



Letter from the Director

By Thomas F. Ryan, Ph.D.

At the close of Holy Week and start of Easter, you might view *Jesus of Montreal* (1989), available in ok quality on YouTube. With humor and regret, it presents a contemporary passion play become all too real. Former actor Daniel Coulombe is a Christ figure commissioned to freshen up Stations of the Cross. In preparation, he undertakes research into the ancient Near East and ends up with a challenging portrait of Jesus. He then gathers friends, most from questionable backgrounds, to join him.

The film presents updates on biblical hypocrites, hucksters, and tormentors. It offers a new twist on familiar New Testament scenes. After Coulombe's death, resurrection is enacted in his organ donations that enable new sight and new life. Some of his followers sell out to the highest bidders, but one, at least, has been transformed. The film suggests that she has taken to heart some of the play's closing words—"Jesus is alive. We have seen him."

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Summer Institute for Catholic Educational Leadership To Focus on Leadership Strengths: June 3-5, 2019

During the first week of June, leaders and aspiring leaders in Catholic education and formation will come together to participate in this year's Summer Institute. After completing the CliftonStrengthsFinder profile, each person will learn more about his or her leadership strengths and how to encourage such strengths in others. The presenters are Leisa Anslinger, co-director of Catholic Life and Faith, a center for evangelization, stewardship, and servant leadership development, and Susie Veters, the Director of Stewardship and Parish Services at the Catholic Community Foundation of the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

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Welcome, Graduates of the Class of 2019!

Commencement is already upon us, and we are looking forward to greeting our LIM graduates when they come to campus to celebrate Commencement on May 11, 2019. Those earning an MRE or MPS will be participating in the university's commencement in the morning, and then we will have a special Mass and reception on campus at 4:30 p.m. to honor graduates of all of our programs: degree, CEU, and certificate students.

If you are planning to attend the LIM Mass on Saturday, please be sure to [RSVP](#). In addition, if you need special assistance or accessible seating at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome, including special parking, please contact [Diane Blair](#) by May 2. She can also

make arrangements for assistance for either the Baccalaureate Mass on May 10 and the LIM Liturgy on May 11; please contact her by May 6 if you need assistance for these events.

The [university's commencement web page](#) provides you with information on the university-wide celebrations and links to help you with your visit to New Orleans!

Questions about Commencement can be directed to Diane Blair at dblair@loyno.edu

We can't wait to see you!



FaithActs Summer Youth Theology Institute: June 17-21, 2019

Rising juniors and seniors are coming to stay on-campus for four days as they earn college credit or community service hours in this unique program that combines theology, spirituality, and hand-on activity. Participants will examine themes arising from Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'* and identify ways to express solidarity at macro and micro levels, including solidarity with God, neighbor, community, and creation. Study with Loyola faculty and reflection are enhanced by service activities in southeastern Louisiana. By volunteering in and around New Orleans, participants process what they've learned individually and in small groups led by trained mentors, and they will have opportunities to connect their insights to their faith through Ignatian spiritual formation.

Spaces are still available for interested students. The cost is \$500 per student; financial assistance is available.

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- For questions, contact Diane Blair dblair@loyno.edu



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A prayer. May the end of Lent and the start of Easter be a source of blessing for us. May we experience, and be a channel of, the Good News that the words “Jesus is alive” are meant to convey, the Good News of God’s astonishing and unconditional love. May we also be challenged by that same love that cherishes in a special way those humans—and other creatures!—who suffer or experience marginalization in this world. Amen.

Some Updates

Faculty member **Tracey Lamont** is piloting the National Dialogue on Catholic Pastoral Ministry with Youth and Young Adults at St. John Paul II High School in Slidell, LA. She is also working with colleagues nationally on webinars devoted to Pope Francis’s “Christus Vivit,” the Post-Synodal Exhortation on Young People. To access the webinars, [GO»](#)



Salt+Light filming in

Staff member **Sarah DeMarais** spent time this winter in Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania with a film crew from Salt+Light Television working on a 90-minute documentary on the work of congregations of Catholic sisters in East Africa, the same congregations whose members are studying with us in our project entitled “Catholic Sisters in Partnership for Sustainability.” To learn more, [GO»](#)

Four **LIMEX in Spanish** groups are meeting—three in Orlando and one in Tupelo. To learn more, [GO»](#)

Graduates, students and friends gathered at Annunciation Church in the Diocese of Orlando to celebrate almost **40 years of LIMEX** and the contribution that **Basil Pflumm** has made to LIMEX in Orlando. Attendees contributed to a scholarship fund for LIMEX students in Orlando, and Basil was honored in the April issue of Loyola’s Pack Press. To read the story, [GO»](#)



Honoree Basil Pflumm

LIMEX groups are in the planning stages for a fall start in [Charlotte](#) and [Louisville](#) where LIM Director Tom Ryan will be visiting to give presentations and conduct information sessions.

We have some **great summer classes** taught by **amazing instructors**: Introduction to Practical Theology (Zsupan-Jerome), Universe as Divine Manifestation (O’Gorman), Ministry in the Marketplace (Eickelmann), Youth and Young Adults: Spirituality and Faith Development (Lamont), Spirituality for Ministers (Wilhelm), Catechetical Leadership (Danforth), Public Life of Small Christian Communities (Cowan).

Wishing you joy this Easter,



Dr. Tom Ryan, LIM



The Loyola Institute for Ministry

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, faculty, and friends.

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- Master of Pastoral Studies
- Master of Religious Education
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- Graduate Certificate in Catholic Social Teaching
- Post-Master's Certificate in Pastoral Studies

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