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## *Updates from the Advancement Team*

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*Mary Kellogg enjoying the serenity of the White House landscape.*

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## ***Fr. Paul Deutsch Leads St. Louis Day of Reflection***

For the third straight month, **Fr. Paul Deutsch, SJ**, led province benefactors in a Day of Reflection on April 9, this time in the St. Louis area at the [White House Jesuit Retreat Center](#).

Father Deutsch's stories were hugely engaging as he shared moments in his life that impacted his spiritual journey in so many ways. He related to each audience member and they responded enthusiastically.

Our attendees had much to say about the Day of Reflection. Read on for more.



*Fr. Paul Deutsch gave a perfect Day of Reflection at White House in St. Louis.*

Attendee **John (Jack) L. Stein** wrote,

"I woke up very tired Tuesday morning from a day of 'eclipse chasing' on Monday. I struggled to get to White House but was richly rewarded. Father Paul Deutsch quickly connected with our group, zeroing in on a common frustration in our spiritual lives: Why can't I seem to change? Why can't I 'fix' the stubborn things in my life that need fixing? He condensed the lessons sometimes learned in a three-day retreat into a series of easy-to-follow daily steps that, accompanied by patience, can lead us back on the road of spiritual progress. I now have some very useful tools in my spiritual toolkit that should help me get back on the path where God wants me to be. Thank you for sharing, Father!"

Right: **Afra Jean (AJ) Walker** takes a moment for silent prayer.





"It was truly a wonderful day; all of Father Deutsch's sessions were inspiring, and meant a lot to us. What great weather to fully enjoy the White House and the beautiful scenery all over that property, too. I enjoyed learning more about St. Ignatius Hall. Our passion with donations is for the Jesuit priests in formation and especially the care of the aging and elderly Jesuit priests."

--**Jean and Daniel Kleypas** (Jean pictured at left)

"It was a special day – taking time out to catch up with oneself and to spend time reflecting on 'Things of a Higher Nature' is crucial, to say the least. Fr. Deutsch did a terrific job."

-- **Chuck Strebeck**

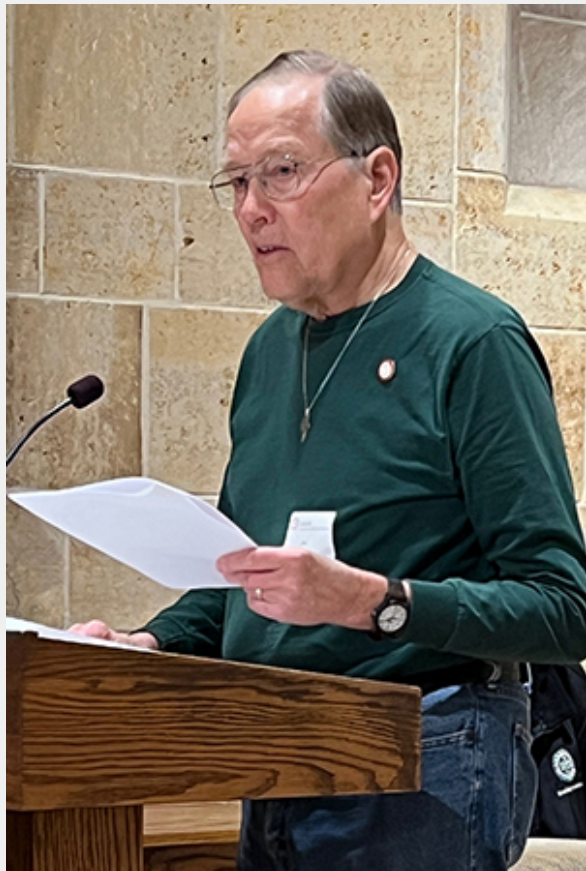
"I am repeating my thanks and appreciation to the Province for bringing back these wonderful days. This one came at a providential time for me. Fr. Deutsch was a timely gift."

-- **Brad Rigdon**

"Thanks for the wonderful prayer day yesterday. My wife, Pat, and I thoroughly enjoyed it. We're mailing our check today and wanted to express our appreciation to you, the Province, and Fr. Paul Deutsch. Please pass along our expression of appreciation."

-- **Joe and Pat Rebman**

Right: Former Jesuit **Joe Dickmann** reads an opening prayer.





First Reader **Marie Casey.**



**John Heinsz**, brother to **Fr. Vernon Heinsz, SJ**, read the *Healing of a Deaf Man* from Mark's Gospel in the last session of the day.



Second Reader **Mike Klein.**



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The next two [province-sponsored Days of Reflection](#) are at Manresa, in Convent, La., in May. *Both days currently have waiting lists.*

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## ***Do You Have a Charitable Gift Annuity with the Province?***

There are about 75 donors who receive regular annuity checks from the **Jesuits USA Central and Southern Province** because of a charitable gift annuity they committed to in years past.

If you would like to get a monthly or quarterly check from the province, it's easy enough to do. Call **Paula Parrish, Chief Advancement Officer**, and she can walk you through it. The minimum criteria are age 80 years old or older and an initial gift of \$50,000. Be sure to check with your financial advisor or family attorney before engaging in any planned gift.

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**Mary O'Connor** met with **Paula Parrish** at her home in Palo Alto, CA. Together, they are planning a trip to Belize next year where Mary's uncle, **Marvin O'Connor, SJ**, worked for 40 years.

**Paula Parrish** met with **Frank Mele**, a former Jesuit who lives in Oakland. He was in the Jesuit Class of 1955 in Grand Coteau.



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## ***J. Michael Mohr, SJ, Ordained to Diaconate in Rome***

On **April 2**, J. Michael Mohr, SJ, was ordained to the diaconate by His Eminence Cardinal José Tolentino de Mendonça, Prefect of the Dicastery for Culture and Education, at the **Church of the Gesù in Rome**. He was among 13 Jesuits studying in Rome who were ordained.

Michael anticipates his priestly ordination in St. Louis in June. [Watch the video of the ordination.](#)

# Save the Date

PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS



J. Michael Mohr, SJ



Daniel J. Everson, SJ



June 8 | 10:00 am

St. Francis Xavier College Church

St. Louis, Missouri

Mass will be livestreamed at [bit.ly/ordinations2024](https://bit.ly/ordinations2024)

**Jesuit Author**

Fr. Mark Mossa, SJ

**2024 Jubilarian**

Fr. Pat Quinn, SJ



**Father Mark Mossa, SJ**, is a professor of Religious Studies and the interim director of Catholic Studies at Loyola University New Orleans.

He is known for his multidisciplinary approach to ministry and teaching, integrating topics from his studies in literature, philosophy, history and theology and drawing creative connections with contemporary issues and popular culture.

He is a native of Worcester, Mass., and in 2022 celebrated 25 years as a Jesuit.

His books include: [\*Already There: Letting God Find You, Just War, Lasting Peace: What Christian Traditions Can Teach Us\*](#), and [\*Saint Ignatius Loyola: The Spiritual Writings\*](#).

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Celebrating 50 years as a Jesuit in 2024, **Fr. Patrick Quinn, SJ**, is a pastor at heart.

"There has always been something special to me about parishes. It is in parishes that I really came to see the presence of what Pope Francis calls 'ordinary saints,'" he said.

Father Quinn has come to value service as the core of his Jesuit vocation, though it began in a setting far from parishes: university campus computer systems.

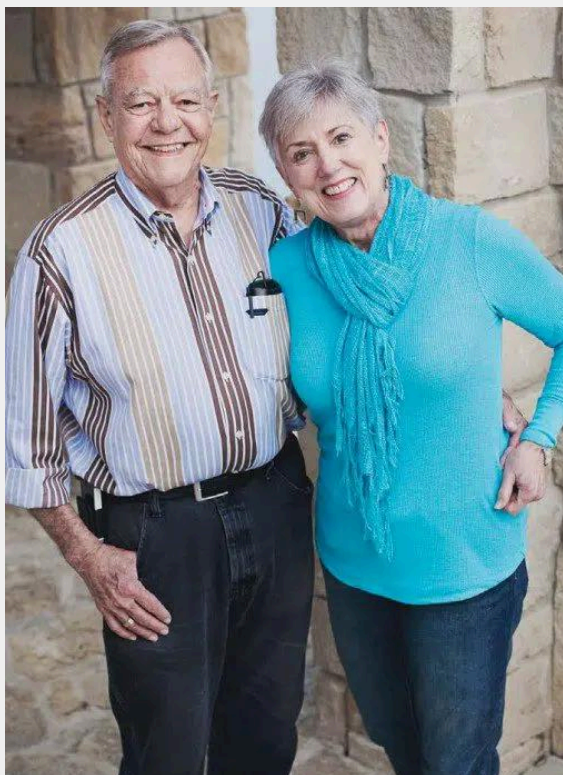
"There's really a grace that's received from the families when they share what's going on in their lives," he said. "People feel like they're known, that they belong, that they're welcomed, that they're part of something bigger."

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**Meet Our Donors**

## Andy and Pat Shannon



For decades, Andy and Pat Shannon have donated their time, talent and treasure to advancing the mission of the Society of Jesus.

The Shannons began making retreats as a married couple at Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House in Lake Dallas, Texas, in 1969. The fruits of those encounters with God and the Jesuits have encouraged them to work with and support the Jesuits financially. They developed strong friendships with several Jesuits.

The Shannons remain invested in Jesuit education decades after their own children attended. The Shannon Family Scholarship – A Man for Others, which awards tuition assistance to a junior at Jesuit Dallas each year – is one way they continue to make an impact.

In addition, inspired by the impact the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius have had on their lives, they donate to Jesuit formation and Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House.

“The fruits of the Jesuits’ work motivate us,” said Andy.

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### Calendar of Upcoming Events

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**April 24**

Professional Administrative Assistant Day  
*Thank you to Pat Rubenstein & Ana Duran!*

**May 7**

**May 8**

[Day of Reflection](#)  
Manresa - Convent, La.  
Presenter:  
Fr. J.P. Hough, SJ

**May 27**

Memorial Day Holiday  
Offices Closed

**June 3-6**

### [The Advancement Team](#)

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[Day of Reflection](#)  
Manresa - Convent, La.  
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Province Women's Retreat  
White House Jesuit  
Retreat Center  
St. Louis

**June 8**

[Priestly Ordinations](#)  
St. Francis Xavier College  
Church  
St. Louis, MO

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