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Ocean Lament by Teresa Berger

***We hold in prayer and lament this day
the terrible suffering of all life-forms in
the Gulf of Mexico.***

***We grieve the profound marring of your
creation,***

and the threat to coastal ways of life.

Have mercy, O God, have mercy.

***Grant wisdom and perseverance to all
who struggle to contain this disaster.***

***Let those who lost their lives rest in
peace.***

***And send out your Holy Spirit,
to create anew the face of this earth.***

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<http://www.praytelligblog.com/index.php/2010/05/30/ocean-lament/>. For more information on
the spill please go to the news story at
www.lim.loyno.edu.

Message from the Director

Thomas Ryan, Ph.D.

Celebrating Cathy Zeph

As many of you know, Dr. Cathy Zeph, LIM Faculty Coordinator for Instructional Design and Assistant Professor of Religion and Education, has taken a position as Senior Lecturer and Director of Ministerial Formation at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University. JST is located in Berkeley, CA. and is part of the larger Graduate Theological Union there. She will be working with the Master of Divinity program, teaching the theological reflection seminars for the M.Div. students, and overseeing the field education placements (internships) of the second-year students. Her departure is bittersweet. It gives her an opportunity to return to the scene of her master's level studies in Berkeley. It also represents an opportunity to be a part of another excellent program at a Jesuit institution. Yet this represents an end to thirteen years with us in the Loyola Institute for Ministry. She has been the face of LIM, especially for our facilitators and liaisons. Indeed, practically every LIM facilitator and liaison (as well as adjunct faculty member) over the last thirteen years has gone through Cathy's facilitator trainings. They have learned from her expertise in adult learning methodologies. They

have experienced her professionalism on the job, and they have enjoyed her hearty good humor. An example of her good humor can be found in the photo associated with this story. Saints quarterback and Super Bowl MVP Drew Brees received an honorary doctorate and spoke at Loyola's graduation ceremony this past May. As we were lining up, eagle-eye Cathy spotted him and with her ever-present camera had her picture taken with him. She entitled this photo "Dr. Cathy and Dr. Drew."



We are currently working to hire not a replacement for Cathy — she can't be replaced — but for someone to fill the position she has left. I hope to have information about that very soon. In the meantime, it is important to say that Cathy's presence has been a gift to LIM and to me personally. In many ways, she has been my mentor as I have transitioned into the role of LIM Director. I am grateful to her for that, and I wish her all the best as she moves to Berkeley. They don't know how lucky they are to have her!

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Loyola at Angola

Early this winter, I attended a conference on re-entry from prison back into society, and Linda Fjeldsjo of Catholic Charities Baton Rouge asked me if I knew of the Loyola Institute for Ministry. I indicated that I did, and she told me that she worked as a chaplain at the Louisiana State Penitentiary (LSP) in Angola, LA.

LSP is the largest maximum security prison in the United States. It is 18,000 acres (with more acreage than the island of Manhattan), twenty miles from the main highway U.S. 51, surrounded on three sides by the Mississippi River and on the third by the Tunica Hills.

It is located within the Diocese of Baton Rouge, and, of its 5,000 inmates, 1,000 are Catholic. Leaders among the Catholic inmates there have gone through various diocesan formation programs, and she was looking for other ways to form them (as well as prisoners from other denominations and religions) as peer ministers at Angola.

It would be difficult to offer of our program at prisons that have more transient populations. Sadly, this is less of a problem at Angola. The population there is relatively stable because few inmates ever leave. I've come to learn that sentences are so long that most prisoners will die there.

With Baton Rouge as a sponsoring agency (and Charles Jumonville as our liaison there), Linda was interested in making our extension program available to inmates Angola. In addition, she had some funding to help pay the tuition.

One of the questions was whether students would pursue the graduate degree or the ceu option. Numerous inmates have fulfilled a prerequisite by obtaining an undergraduate degree through the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, which offers its undergraduate programming at LSP. For a variety of reasons, including some funding limitations, this first group will be an all-certificate program.

And, so it has started. The orientation session was held in late June, and classes start in early August. For more information about the Loyola Extension program at Angola, please see <http://www.loyno.edu/news/story/2010/5/24/2130>. If you have prisons in your diocese where you think our extension program could be beneficial, please let me know.

Incidentally, former death-row Angolite, Wilber Rideau, has written a memoir entitled *In the Place of Justice: A Story of Punishment and Deliverance* (Knopf, 2010) that illuminates life in Angola over 4 decades.

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LIM en Español

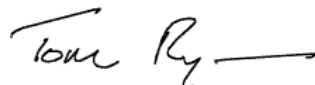
One of the reasons why the Catholic Church has not seen a decrease in its faithful in the United States is that its pews continue to be filled by immigrants, now from Spanish-speaking countries in the Americas. And the population of Spanish speakers is growing not just, as one might expect, in areas like Florida, Texas, and the southwest, but throughout the United States, including in rural areas.

Although Spanish-speaking Catholics constitute an increasingly large proportion of the Body of Christ in the United States, resources for faith formation lag those available to English-speaking Catholics.

In response, LIM has applied for and received grants to translate and inculturate its program into Spanish. It received a grant from the Raskob Foundation to work on Course 2, *The Jewish Roots of Christian Faith*, and it received a \$106,000 from a foundation that wishes to remain anonymous to translate and inculturate courses 3-6. This grant also funds an assessment of Course 1, *Introduction to Practical Theology*, which is currently being piloted in the Dioceses of Jackson and Raleigh, but it will be available nationally this fall.

All course materials, videos, applications, and so forth are available in Spanish so that students need not be able to speak English. For the near future, LIM en Español will be available only at the certificate level. For more information, please see <http://www.loyno.edu/news/story/2010/6/7/2142>. If you would be interested in hosting LIM en Español in your diocese, please let me know.

Best wishes,



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News Notes from Cecelia

Cecelia M. Bennett, J.C.L.

2010 Commencement

Congratulations to all our 2010 graduates. Groups graduated from the (Arch) dioceses of Baton Rouge, Boise, El Paso, Fort Worth, Houma-Thibodaux, Knoxville, Lansing, Louisville, Orlando, Palm Beach, Phoenix, Raleigh, Saint Augustine, San Angelo, San Bernardino, Springfield-Cape Girardeau, Syracuse, and from St. John's College, Belize City, Belize.

The 2010 spring commencement activities were held on May 8, 2010. Some 50 degree and certificate graduates from across the country celebrated



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with us in New Orleans. The commencement ceremonies were especially festive with the presence of Drew Brees, the Super Bowl MVP. Our LIM graduates got to process twice in one day to the hymn "When the Saints Go Marching In," once at commencement and then again at the end of LIM liturgy on Saturday afternoon. If you would like to relive the memories or experience some of what you missed, you may view a video of the commencement ceremonies at: <http://www.loyno.edu/ia/publicaffairs/commencement/index.html>.

The **2011 commencement** ceremonies will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2011. All certificate and degree candidates are invited to the LIM liturgy and reception on Saturday afternoon, May 14, at 4:30 p.m. All 2011 degree and certificate graduates should apply online by October 15, 2010 at: <http://www.loyno.edu/records/applicationfordegree.php>. The university's reply to your online application will be sent to your loyno.edu email address. You may find your address on LORA if you do not remember it. Directions on how to do this are in the *Policy Manual* and on LORA.

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Fr. Jerry Fagin's *Putting on the Heart of Christ*

Signed Copies of Fr. Jerry Fagin's new book *Putting on the Heart of Christ: How the Spiritual Exercises Invite Us to a Virtuous Life* (Loyola Press, 2010) are available from the LIM office. Recently 150 people attended an event to celebrate the publication of Jerry Fagin's new book. *Putting on the Heart of Christ* offers a fresh look at the Spiritual Exercises through the lens of virtue ethics. In doing so, the book encourages an individual to become the kind of person whose very life is in tune with the heart of Christ. Fr. Fagin covers 15 virtues throughout the book, including gratitude, reverence, and forgiveness. Each is explained within the context of the Spiritual Exercises and the life of St. Ignatius, as well as within the context of Scripture. Ultimately, Fr. Fagin uses virtue ethics along with the Spiritual Exercises to help us think beyond *what has God called me* and to think quite specifically in terms of *who has God called me to be*. This book is a perfect follow up for our Loyola Students who are working their way through the graces of the Exercises in their courses or for anyone who wants to reflect more deeply on who they are called to be.



The sale of Fr. Jerry's book at the book signing was so popular that we ordered more from Loyola Press. A limited number of copies are still available. If you would like a signed copy of his book and want to contribute to the LIM scholarship fund at the same time, please email Eileen Chapoton at chapoton@loyno.edu. The cost is \$17.00 plus shipping charges.

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NALM Board Election

I am pleased to announce that I was elected to the Board of Directors of the National Association for Lay Ministry. The National Association for Lay Ministry is a professional organization that supports, educates, and advocates for lay ministers and promotes the development of lay ministry in the Catholic Church. It offers various benefits to its members and provides you with an opportunity to support lay ministry. Student memberships are available at www.nalm.org. Other professional ministerial associations are found with the Discernment Process materials in the course materials section of the

LIM documents web page; as part of this Discernment Process, students are encouraged to join a professional association.

I also recommend to you the book *Forward in Hope Saying Amen to Lay Ecclesial Ministry* by Bishop Matthew Clark (Ave Maria Press, 2009). Bishop Clark gives a candid and personal look at his experience with Lay Ecclesial Ministry, using a theological reflection model that resonates with the Loyola learning model. As the title says, he looks “forward in hope” to a strong future for lay ecclesial ministry.

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LIM Evaluation Coordinator

Ms. Catherlyne (Cacey) Beaulieu, LIM Evaluation and Educational Resources Coordinator, has been accepted to Nursing School and will be leaving LIM on August 9th to pursue her studies full time. We are excited for Cacey, and we wish her all the best. She had been a valued member of the LIM team and we will miss her. Congratulations, Cacey!

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Travels with Cathy, and with Gratitude (6.23.10)

Cathy Zeph, Ed.D.

Greetings from the Diocese of Shrewsbury, England, where I am conducting my third LIM facilitator certification workshop for the diocese; the sun is high during these summer solstice days – it sets at 10:30 p.m. and starts rising again at 3:30 a.m.! This weekend I travel to visit students and alums in Glasgow and Edinburgh, Scotland, where the sun is even higher. This is my fourth trip to our United Kingdom sites (I also conducted a workshop in Scotland during one of their coldest weekends a few years ago), and I am among friends, old and new. Sipping tea and wine, enjoying scones and custard, and learning about the World Cup and the British economy is all part of the sociocultural contextual experience here.

And so it has been with all of my LIM travels and workshops in New Orleans. Among the many gifts and joys of my work over these last 13 years as a LIM faculty member has been to share bread and wine, as well as local foods and drinks with all of you, as you have so freely opened your homes and hearts to me. Each trip or workshop is a chapter in my imaginary LIMEX book that I may someday write – from learning about the Basques in Boise, the Erie Canal in Syracuse, the border crossing in El Paso, the oil industry in San Angelo, the Mayan ruins of Belize, the highest mountain valley in Pueblo, the moats of Benin City, the country’s largest rural hospital in Tupelo, the cotton mills in Manchester, the five U.S. presidents from Ohio, the birthplace of jazz in New Orleans – to learning about the varieties of spiritual and liturgical expressions around the world – to learning about the histories and organizational structures and leaders of differing dioceses – to learning about the multitude of personality types and group dynamics that can exist within the structure of our one program. Seeing the world through your locations and stories, and through the various contexts of our program, has been true gift and sacrament. I have been blessed by each and every one of you.

Thank you for all of your beautiful notes of affirmation and gratitude as I leave Loyola for another adventure in life. For those of you who do not know, in August I will be joining the faculty of the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University in Berkeley, California, as Senior Lecturer and Director of Ministerial Formation. It is because of my rich experiences of travel and guiding facilitators and students through our program that I have been invited to take this opportunity. Many of the students in Berkeley

come from other countries, and there is a strong emphasis there on Ignatian spirituality; both of these elements I learned in deeper ways while at Loyola.

One of the appealing parts of this new job is that I can continue my Jesuit and lay ministry networks. I hope to see some of you as I travel to meetings and to stay in touch with some of you by email. I will carry you all in my heart and thank you for all you have shown and given me. May the rich education and experiences you have gained while traveling with your learning group continue to sustain and nourish you. May your local waters continue to refresh you, may your ministry towels continue to remind you of what we have been together as community. May God's spirit continue to dwell within.

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Online Library Resources

Jennifer Shimek, M.F.A.

LIM students have many options for accessing online scholarly sources for their coursework through Loyola's Monroe Library. Recent updates to the Common Curriculum course bibliographies found at the end of every course syllabus have included more citations for electronic books (e-books) that students can read online and for databases containing articles, maps, and other resources that can be obtained online. To learn more about the Monroe Library's services and how to log-in to databases from off campus, visit http://library.loyno.edu/services_collections/distance.php. We hope that using these online resources as well as the texts in your local sponsoring agency library will enrich your learning!



Monroe Library at Loyola University New Orleans

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