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## Message from the Director: The Legacy of Vatican Council II

By Thomas Ryan, Ph.D.

The Loyola Institute for Ministry (LIM) is because Vatican II (1962-1965) was. We started as the Catechetical and Pastoral Institute in 1968 and were housed first at our local Notre Dame Seminary and now, since the early 1970s, at Loyola. Students attended because they sought education and formation in response to the Council.

One of the Council's priorities was culture. It recognized the Church as being in the world and culture as providing a means for proclaiming the Gospel and its Good News. As an aside, if there were any question whether the Church has taken up this call, it was dispelled for me at the recent National Conference on

Catholic Youth Ministry held in Orlando. LIM's booth there was



**11 Oct. 1962: Opening Session of Vatican Council II at St. Peter's Basilica.**

located 100 feet or so from the

stage, and music—often loud—pulsed through the convention center much of the time. One way that youth ministry today conveys its message is through the medium of pop music.

Loyola recently hosted an event that recalled an early post-Vatican II example of this. The St. Louis Jesuits recorded their first album of acoustic-guitar-driven hymns in 1974, based on music they had written since the mid 1960s. They periodically reassemble for special occasions, and they did so in November to celebrate Loyola's 100th anniversary.

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## Fr. Fagin Scholarship Fund

The Loyola Institute for Ministry continues to mourn the loss of our beloved faculty member, friend, and mentor, Fr. Jerry Fagin, S.J. Let us continue his powerful work and leave a legacy for impacting future students with a scholarship in his name.

The chance to award scholarships for future students allows us in a small way to assist future generations.

Fr. Fagin influenced many in his years with Loyola and the Loyola Institute for Ministry; and it is with anticipation that the schol-

arship in his name will continue to inspire our students.



**Rev. Gerald "Jerry" Fagin, S.J., Ph.D.**

Please give to the Fagin Scholarship Fund and with us and many others continue to spread the greatness of this humble servant.

Donate to the Fagin Scholarship Fund [GO »](#)

**View video lectures by Father Fagin online.**  
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*Then the shepherds returned,  
glorifying and praising God  
for all they had heard and seen,  
just as it had been told to them.  
(Luke 2:20)*

[From: Lectionary, Solemnity of the  
Nativity of the Lord]



*(Christmas) Mass at Dawn, Dec. 25,  
2012]*

*May we all be heralds of the  
Good News this Christmas.*

*A blessed Christmas and New  
Year to each of you and yours,*

— LIM Faculty and Staff

## Notes from Cecelia

By Cecelia Bennett, J.C.L.

### 2013 Commencement

This year we are celebrating our first graduates from the LIM online program. The 2013 spring commencement activities will be held the weekend of 11 May 2013. The LIM liturgy and reception is on Saturday afternoon, 11 May at 4:30 p.m. All certificate and degree candidates from the on-campus, extension (LIMEX), and online programs are invited to participate with their guests. The LIM liturgy on

Saturday afternoon is a special time to gather as LIM graduates with your family and friends, other LIM graduates, and with the LIM faculty and staff. We celebrate not only your graduation but your call to ministry.

University Commencement for degree candidates for May, August, and December 2013 is on Saturday, 11 May at 9:45 a.m. in the Mercedes Benz Superdome.

[Diane Blair](#) will be sending email information out on the liturgy and reception and the other University commencement activities. Information is now posted by the university on its [commencement page](#).

If you have not already done so, 2013 May, August and December, degree and certificate candidates for graduation (students who have successfully completed 27 hours or 9 courses) need to [apply online](#) for graduation.

### LIM Office Closure for Christmas

The University offices are closed for the Christmas holiday from Saturday December 22 through Tuesday, January 1.

For LIMEX students, the last date to submit a paper to the Writing Consultant Service in order to receive it back by 21 December is Friday, December 14. Papers mailed to Loyola during the Christmas closure will not be processed until Wednesday, 2 January. LIMEX adjunct faculty also most likely will not be evaluating papers over the break.

Online and on-campus students, please contact the Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) lab and [Nancy Rowe](#) regarding end of semester deadlines.

LIMEX groups planning on beginning classes the first two weeks in January are asked to email your rosters to the [Registration Coordinator](#) by 17 December so that the DVD order can be processed in time for the videos to arrive in time for class. Course One and Two rosters should be emailed in by 10 December in order to allow extra time for clearing the rosters for admissions.

On-campus and online classes and exams are over by 14 December and classes resume on 7 January for on-campus and on 14 January for online. We encourage LIMEX learning groups to also take time off from class over the holidays. It is a good opportunity for renewal and relaxation so you can start fresh in the New Year.



# LIM Welcomes Back Michael A. Cowan, Ph.D.

Dr. Michael Cowan joined the faculty of the Loyola Institute for Ministry in 1990. He taught numerous classes on campus and was responsible for extension courses in small Christian communities and faith and culture. From 2000-2012, Mike worked for Loyola presidents in various capacities.

Through his work for Loyola, Mike has become an important part of the fabric of New Orleans; he knows the city, and its political and social dynamics. Since Hurricane Katrina, he has played crucial roles locally on issues ranging from the creation of New Orleans' Office of

Inspector General to reform of our criminal justice system. He is co-founder of the Jeremiah Group community organization and of the



**Dr. Michael Cowan**

faith and interracial community organization.

He likes to say he's been doing practical theology for the last 12 years and has now returned to the faculty of the Loyola Institute for Ministry to teach it. You can study with him in Spring 2013 in a course on small Christian communities, their internal dynamics and transformative power. He will teach it online and will meet face-to-face several times during the semester with New Orleans-based students.

**More information on Mike and his course, including podcasts with him, are available online.**  
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Shades of Praise Interracial Gospel Choir. His interests are in inter-

## Daily Prayer 2013 (Liturgical Press, 2012): LIM Faculty

### Member Dr. Daniella Zsupan-Jerome Publishes New Book

We celebrate the publication of Daniella Zsupan-Jerome's book Daily Prayer 2013 by Liturgical Training Publications.

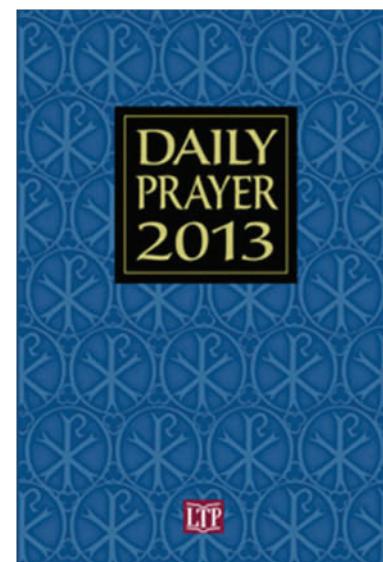
The book allows users to focus on Scripture each day of the liturgical year from the First Sunday of Advent, 2 December 2012, through 31 December 2013. The entry for each day contains a Scripture reading, a reflection, a Psalm, intercessions, and a closing prayer, drawing on the long tradition of *lectio divina*, holy reading.



**Dr. Daniella Zsupan-Jerome**

On 13 November 2012, Dr. Zsupan-Jerome presented a reflection on praying with the Liturgical Calendar as presented in her new book. Daniella shared her dedications in the book, spoke on the method of praying with Scripture, and passed out a sample from the book allowing all present to pray together. The gathering took place in Ignatius Chapel, and following the presentation, books were sold benefitting the Fagin Scholarship Fund with Daniella signing the books purchased. Participants gathered in fellowship over refreshments.

This book is an excellent resource for group and individual prayer and would make a great gift for anyone interested in developing the habit of daily prayer. It is available as an ebook as well as in a soft-cover edition.



For more information, visit  
Liturgy Training Publications.

# Announcements



Learn about how people are celebrating the Year of Faith by visiting by going online. [Go»](#)

Log on and join us for our webinars



## Celebrating The Year of Faith

Through a partnership with the Catholic News Service and the Catholic Press Association, the Loyola Institute for Ministry has launched a Year of Faith website to gather information nationally (and interna-

tionally) about events and media related to the Year of Faith.

The Catholic News Service explains the significance of the Year of Faith in an article online. [Read it »](#)

If you have suggestions about articles, websites, books, blogs, videos, events, or other relevant content, please contact [Tom Ryan](#).

Learn more about the Year of Faith by [visiting the webpage](#).

## Each One Reach One Campaign

We'll be having open houses around the world this coming semester. If you know of someone interested in our extension program in your diocese, please refer them to your [local liaison](#) or to LIM of Recruitment [Eileen Chapoton](#).

If you know someone who would prefer to study on cam-

pus with us, we'll have an Open House for them on January 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Orleans Room of the Danna Student Center.

We will also host an Open House for our online programs at 8 p.m. on 31 January. For information on how to access it, please see the instructions

available online. [Go »](#)

If we can host an online Open House for our LIMEX partners, please contact Eileen.

Sharing your experience is a great testimony for LIM.

Please share this information with prospective students.

### On-Campus Open House: 22 Jan. 2013

The Loyola Institute for Ministry along with other graduate programs at Loyola will host an Open House at 5:30 pm in the St. Charles Room of the Danna Student Center. There will be an information session and time for questions and answers. Refreshments will be served.

### Online Open House: 31 Jan. 2013

Please join us online for information about our all-online master degrees in Religious Education and Pastoral Studies. Further information about how to attend can be found online. [Go »](#)

## Application Deadlines for Admissions

Summer Semester – April 1<sup>st</sup> • Fall Semester – August 1<sup>st</sup> • Spring Semester – November 15<sup>th</sup>

## Upcoming Webinars

Please join us for our upcoming webinars, which are free and open to the public. Bring a friend!

10 January, Barbara Fleischer, Ph. D., Associate Professor LIM speaks on Spirituality at Work

18 February, William Barnwell, Former Pastor of Trinity Episcopal Church and friend of Catholic author Flannery

O'Connor will discuss her short story "Revelation" and speak on "The Intrusion of Grace in the Stories of Flannery O'Connor"

16 April, Ansel Augustine, LIM graduate, from the Office of Black Youth and Young Adult Ministry will speak on "Multi-Cultural Ministry and the New Evangelization"

13 May, Fr. James C. Carter, S.J., President Emeritus, will

talk on Science and Religion, All webinars take place at 8PM CDT. To access the webinars:

1. Go to: <http://loyno.adobeconnect.com/webinar/>

2. Select "Enter as a Guest"

3. Type in your name and click "Enter Room." If you log-in before the starting time, you will need to wait until the start time before being invited in.

# The Legacy of Vatican Council II continued

They played, and we sang, many of their greatest hits.

Another driver behind the Council was its return to the scriptural and traditional sources of our faith. At the concert, I was particularly struck by a song I'd never heard, "O Beauty, Ever Ancient," that did this. Recorded in 2005, it sets a prayerful passage from St. Augustine's *Confessions* to music.

And what a sensuous prayer it is! Working backward, it concludes with God's insistent appeal to all Augustine's senses. "You called, shouted, broke through my deafness; you flared, blazed, banished my blindness; you lavished your fragrance, I gasped, and now I pant for you; I tasted you, and I hunger and thirst; you touched me, and I burned for your peace."

His prayer captures creation's ambiguity. He, misshapen (*deformis*), was attracted to "the shapely things (*formosa*) you have made," but he failed to notice God in them. Counter-intuitively, "they held me back far from you, those things which would have no being were they not in you."

It was not until well into his life that St. Augustine would write his *Confessions* and regretfully utter the prayer's opening words, "Late have I loved you."

Like Augustine, here I am late in calendar year 2012, yet another year almost expired with so many of my resolutions left unfulfilled, including my resolve to be attentive, with St. Ignatius Loyola, to God in all things. I do intermittently succeed in this. Yet, even though my very breath depends on God, it is only belatedly, often in liturgical settings, that I remember

this.

So, time as *chronos*, as one damned tick of the clock after another, marches on unceasingly, and any acknowledgement of and gratitude for God's gift of life, if it is not constant, can only be belated. With Augustine, I say, late do I love you.

But my tardiness is not the end of the story because this divine You is unceasing. Usually unaware, I have been accompanied, no, pursued insistently by one like a hound of heaven, by the one I have loved belatedly who is "Beauty so ancient and so new."

This line gestures at another understanding of time, time as *kairos*, not the sequential *chronos* but God's appointed time, the moments when our time intersects with eternity. This in-breaking of eternity is meant to impact the present not so that in recognizing God now I realize regrettably how often I haven't. No, it can heal my past heedlessness with the grace that God

always showers down, not to spotlight shortcomings but as overflowing gift.

The anniversary of Vatican II provides us an opportunity to renew our commitment to the aggiornamento that Blessed John XXIII initiated. Year-end is a helpful reminder to recall our God in whom, at every moment, "we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28). And St. Augustine's poetry on its own or as set to music by the St. Louis Jesuits can help us.

Late have I loved you,  
Beauty so ancient and so new,  
late have I loved you!

Lo, you were within,  
but I outside, seeking there for  
you,  
and upon the shapely things you  
have made  
I rushed headlong,  
I, misshapen.

You were with me but I was not  
with you.  
They held me back far from you,  
those things which would have no  
being  
were they not in you.

You called, shouted, broke through  
my deafness;  
you flared, blazed, banished my  
blindness;  
you lavished your fragrance,  
I gasped, and now I pant for you;  
I tasted you, and I hunger and  
thirst;  
you touched me, and I burned for  
your peace.

(Augustine, *Confessions*, 10.27.38)

With best wishes for a blessed  
Christmas,

*Tom Ry*



**Dr. Tom Ryan, Director  
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**Ministry education to make a difference in the world.**

**The mission of the Loyola Institute for Ministry (LIM) is to prepare women and men for religious education and ministerial leadership in Catholic and other Christian communities through professional graduate education and through professional continuing education. The Master of Religious Education and the Master of Pastoral Studies degrees are offered in the Institute. A number of continuing education options are also part of Institute programming.**

**This newsletter is designed for students in all the LIM programs, alums, current liaisons, facilitators, and faculty.**



# Spring 2013 Calendar of Events

## JANUARY

10<sup>th</sup>, Thursday • Barbara Fleischer, Ph. D., Associate Professor at LIM, will lecture on Spirituality at Work • 8 pm, CDT • [Online Webinar](#) • [GO»](#)

16<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday • Father James L. Heft, S.M., president of the Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies at USC, presents "The Church, Bishops and Theologians: A Dynamic Tension?" • 7-9 p.m., Nunemaker Auditorium • [On Campus](#) • [GO»](#)

from a Spiritual Space" • 7 p.m., Nunemaker Auditorium • [On Campus](#) • [GO»](#)

19<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, Michael J. Garanzini, S.J., president Loyola University Chicago, discusses Jesuit Higher Education • 7-9 p.m., Nunemaker Auditorium • [On Campus](#) • [GO»](#)

26<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, Cokie Roberts, political analyst, speaks • 7- 8:30 p.m., Roussel Performance Hall • [On Campus](#) • [GO»](#)

and Young Adult Ministry, presents "Multi-Cultural Ministry and the New Evangelization" • 8 p.m. CDT • [Online Webinar](#) • [GO»](#)

## MAY

13<sup>th</sup>, Monday • Fr. James C. Carter, S.J., president emeritus of Loyola University, discusses Science and Religion• 8 p.m. CDT • [Online Webinar](#) • [GO»](#)

## FEBRUARY

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## MARCH

18<sup>th</sup>, Monday, James Martin, S.J., priest, author and culture editor of *America*, the national Catholic magazine, speaks. 7-8:30 p.m., Nunemaker Auditorium • [On Campus](#) • [GO»](#)

## APRIL

18<sup>th</sup>, Monday • Uwem Akpan, S.J., presents the lecture "Writing About Human Tragedy

### Did You Know?

Past LIM webinars are available for viewing online in the archive a on the LIM website. [GO»](#)

16<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday Ansel Augustine, Lim graduate and from the Office of Black Youth