Tom are asked why they don’t spend their retirement on a beach or the golf course, their response is simple and shared: “We do get away and recharge our batteries, but the purpose of life is to share with others, help when you can.”

