Pointing the Way

Señalando el Camino
Dear Parishioners,

Last month on February 19th, after receiving the approval of Pope Francis, the Superior General of the Society of Jesus, Arturo Sosa, promulgated four Universal Apostolic Preferences.

A. To show the way to God through the Spiritual Exercises and discernment;
B. To walk with the poor, the outcasts of the world, those whose dignity has been violated, in a mission of reconciliation and justice;
C. To accompany young people in the creation of a hope-filled future;
D. To collaborate in the care of our Common Home.

Already while participating in the 36th General Congregation in 2016, I could sense among the members of the Congregation the seeds of these four preferences being planted. Still, as all good discernment requires, we are to “test every spirit” (1 John 4:1). The General Congregation, therefore, explicitly requested of our then newly elected Superior General that he review the apostolic preferences that have been in place for the past ten years. Fr. Sosa soon invited Jesuits along with their worldwide partners in mission to engage in spiritual conversation “to discern the needs of the world, the calls of the Spirit, and the ways for the Society of Jesus to serve better.”

As Father Sosa points out in his letter of promulgation, “the contributions from the communities, apostolic works, regions, provinces, and from Jesuits in formation provided a vital starting point.” When collected, the contributions from the six Jesuit Conferences around the world were in “surprising agreement.”

He then met for some extended council and prayer with the six Conference Presidents. Fr. Sosa came to see that “we have lived through a process that has produced, step by step, a consensus that we believe is guided by the Holy Spirit.”

These preferences, now given as a mission to the Jesuits by the Holy Father, will be “pointing the way” for the Society of Jesus for the next 10 years. As such, they can also, like the pointer on our cover suggests, give our own Jesuit parish a real sense of preferred directionality.

During the upcoming weeks of Lent, we will briefly explore in our bulletin how our parish already lives out these preferences. We also hope that together we can begin to consider how we might further embrace and realize each of them. For that reason, I invite you this Lent to commit some time to praying about these four preferences and to sharing with the Pastoral Council, the staff, and me, the fruits of your prayer. To help you in your prayer, you might visit the website developed for this purpose https://jesuits.global/en/uap or you may link to that site through our parish’s website’s home page.

I am truly excited and energized by these four Universal Apostolic Preferences and eager to see how the Holy Spirit, like the wind “pointing the way” and impelling us forward with and through each of them, might help our parish “to unleash,” in Fr. Sosa’s words, “a process of apostolic revitalization and creativity that makes us better servants of reconciliation and justice.” May this Lent be a time for us to begin to unleash that process for “the Greater Glory of God” - AMDG.

In Christ,
Fr. Joe

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First Sunday of Lent • March 10th, 2019
Deut 26:4-10 • Rom 10:8-13 • Luke 4:1-13

From the Desk of the Pastor

Estimados feligreses:

El mes pasado, el 19 de febrero, después de recibir la aprobación del Papa Francisco, el Superior General de la Sociedad de Jesús, Arturo Sosa, promulgó cuatro Preferencias Apostólicas Universales.

A. Mostrar el camino del Señor a través de los Ejercicios Espirituales y el discernimiento;
B. Caminar con los pobres, los marginados del mundo, cuya dignidad ha sido violada, como una misión de reconciliación y justicia;
C. Acompañar a los jóvenes en la creación de un futuro lleno de esperanza;
D. Colaborar en el cuidado de nuestro Hogar Común.

Mientras participaba en la 36ª Congregación General en 2016, podía sentir entre los miembros de ella las semillas de estas cuatro preferencias plantándose. Aún así, como todo buen discernimiento requiere, debemos “examinar cada espíritu” (1 Juan 4:1). Por lo tanto, la Congregación General pidió explícitamente a nuestro nuevo Superior General que él revisara las preferencias apostólicas que habían estado vigentes durante los diez años anteriores. El P. Sosa invitó seguidamente a los jesuitas junto con sus compañeros mundiales de misión a involucrarse en conversación espiritual “para discernir las necesidades del mundo, los llamados del Espíritu y los caminos para que la Sociedad de Jesús sirva mejor.”

Tal como lo señala el P. Sosa en su carta de promulgación, “las contribuciones de las comunidades, trabajos apostólicos, regiones, provincias y de jesuitas en formación provveyeron un punto de partida vital.” Al recogerse, las contribuciones de las seis Conferencias Jesuitas alrededor del mundo fueron en “un acuerdo sorprendente.”

Luego, tuvo concilios extendidos y oración con los presidentes de las seis Conferencias. El P. Sosa vislumbró que “hemos vivido por un proceso que ha producido, paso a paso, un consenso que creemos que es guiado por el Espíritu Santo.”

Estas preferencias, ahora dadas como misión a los jesuitas por el Santo Padre, estarán “señalando el camino” para la Sociedad de Jesús en los próximos diez años. Como tales, ellas también pueden, como el puntero de la cubierta sugiere, dar a nuestra parroquia Jesús un sentido real de la direccionalidad preferida.

Durante las próximas semanas de Cuaresma, exploraremos brevemente en nuestro boletín como nuestra parroquia ya está viviendo esas preferencias. También esperamos que justos podamos empezar a considerar cómo podemos adoptar más profundamente y darnos cuenta de ellas. Por esa razón, los invitamos a Cuaresma a dedican tiempo a oir sobre esas cuatro preferencias y compartir con el Consejo Pastoral, el personal y comigo, los frutos de sus oraciones. Para ayudarlos en su oración, tal vez querrán visitar la página web desarrollada para tal fin https://jesuits.global/es/uap introduccion y pueden buscar el vínculo en nuestra página web parroquial.

Estoy verdaderamente emocionado y energizado por esas cuatro Preferencias Universales Apostólicas y deseo de ver cómo el Espíritu Santo, como el viento, “señalado el camino” e impulsándonos con y por medio de ellas, ayude a nuestra parroquia “a desatar,” en palabras del P. Sosa, “un proceso de revitalización apostólica y de creatividad que nos haga mejores servidores de la reconciliación y la justicia.” Que esta Cuaresma sea un tiempo de comenzar a desatar en nosotros ese proceso “para Mayor Gloria de Dios” - AMDG.

En Cristo:
P. Joe
For young families living in the mountains of Guatemala, raising a baby can be hard. A long-standing drought has caused harvests to shrink. When Norma discovered she was pregnant, she wondered how she would manage. Norma wanted more for her son, Victor, so she looked for help and found a CRS-sponsored program that teaches young mothers how to give their babies a healthy start. CRS provided her with food throughout her pregnancy and medical check-ups during Victor’s first two years of life. Now, Norma is sharing what she learned with others as a “mother monitor.”

CRS Rice Bowls are on the Outreach table and in the Lannon Chapel.

Vía Crucis Bilingüe con Música
Bilingual Stations of the Cross with Music
Todos los viernes de Cuaresma comenzando las 6:00 p.m. en la iglesia de arriba. Every Friday during Lent, at 6 p.m. in the upstairs church.

Thank you for your support of the 2019 Catholic Appeal. With your generosity, we can continue to advance programs for supporting those who turn to the Church for assistance, through life-changing ministries in our parish communities and schools. For those of you still interested in making a pledge to this life-changing work, please find a donation form available at the entrances of the Church or visit our website to make a donation online.

Spiritual Life
Join us for Film & Reflection
Saturday, March 23rd | 5 p.m.
Friary & Choir/Media Rooms
The movie Chef is a culinary comedy that serves us themes of family, friendship and the celebration of food for our discussion. A potluck community meal kicks off the evening with you as the chef. Bring your favorite savory or sweet dish to share, alongside our Lenten soups. To RSVP for the evening, go to the St. Ignatius Website at stignatiuschestnuthill.org. In the top menu bar, select “Parish Life” then scroll down to “Spiritual Life” and click on “Film & Reflection” to register. By phone, call the Parish Office at 617-552-6102.

Little Rock Scripture Study - "The Acts of the Apostles"
Wednesday, March 13th | 7:15 p.m.
Old Choir Room
The cost is $30, which includes a commentary, study guide, and DVD presentation of the study. New members are always welcome. To register, or if you have any questions, please call John Dafarra: 781-899-9540.
Outreach Ministries

Project Bread's Major Fundraiser
How will you be involved this year - walking, running, volunteering, sponsoring? TEAM IGNATIUS did an awesome job last year. Let's do even better this time around! REGISTRATION IS OPEN!
You can register as an individual or as a member of TEAM IGNATIUS.
Go to www.projectbread.org and click on Walk for Hunger.

Our Socks and Flip-Flops Drive for Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program
is in full swing! This drive will go through the month of March. Help us collect new white socks and new shower flip-flops for women and men living in shelters and on the streets. Look for the collection box by the Outreach table and outside the church kitchen.

Pine Street Inn Shattuck Shelter Springtime Meal
Our annual Meal will be on Saturday, April 6th. Sign-up materials, to donate food and your time and energy (kitchen prep and serving) will be on the Outreach table beginning next weekend.

Faith Formation

Annual Safe Environment Program for Children Sunday, March 17th
Our annual Safe Environment Program for Children will take place during Faith Formation. This class focuses on personal safety and abuse prevention in age-appropriate ways. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend the program along with their children. The curriculum that we use is called Teaching Safety: Empowering God's Children and is produced by Virtus. Classes will take place at their regularly scheduled times and locations. Our catechists will be the primary facilitators of this program, with support from the parish’s Faith Formation staff and Child Abuse Prevention team.

Pastoral Council

We are currently beginning the process of replacing two members whose terms will expire in May. If you would like to recommend yourself or someone whom you believe has the gifts and desire to join us in this essential work for our parish, please email that name or names to pastoralcouncil@bc.edu.
In the gathering place at the entrance to the Upper Church is a poster identifying current Pastoral Council Members. Any of us would be glad to speak with you on issues that impact us as we journey together at St. Ignatius. You may also arrange to speak with any one of us through our email address.

St. Ignatius' High School Youth Group Sunday, March 24th | 4 - 5:30 p.m. Parish Office Garden Level
Youth Group Service Opportunities
March 16th - St. Francis House 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Six volunteers needed (17+) to help prep & serve lunch.
March 30th - Pine Street Inn 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
8-10 volunteers needed (15+) to help with meal prep.
April 13th - Marian Manor 1:45 - 4 p.m.
10 volunteers needed (any age) to help with resident transfers and Bingo!
Contact Adam at dirnberg@bc.edu.

Peace, Justice & Reconciliation

Racial Justice Banner Meeting
Sunday, March 10th, 4:30 p.m.
Friary Room
The Racial Justice Committee of the Peace, Justice, and Reconciliation Commission invites parishioners to help us discern the phrase we will display on our banner in opposition to racism. To read our full letter and to find resources, please visit our webpage: https://stignatiuschestnuthill.org/100

Prayer
God of love, Creator of all,
Our food does not come to us without cost
It comes to us through human effort and as a gift from the earth.
Help us renew our commitment to care for the earth

Action: Eat Simply
Fasting from meat on Fridays is part of our Catholic tradition. We now know that it’s a way to sustainably inhabit our place in God’s creation. The average serving of meat represents greenhouse gas emissions more than 60 times bigger than the average serving of fruits, vegetables and cereals. (Scientific American)
Celebrating Eucharist

What do we do? And why do we do it?

Liturgical Ministries

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED!**

**Sign Up Weekend: March 16th & 17th**

Each Liturgy at Saint Ignatius Parish needs ministers to proclaim the Word, bake the Eucharistic bread, welcome one another, and serve the Eucharist. Over 80 ministers serve each weekend!

Please consider volunteering to serve as a:
- Eucharistic Minister
- Lector
- Eucharistic Bread Baker
- Mass Coordinator

Current ministers will be available at the back of the church after masses in the Upper Church to answer questions and sign up interested parishioners.

**Save the Dates**

**Lenten Taizé Prayer**

Mondays: March 11th & 25th, April 8th & 22nd
8 - 8:30 p.m. | Upper Church

Join BC Campus Ministry for a memorable time of quiet candlelit meditation, simple music, uplifting readings and peaceful silence.

**Religion in the White House**

Thursday, March 14th | 6 p.m.
BC - Gasson Hall 305

Featuring Kenneth L. Woodward, author of *Getting Religion: Faith, Culture and Politics from the Age of Eisenhower to the Ascent of Trump.*

RSVP requested: https://www.bc.edu/centers/boisi

**A Discussion on Sacraments**

Thursday, March 28th | 6:30 p.m.
Choir/Media Room


**Sr. Bernie Barrett, SHSP**

March 30th & 31st - all Masses

Sr. Bernie has served Lake Providence, LA, a black community where 40% of the residents live below the poverty line, for ten years. She is known as a bridge between cultures. Come witness, hear her commitment to justice, and support her efforts at all of our Sunday Masses and the 4 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass. All are welcome!
The Celebration of the Eucharist

Sunday
Upper Church 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon, 5:30 p.m.
Lower Church 10:00 a.m., Family Liturgy

12:00 p.m., Misa En Español En La Capilla Lannon

Weekday Lower Church

12:15 p.m. & 5:30 p.m [Friday Adoration-- 12:45 p.m.]

Saturday
Lower Church 9:00 a.m.
Upper Church 4:00 p.m. (Vigil)

Other Sacraments

Reconciliation—Saturdays, 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. in the Upper Church or by appointment.

Baptism—Adults are baptized at the Easter Vigil as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Infant and child Baptisms are by arrangement.

First Eucharist—Preparation begins in grade one and includes classes, retreats, and home instruction. Children receive First Eucharist in grade two.

Confirmation—Our Confirmation program begins in 9th grade; students are confirmed in the spring of 10th grade. For young adults who have been baptized but are not yet confirmed, contact the parish office.

Matrimony—Parishioners, BC Grads and non-parishioners are welcome to be married at St. Ignatius. Contact the parish office for available dates and details.

Anointing of the Sick—By arrangement. Contact the parish office.

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Newcomers to St. Ignatius are invited and encouraged to formally register as members of the parish so that we can stay in touch with you via email with Faith Formation news, notice of special events, volunteer opportunities and more.

Registration forms are available at the back of the church in the gathering space or on the website.

Please note that you must be registered for at least six months before we can issue any verification of your status as a parishioner for godparent or sponsor letters.
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