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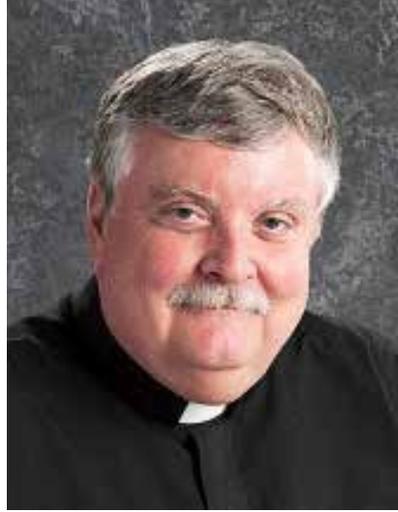
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# RELIGIOUS

*Mary Major, '16, shortly after receiving the General's Award. Presented by the members of the Senior Class to their fellow graduate who most exemplifies the ideals of Arrupe Jesuit High School.*

# The PRESIDENT'S CORNER



As this issue of the General Messenger is dedicated to our Grad at Grad trait of “Religious,” it is only fitting to turn the President’s Corner over to Fr. Ron Mercier, SJ, Provincial of the Jesuits of the USA, Central & Southern Province. These remarks are an excerpt from a recent letter he wrote to the Arrupe Jesuit community:



...What I have encountered is a school committed to the mission of the Church and the Society of Jesus, in proclaiming God’s mercy especially through the service of those on the margins of society. The faculty and staff give themselves thoroughly to serving and to handing on the faith in a living way. Through teaching, retreats, and service, they help students not only know about Jesus but come to know and love Him in a personal way. Families share in the mission, and where would we be without the gracious generosity of so many donors who give time, prayers and financial support to Arrupe Jesuit?

Arrupe Jesuit provides not only excellent education but wonderful formation in faith. While, as always, there are areas in which to grow, you serve the Church well by how you help form the young women and men who come to Arrupe Jesuit. They would otherwise have no possibility for a quality Catholic education. As I have written to the Archbishop, the Society of Jesus looks forward to deepening the Catholic and Jesuit mission of Arrupe Jesuit. Never forget, however, what a wonderful reality you already have! The Province looks forward to a long and fruitful collaboration with Arrupe Jesuit...

Gratefully in the Lord,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ronald A. Mercier, SJ'.

Ronald A. Mercier, SJ  
Provincial

We are blessed to have the Province’s continued support of our work here in Denver. Thank you, Fr. Ron, for articulating the impact of our mission and of our partnership.

God’s Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Fr. Timothy M. McMahon, SJ'.

Fr. Timothy M. McMahon, SJ

# CORPORATE WORK STUDY PROGRAM

## Finding God's Love in the Workplace

Each workday, students receive a timecard along with reflection questions for their week. During April, students shared how they have experienced God's love through their jobs:



Though they don't fill out daily timecards, CWSP staff also had a unique opportunity to witness God's plans alive at work. This year, they had the privilege of working with Stuart Thomas, nSJ during the early part of his Jesuit formation. Below, Stuart shares a brief reflection of his time with the CWSP team.

"I feel very fortunate to have learned and served at Arrupe Jesuit in the Corporate Work Study Program office during the Jesuit novice "experiment" following my pilgrimage this winter. It was fun to see how God could use skills from my corporate background (airline network planning) as I worked on a bus routing project, at the same time I was witnessing the fruit of my CWSP colleagues' efforts to match students' talents and interests with employers' needs. I was struck by Arrupe students' maturity and character, along with the dedication of the faculty, staff, benefactors and employers who support our students. A highlight came during Holy Week when the senior class presented the Stations of the Cross with reflections on crosses they have carried. Arrupe Jesuit and its partners are a special community strengthening each other as we journey through life and take on new challenges each school day or work day!"



*(L-R) Janeth Loya, '17, Israel Merlos, '19 receiving the CWSP Student Employee of the Month award for their performances on the job. Janeth and Israel are in their first year working at Cynosure Energy and Open World Learning, respectively.*

"Having a job through CWSP has taught me about God's love by showing me that people care about me and they want me to succeed in life!"

— Esmeralda, Class of 2016

"My CWSP job shows me that God wants me to have the best and that I am very blessed."

— Jose, Class of 2018

## Congratulations to the Arrupe Jesuit Class of 2016!

Please join us in congratulating the Class of 2016. This 10th graduating class has much to celebrate with 5 Daniels Scholars, 1 Gates Millennium Scholar, and countless other prestigious scholarships and accomplishments, including 100% college acceptance! Overall, they have earned over \$4 Million in merit based scholarships towards their own college education. For a complete list of the colleges and universities that these 79 graduates will be heading off to in August, please visit the College Admissions page on our website!



“The members of the Class of 2016 are loving and focused on their future. With a competitive spirit, they challenge themselves and each other daily. They have the ability to be extremely successful and I look forward to what they will accomplish with a college education!”

— Joanne Augustine, Director of College Counseling



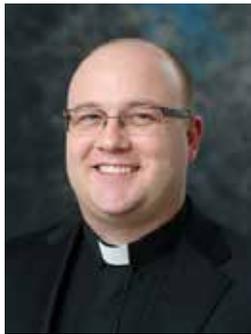
“As a school we are incredibly proud of the many successes achieved by the Class of 2016. During the last four years, they have worked diligently to develop within themselves and within the community those values that Arrupe Jesuit High School holds most dear — to be intellectually competent, committed to justice, work experienced, loving, religious, and open to growth. We are confident that they will meet the new challenges that await them with similar success.”

— Michael O’Hagan, Principal



## Education: A Cornerstone of the Society of Jesus

Arrupe Jesuit is fortunate to have six members of the Society of Jesus serving our school. Take a closer look to find out who they are, where they've been and what they are doing around the busy halls of Arrupe Jesuit!



Although **Fr. Gary Menard, SJ** was not the Assistant Principal at Arrupe Jesuit when we opened our doors in 2003, he was part of the conversation to start a Cristo Rey school in Denver. Back in 1998, he submitted to the postulate that the Cristo Rey model should be considered for the Denver community. Fr. Gary then arrived at Arrupe Jesuit as a staff member in 2006 and has been a critical part of the education of our students ever since. He believes that "Cristo Rey schools are the most exciting thing in Catholic education" and he is thrilled to be a part of such a wonderful community.

**Fr. Timothy McMahon, SJ** played a critical role in the development of Arrupe Jesuit, as he was Provincial when our doors opened in 2003. He began serving as President in 2010 and we have grown tremendously under his leadership. He shared how it is "wonderful as a Jesuit to work with so many committed people to Arrupe. From the board of trustees, faculty, CWSP sponsors and donors, it is the collaboration between the Society of Jesus and so many partners in this ministry that makes Arrupe a great Jesuit apostolate". We are so appreciative of all that Fr. Tim has done for our community!

**Fr. Leo Weber, SJ** has been here since day one. He has taught Theology classes and currently serves as our school Chaplain. Earlier this year, we had the pleasure of celebrating Fr. Leo's 90th birthday (read more about that on page 6) and it gave us the chance to look back on all that he has done as a Jesuit. Before arriving at Arrupe Jesuit in 2003, Fr. Leo served as Provincial and spent 33 years in Belize serving the poor. We are so thankful for all that he brings to our community and enjoy learning from him every day!

We may be sad to see him go, but we are excited to share that **Fr. Drew Kirschman, SJ** will begin a new journey this summer as

he heads to Mexico for his Tertianship, which is the last stage of Jesuit formation before final vows. Serving at Arrupe Jesuit for the past five years, Fr. Drew made a huge impact by working directly with our families and launching the Parent Network. He is touched by the work done within these walls and sends a heartfelt thank you to the Arrupe community:

"Thank you for welcoming me in and inviting me to be a part of your lives. I am grateful for the way Arrupe empowers our students, families and adult community to care for one another."

Thank you, Fr. Drew for touching all of our hearts during your time here. We wish you the best of luck on your new journey!

As we say goodbye to one Jesuit, we are fortunate to welcome another! **Fr. John Nugent, SJ** will be joining us this coming school year and will serve as Assistant Principal for Academic Support. He is currently finishing his Master's in Education Administration at Boston College and will be arriving at Arrupe Jesuit later this summer. Come by and say hello!

Two Jesuit scholastics joined us this school year, **Mr. Jeackson Vargas, SJ** and **Mr. Louis Hotop, SJ**, and have quickly made a big impact on our community. Jeackson teaches several Theology classes, coaches volleyball and has made a conscious effort to get to know each and every one of our students at a deeper level. He sits with a different group of students every day at lunch and takes the time getting to know them. Louis teaches Theology and has taken over the role of service coordinator. Our students continue to impress him with their generosity and kindness during their time volunteering at the soup kitchen. This coming school year, Louis will be the Pastoral chair and we look forward to seeing him flourish in this new role!

## Alumni Note

You may recall reading about Jose Madrid '10 in our 2014-2015 Annual Report. After Arrupe Jesuit, Jose graduated from Georgetown University in 2014 and is now attending Georgetown Law. A few weeks ago, he emailed Principal O'Hagan to tell him about a special lunch he had with someone you may have heard of - Former Attorney General, Eric Holder. Holder was on the Georgetown campus for an interview about race and the law. Georgetown President John DeGioia thought of Jose as someone who would contribute to the conversation and invited him to the lunch. Jose enjoyed hearing good stories about his time in the White House and had the opportunity to share just how impactful his Work Study experience at Arrupe Jesuit was and that it was his time working for Jones & Keller that inspired his career in law.



# AROUND ARRUPE JESUIT

This spring, our students had the opportunity to hear from Fr. Jose Di Paola, also known as Fr. Pepe. He has served in the slums of Buenos Aires since the mid 1990's and has a very close friendship with Pope Francis. After viewing the Pope address the United States and speak directly with a Cristo Rey school in Chicago this past fall, it was special to have someone so closely connected with the Pope at Arrupe Jesuit.



AJHS senior, Esmeralda, was especially moved by Fr. Pepe's visit and the stories shared with our student body. "He is so down to earth! He told us how Pope Francis and him have a rivalry between their two favorite football teams and give each other a hard time when they play against each other. It was neat to know that religious leaders have a little fun once in a while, too".

## Have You Seen Our Art Collection?



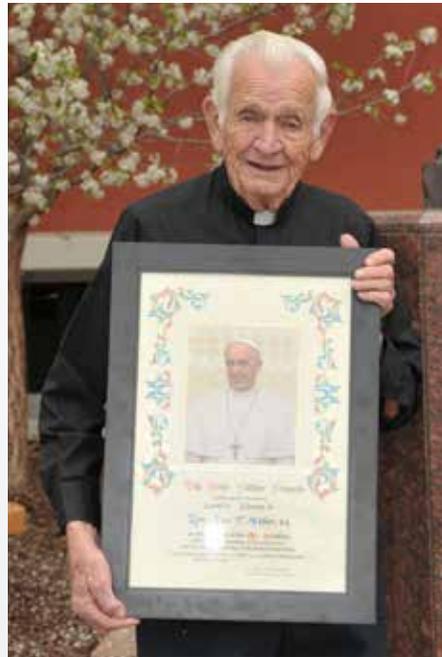
It is no secret that our school just underwent a major expansion and renovation, but did you know we now host an incredible collection of religious art? From a portrait of Pope Francis painted live at Magis Night a few years back to a commissioned painting of Jesus with teenagers in our new Madonna Della



Strada Chapel to two beautiful images of the Jesuit Reductions in Paraguay, the artwork in our halls has truly made our new space come alive. Special thanks to several generous

benefactors who believe in the power of imagery for bringing a new and colorful spirit to our home. We hope you'll come by to take a look!

## Happy Birthday, Fr. Leo!



On April 12, 2016, our school Chaplain Fr. Leo Weber celebrated his 90th birthday! No celebration is complete without a schoolwide celebration, t-shirts, and a Papal Blessing. All students, faculty, and staff surprised Fr. Leo by wearing t-shirts with his picture on the front and his daily request of the students on the back: "Try to be good!" While taking a photo with the entire student body, Fr. Tim further surprised Fr. Leo with the presentation of a Papal Blessing marking the occasion. Stop by AJHS to see this Blessing hanging next to Fr. Leo's workstation in the faculty workroom and to wish Fr. Leo a belated happy birthday!



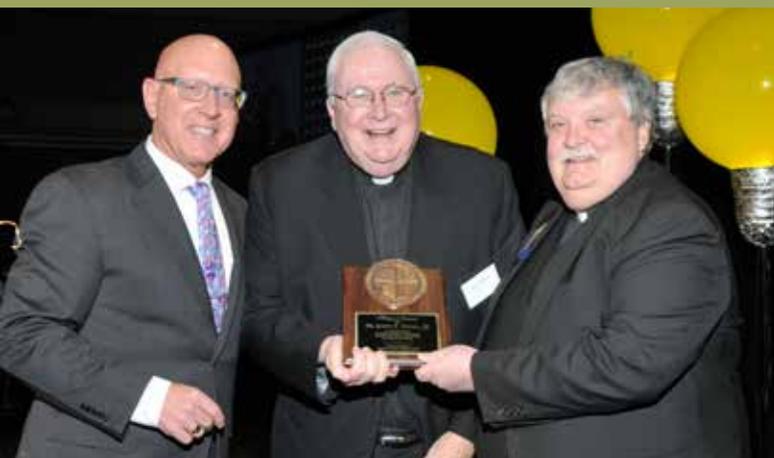
# BRIGHT LIGHTS, BIG CITY: MAGIS NIGHT 2016

The lights truly shone brightly at Magis Night 2016...and thanks to the incredible generosity of our community, more than \$1 million in net proceeds was raised for the students of Arrupe Jesuit High School! We are so grateful to all event sponsors, donors, and attendees. Your partnership makes us the school that works!

Head to the event section at [www.ArrupeJesuit.com](http://www.ArrupeJesuit.com) for a complete recap of the evening, photo album, and links to watch speeches from Magis Award recipient, Fr. John Foley, SJ and our student and alumni speakers.

*"I am beyond excited about my future and am very proud of my success as a college student, but I know I did not get here on my own. I am where I am today because of the many people in this room who believed in me and supported me on every step of this journey. I entered college knowing I was worthy of an education and I have Arrupe to thank for that".*

— Samantha Cordova  
AJHS Class of 2012  
Loyola University Chicago Class of 2016



*AJHS Board Chair, John Kelly, and President, Fr. Tim McMahon, SJ, present the 2016 Magis Award to Fr. John P. Foley, SJ for tirelessly seeking the greater good by providing quality and diverse educational opportunities for students most in need by founding the first Cristo Rey school and continuing to expand the network to reach more students across the nation.*



*A special thanks to this year's event co-chairs, Elynn Coughlin and Julia Walsh, pictured here with husbands Walt Coughlin, Darren Walsh, along with Fr. Tim McMahon, SJ.*

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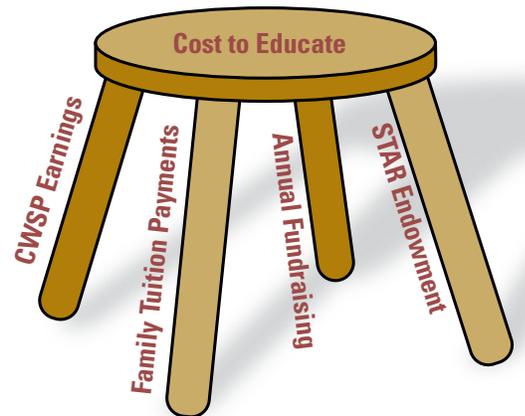
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