

A Local Pilgrimage

Carmel Smith

On June 12, some Retreat Center staff members paid an overdue visit to Fr. Dare Morgan, S.J., long a favorite spiritual director on the JRC staff. Larry Ambriz, Leo Mitrovich, Idali Santillano, Leelamma Sebastian and Carmel Smith made the trek to Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in Los Gatos. Fr. Dare is now a resident of the retirement community of the California Province, which is located there.

The group arrived, having taken a few wrong turns on their convoluted way, to find Fr. Morgan very happy to see them and his wit as sharp as ever. The visitors spent a delightful hour with him, bringing him up to date on everybody at the Retreat Center. He remembered each one with great clarity, mentioning little details about the lives and families of each. That Fr. Dare was celebrating the 55th anniversary of his ordination on the day of the visit made the occasion all the more meaningful.

Retreatants and the JRC staff still miss Fr. Morgan's gentle presence and dry sense of humor at the Retreat Center. He has a wonderful spirit, impish and edifying,



Back Row: Leo Mitrovich, Larry Ambriz;
Front Row: Leelamma Sebastian, Carmel Smith,
Fr. Dare Morgan and Idali Santillano

so spending time with him continues to be a joy. The visitors came away feeling blessed and uplifted, and they are eager to make such visits a regular occurrence. Next time, they might even remember the way!

To the Other Towns

Fr. Bernie Bush, S.J.

The annual Ignatian Spirituality conference at St. Louis University is a highlight of each summer's offerings in the study of spirituality in the United States. Sr. Antonia Killian, Fr. Bernie Bush, Sr. Anne Hennessy and Ms. Leelamma Sebastian, Jesuit Retreat Center regulars all, attended this summer's conference, July 24 to 27, and enjoyed many interesting presentations on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius and on other aspects of Ignatian spirituality.

Sr. Anne and Fr. Bernie were chosen to present a workshop on the Pierre Favre Program, the Retreat Center's training program in giving the entire Spiritual Exercises. About 30 people attended the workshop,

and they showed great interest in the pattern of training that developed at the JRC. The main point of interest was the first year (of the three year program), during which Fr. Bernie and Sr. Anne do a careful analysis of the language of Ignatius in the Exercises, working with the Spanish original, called the Autograph.

Sr. Anne and Fr. Bernie shared with their auditors both their conviction that those who give the Exercises should know the Exercises well and their experience of sharing such knowledge with two years of enthusiastic students, lay and Jesuit. The third class will be welcomed into the Pierre Favre program this Fall.

The Mustard Seed

An update on JRC financial development

"The mustard seed is the smallest of all, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants, becoming so big a shrub that the birds of the sky come and build their nests in the branches." Mt 13:32

We regret that we failed to include in our donor list for 2007 a mention of the generosity of the Carl Gellert and Celia Berta Gellert Foundation in December. The Foundation gave \$10,000 toward the restructuring and renovation of the south porch of Loyola Hall. We are grateful for the support of the Foundation over the course of more than thirty years.

We are grateful, as well, for the recent gift of \$10,000 from John S. Rogers, U.S.A.F. (Ret.), used toward that same project.

Annual Appeal:

Since June 2008, we have received \$1,350 toward the Annual Appeal.

Bequests:

We have received \$3,500 from the estate of Kathleen Mary Hallinan, and \$1,000 from the Philip J. Feiner Revocable Living Trust.

Gifts:

Friends have given \$1,150 for Scholarships, \$900 for the Pierre Favre Program, \$1,500 in other restricted donations, \$70,337.89 in general donations, as well as \$2,910 given in memory of the late Thomas J. Carroll, S.F.F.D. (Ret.).

On-line Bookstore:

Please access amazon.com through the JRC bookstore on-line, so that the JRC will receive a percentage of all your purchases.

Estate Planning:

Steve Welch, Certified Financial Planner and JRC benefactor, can consult with our friends who are interested in discussing their charitable goals. Tax laws offer opportunity for wealth protection and advantageous estate transfer. In concert with your tax adviser and estate planning attorney, Steve can help you identify what you might achieve by including the Jesuit Retreat Center in your family's estate plan. You may talk with Steve confidentially and without obligation at **650-948-4141**.

Our generous benefactors are remembered daily and gratefully in our Masses and prayers.

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Second and third year participants will be continuing their study, as well, as they also assist the Pastoral Staff in the various retreats of the JRC.



Sr. Antonia Killian, Fr. Bernie Bush, Sr. Anne Hennessy and Leelamma Sebastian at St. Louis University.



Fr. Tom Carroll with his parents, Peg and the late Mr. Tom Carroll, in the Gellert Rotunda in September of 2007, on the occasion of Fr. Jim Hanley's celebration of Jubilee.

Photo on page 3 shows the Retreat Group of Palm Sunday Weekend, 2008, Tom Carroll's last retreat.

A Retreatant Remembered

Fr. Tom Carroll, S.J.

Many members of our Jesuit Retreat Center community got to know my father, Tom, over the course of the many years he was a regular retreatant here, from 1943 until this past Spring. He was ever enthusiastic about the JRC and ever grateful for the formative and sustaining influence of "El Retiro" throughout his life. He was delighted to welcome me to the position of Executive Director here, and he even attended (with great pride in his son, as he so often pointed out to one and all) some of the retreats and days of prayer I preached.

I was grateful to have the opportunity to celebrate his funeral Mass at St. Gabriel Church in San Francisco on August 7, to preach the homily that day, and to honor my father's memory in the company of my family and hundreds of those who had come to know and respect and love my father. Since many readers of the JRC News have come to know him, I include below the obituary my family and I prepared. Please keep him, and us, in your prayers. Kindly continue to hold in prayer, as well, all of the deceased retreatants, friends, and staff of the Jesuit Retreat Center, along with their loved ones.



Thomas John Carroll

October 25, 1925 - July 31, 2008

A native of San Francisco, Tom was the son of Thomas Carroll and Bridget Elizabeth "Bessie" Shea, both born in County Kerry, Ireland. He died unexpectedly in the City he loved on the feast of a favorite saint, Ignatius of Loyola.

Tom wed his beloved Peg McAuliffe in St. Agnes Church on May 7, 1949, and they enjoyed 59 years of married life. He counted as a great blessing the loving community of the extended Healy-McAuliffe clan into which he was welcomed and in which he was treasured all through his life.

Tom was the proud father of Fr. Tom Carroll, S.J., Cathy Carroll, Kevin (Kathy) Carroll and Peggy (Jim) O'Donnell. He was the loving grandfather of Tom, Steve and Brendan Carroll and Pat, Danny and Sean O'Donnell and uncle of Dan (Ann) Selmi. Tom was predeceased by his parents, his brother Bill, and his sister Eileen and her husband Bill Selmi.

Tom graduated from St. Paul's Grammar School in 1939 and was a loyal member of the class of 1943 of St. Ignatius High School. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Tom followed his father into the San Francisco Fire Dept., retiring as a Battalion Chief in 1980—though he never outgrew his passion for the S.F.F.D. and for his fire fighting vocation.

Tom's Catholic faith was at the core of his identity and endeavors. Inspired by his Jesuit teachers and mentors at S.I., he made Ignatian spirituality the compass of all his years, leading S.I. to honor him with the Christ the King Award in 1974. Daily Mass, Communion, and Rosary were central for him from his years in the service until the day he died. He was an enthusiastic member of St. Gabriel Parish since 1954.

Tom's family would appreciate memorial donations to The Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos (300 Manresa Way, Los Altos, CA 94022) or to St. Ignatius College Preparatory (2001-37th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94116).

St. Joseph's Corner

Fr. Tom Carroll, S.J.

The reconstruction of the Loyola south porch is now complete. Our regular readers will recall that the porch, an early addition to Loyola Hall, was gradually moving farther south. As the porch was sinking into the ground, its roof had separated from the rest of the building. The need to provide a new foundation for the porch allowed us to open up the lower level, providing a broad and sunny approach to the Jesuit Institute for Family Life offices.

Our crew took advantage of the opportunity to add some new retaining walls and to replace others built to a previous standard. The crew also installed irrigation in the garden areas below and around the porch and are adding new plantings.



Leelamma Sebastian and Carmel Smith enjoy the view from the newly renovated south porch of Loyola Hall.

We are grateful to the Carl Gellert and Celia Berta Gellert Foundation and to John S. Rogers, U.S.A.F. (Ret.) and Mrs. Rogers for their gifts which helped us fund the renovation of the Loyola south porch.

Fr. Hanley's move into his new ministry has given us the opportunity to address some needs in the Hermitage suite. The plumbing and electrical systems in the bathroom have been brought up to current standard, and the crew looks forward to upgrading both heating and electrical throughout. Now that the shower finally has reliable and generous flow, Fr. Jim is wondering whether he should return.

A Director's Perspective

Focusing Our Vision: Jim Oswald Comes Aboard

In its first forty years, the Jesuit Retreat Center poured its energy into development of a superb program of and facility for men's preached weekend retreats. Unlike many of their Jesuit contemporaries building retreat houses elsewhere, the Jesuits of El Retiro invested in private rooms, each en suite, for the solitude and comfort of our retreatants. They invested, too, in buildings dignified by traditional architectural detail and artistic integrity.

In its second forty years, the Jesuit Retreat Center broadened its course, extending a welcome to women, adding weekday programs, and developing a wide range of new offerings: personal conferences on weekend retreats, individually-directed retreats (many of 8-days duration, some as long as 36), collegial and conversational retreats (such as Kairos and retreats for married couples), ongoing spiritual direction, and more.

Few adaptations were made to the Retreat Center buildings in the second forty years, even as creative programs and new constituents raised changing expectations. Three years into our third forty years, we are considering how our facilities might better meet the demands of our varied programs, the hopes of our retreatants and guests, and the needs of the Church. (We now have to say no to more groups, many Catholic, than we are able to welcome.)

The Advisory Board has committed itself to a Strategic Planning Process, working with the Center Staff and a facilitator to consider how we might invest our energy in the next few years to build most effectively on the great work of our predecessors. Jim Oswald, a graduate of Loyola High School of Los Angeles and Stanford University and a professional in the area of strategic planning, has graciously agreed



Fr. Tom Carroll

to guide us through this process.

Jim Oswald has been designing and facilitating strategic planning conversations and events all around the U.S. and the world for the last 27 years. He has provided consulting services to Fortune 100-500 companies, non-profits, and educational institutions, most recently the American Institute of Architects, PBS, and Toyota, as well as the University of Hawaii, the University of Michigan, and his alma mater, Stanford.

Jim's deep roots in the Ignatian tradition have kept him closely connected with Jesuits and with Jesuit ministries, especially those of the California Province. He has facilitated strategic planning workshops for Loyola High School and for the new Xavier College Prep in Palm Desert (a lay-run school in the Ignatian tradition and endorsed by the Province.) Jim will facilitate a Board Retreat for St. Ignatius Prep in San Francisco later this month.

Advisory Board and Staff worked together with Jim on our own Strategic Planning Retreat for two days earlier this month, September 5 and 6. Jim had talked with each Board member during the summer to share expectations for the Retreat and the Planning Process. He will follow up, during the Fall, with conversations with a number of our other constituents, both institutional and individual, to seek your input.

We will work, during the Fall, toward a Strategic Planning document that will build on the Vision and Mission statements of the Retreat Center, on our blessed history, and on the dreams and insight of our many stakeholders, retreatants and friends. We are confident that this document will focus and inspire the investment of our collective energy so that the Retreat Center, with God's help, will flourish through its third forty years.

All Souls Remembrance

In November, the month of All Souls, the Jesuit Community at the Retreat Center shares with the Church throughout the world in remembering at Mass the faithful departed. For Catholics, one of the most meaningful ways of dealing with loss and grief is to recall our deceased loved ones in our prayer and particularly at the Eucharist, trusting that they now live in the embrace of the Risen Lord. In November, then, we will again call to mind and hold in prayer the departed we have known, members of our JRC family and our relatives and friends.

We invite you to join us in observing this tradition by sending us, in the envelope enclosed, the names of those you would like to include in this prayerful remembrance. We will gather these envelopes at the altar of Rossi Chapel and pray for all these people in each November celebration Eucharist.

Enriching Our Vision

Fr. Tom Carroll, S.J.

Since the seventies, the Retreat Center has been blessed to share the gift of the Spiritual Exercises with many women retreatants. Through much of this time, though, women were not ordinarily on the retreat teams here, apart from the 36-day program, 12-Step retreats for women or mixed groups, and retreats for married couples and for mothers and daughters. Most of our retreat teams remained all Jesuit.

We find that we now have in the Bay Area a rich resource in the women and men, lay and of a variety of religious orders, trained and experienced in giving the Spiritual Exercises, in doing spiritual direction, and in offering personal conferences in the context of retreats. Some of these have been participants in our own Pierre Favre Program, which is just beginning its third year of preparing new directors of the Exercises.

In the last few years, the Retreat Center has begun to include women as co-directors and assistants on all the retreats we offer for women and for mixed groups of men and women. The change has met an enthusiastic welcome by virtually all our retreatants—and certainly by all the Retreat Center staff. The addition of the woman's perspective in our presentations and conversations is enriching the spiritual experience of us all.

This program year marks another step, as we add a woman retreat assistant to the team for each of



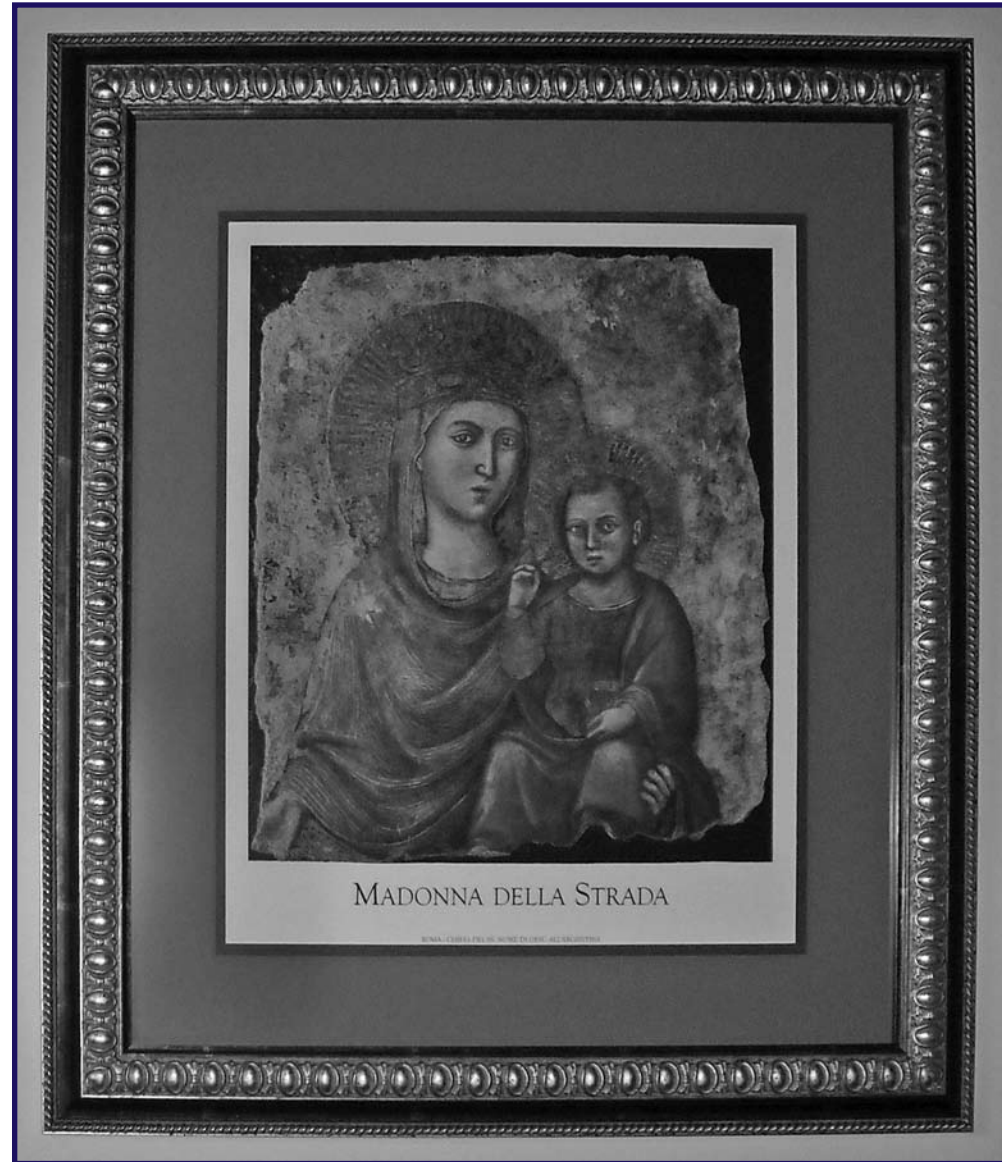
Dr. Ruby Buffin

our men's retreats. The retreatants in our August men's group were delighted to have a woman sharing the weekend of prayer with them. They gave Ruby Buffin, Ph.D., a warm and gracious welcome as she opened this new phase in our tradition. You will find more information on Dr. Buffin and on all those who assist with our retreats on our website.

Takin' It to the Streets

Bro. Tom Koller, S.J.

Some months ago, Father Bernie Bush was wondering why Mary's Room, alongside Rossi Chapel, lacked a print of the Madonna Della Strada. This image, Our Lady of the Way (or road or street), has inspired the devotion of the Society of Jesus from the time of St. Ignatius himself, and many JRC retreatants know the colorful mosaic version



of the image that hangs on the north outside wall of the O'Mara Conference Room.

The image of the Madonna Della Strada was long honored in a Roman church of that name. After establishing the Society of Jesus in 1540, Paul III gave that church to St. Ignatius and his companions. On that site, Cardinal Alessandro Farnese erected the Gesu, mother church of the Jesuits, in 1568. The displaced image was given a place of honor as the focal point of a chapel, immediately adjacent to the main altar, in the Gesu.

Bro. Tom Koller, who had three times been stationed in Rome on the Jesuit Curia staff, took up Fr. Bernie's challenge. He soon had in hand a fine new print, this one reflecting the recent restoration of the original, a subtle fresco on canvas. Dust, dirt, and touch-ups had been removed, but so

had the encrustations of centuries of popular piety: golden embellishments and dazzling jewels by the score that long hid much of the simple fresco.

Fr. Tom Carroll took the print to his favorite Los Altos frame shop and, thanks to generous donations from two of our regular patrons, this beautifully framed Madonna now hangs as the focal work of religious art in Mary's Room. Next time you visit, spend some time in prayer with this image that so long ago touched the heart of Ignatius.

Summer Solitude

The Jesuit Retreat Center welcomed 44 retreatants and 14 directors for this summer's 36-Day Retreat Program, again under the guidance of Fr. Bob Fabing, S.J. Concurrently, we offered three 8-day retreats in series, each including 22 retreatants and six directors, under the guidance of Fr. Joe Fice, S.J. The photo shows the second 8-day retreat group.



Upcoming Retreats

September 12-14

"Try to Remember..."

Silent retreat for men and women

Fr. Jerry Hudson, S.J. Sr. Patricia Galli, R.S.M. and Mrs. Barbara Nelson

September 26-28

The Vision of Ellacuria and Teilhard

Non-silent retreat for men

Fr. Dave Ayotte, S.J.

October 3-5

Mysteries of Light, Histories of Freedom

Silent retreat for men

Fr. Kevin Ballard, S.J.

October 10-12

Echoes of Vatican II

Silent retreat for men and women

Fr. Joe Fice, S.J.

October 17-19

Eternal Life: To Love One Another

Non-silent retreat for men and women

Fr. Bernie Bush, S.J., Dr. André Delbecq, Ms. Leelamma Sebastian

October 24-26

We Don't Have To Wait

Al-Anon non-silent

Retreat for men and women

Msgr. Terry Richey

October 29

From Glory to Exile

Non-silent day of prayer for men and women

Fr. Joe Fice, S.J.

November 7-9

The Sacrament of Marriage: An Affair of the Heart

Non-silent retreat for married couples

Fr. Bob Fabing, S.J. and the J.I.F.L. Staff

November 21-23

Christ: The Source & Goal of Our Desiring

Silent retreat for men and women

Fr. Bernie Bush, S.J. and Sr. Anne Hennessy, C.S.J.

November 28-30

Gratitude, Quiet, and Fellowship

Non-silent recovery retreat for men and women

Fr. Tom Weston, S.J.

December 5-7

Discernment 101

Non-silent retreat for young adults, men and women

Fr. Jerry Hudson, S.J. and Young Adult Team

December 10

Maranatha! Come, Lord!

Non-silent day of prayer for men and women

Fr. Joe Fice, S.J.

December 12-14

Turning Point - Turning Points

Non-silent recovery retreat for men

Fr. Kevin Ballard, S.J.

December 17-21

Silent, Individually-Directed Retreat

for men and women

Jesuit Retreat Center Pastoral Staff and Friends

Dec. 30-Jan. 1

We Are Not a Glum Lot!

Non-silent recovery retreat for men and women

Fr. Tom Weston, S.J.

January 2-4

Spiritual Awakenings in the New Year

Non-silent recovery retreat for women

Fr. Jeff LaBelle, S.J.

January 9-11

Christ: The Source & Goal of our Desiring

Silent retreat for women

Fr. Bernie Bush, S.J. and Sr. Anne Hennessy, C.S.J.

January 16-18

Christ: The Source & Goal of our Desiring

Silent retreat for men

Fr. Bernie Bush, S.J. and Mr. Michael Cheney

January 23-25

Vocal Exercises

Non-silent retreat for men and women

Fr. Tom Carroll, S.J.

Jan. 30-Feb. 1

Mysteries of Light, Histories of Freedom

Silent retreat for men

Fr. Kevin Ballard, S.J.

February 13-15

A Journey Through Grief to Healing

Non-silent retreat for men and women

Fr. Joe Fice, S.J.

February 13-15

Together for Life: Blessing and Challenge!

Non-silent retreat for married couples

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Romo and Fr. Larry Percell

February 25

God Fashioned Humans of Dust

Non-silent day of prayer

Fr. George Schultze, S.J.

March 6-8

"And He Was Transfigured Before Them..."

Silent retreat for men

Fr. Jerry Hudson, S.J.

In Memoriam

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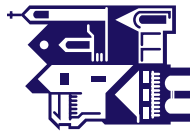
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