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“Come if you have broad
and sufficiently strong
shoulders. Come if you
have an open spirit, a
reasonably open mind and a
heart larger than the world.”

Pedro Arrupe, SJ
28th Superior General
of the Society of Jesus

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam For the Greater Glory of God



Trevor Beach
Grand Rapids, MI
Detroit Province

Trevor, 23, has a BA from St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota, where he studied theology and Spanish and did some graduate work in theology. He spent a semester in Chile volunteering with the Jesuit-based *En Todo Amar y Servir* in Valparaiso. He's worked as a tennis coach and instructor. He has a special interest in philosopher/theologian Søren Kierkegaard.



William Biegler
Sacramento, CA
California Province

Billy, 26, attended Jesuit High in Sacramento and received a BA in philosophy from the University of San Francisco. He worked in membership services for a musical theater company and as a work and life-skills trainer and mentor for developmentally disadvantaged adults. His interests range from musical theater to liturgy planning and social justice.



Timothy Breen
Redondo Beach, CA
California Province

Tim, 19, graduated from Loyola High in Los Angeles and studied theology and Spanish at Loyola University Chicago for a year. He worked in campus ministry at Loyola and has assisted with young adult ministry and confirmation preparation at his parish. He enjoys baseball, soccer (also working as a referee), and science fiction.



Stephen Calme
Cincinnati, OH
Chicago Province

Steve, 28, attended St. Xavier High in Cincinnati and has a BA in English from Boston College and an MA in education from Notre Dame. He taught Spanish and English at a Catholic high school in Florida and was a research consultant in Washington, D.C. He did an internship with *Atlantic Monthly* and studied abroad in Ecuador. He enjoys ultimate frisbee.



Gregory Celio
Fullerton, CA
California Province

Greg, 27, has a bachelor's in history and a master's in education from the University of Notre Dame, where he was involved in campus ministry. He taught social studies, math, science, and physical education at Catholic schools in Nashville. He enjoys music, singing, playing the guitar, a variety of sports, cooking Italian food, and traveling.



Justin Claravall
Artesia, CA
California Province

Justin, 23, has a BA in art history and architecture from the University of California, Santa Barbara. He worked as a tutor and after-school science instructor and did internships with art galleries. Studying in Rome and working with the poor in the Philippines fueled his vocational pursuit with the Jesuits. He enjoys hiking, traveling, and playing the ukulele and drums.



W. Penn Dawson
Tampa, FL
New Orleans Province

Penn, 48, graduated with a law degree from the University of Florida and worked for 23 years with a law firm in Florida. He was active in the Knights of Columbus, the Tampa Bay Catholic Lawyers Guild, and at the Jesuits' Sacred Heart Parish in Tampa. He traveled to Spain this summer to make the walking pilgrimage to Compostela.



Arthur Bryce Deline
Tacoma, WA
Oregon Province

Bryce, 24, graduated from Bellarmine Prep in Tacoma and studied for a year at Washington State University in Pullman. He's worked as a personal trainer and as a partner in a fitness business. He works out with weights and cardio exercises, and he relaxes with reading, music, and movies.



Jeff Dorr
Milwaukee, WI
Wisconsin Province

Jeff, 25, is a graduate of Marquette University High in Milwaukee and earned a BA in history from Xavier University in Cincinnati and an MA in education from Creighton University in Omaha. He was a caddy for many years, a counselor at a camp for kids with disabilities, and a teacher at Red Cloud Indian School in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. He enjoys golf, camping, soccer—just about anything outdoors.



Kevin Embach
Grosse Pointe Shores, MI
Detroit Province

Kevin, 50, has a BS from Notre Dame and an MD from the University of Virginia. He's served as an assistant professor of medicine at Wayne State University in Detroit, and he's practiced and taught internal medicine at Beaumont Hospital in Grosse Pointe. He recently participated in a medical mission trip to Honduras. Kevin's interests include golf and photography.



James Ferus
New Bedford, MA
New England Province

James, 23, earned a degree in government from Harvard. As a volunteer with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, he worked at Cristo Rey High in Harlem. He managed Operation Nightwatch, an evening hospitality center for the homeless in Portland, Oregon. His interests include music (violin and viola), mathematics, sociology, religion, baking, and chess.



Luciano Garofalo
Newton, KS
Missouri Province

Luciano, 22, received a BA from Kansas City's Rockhurst University, where he studied theology and history. French and anthropology are among his other academic pursuits. He studied in France during one of his college summers, and he worked as an assistant at a L'Arche community in Tacoma. He enjoys music and biking.



Christopher Grodecki
Winnetka, IL
Maryland Province

Chris, 26, has a bachelor's and a master's degree in German from Georgetown University. He worked for a public-interest law firm and has done web editing and design. He served Mass and was active in young adult ministry at St. Matthew's Cathedral Washington, D.C., and was a member of his university's concert choir and the Capitol Hill Chorale.



Kevin Gunn
Houston, TX
New Orleans Province

Kevin, 27, graduated from Texas A&M in Galveston with a bachelor's degree in maritime administration. He was on the varsity sailing team there, and he went on to work as a sailmaker and a sailing instructor. He's also worked as a freshwater and saltwater sailing coach at camps and yacht clubs in New York, Maine, and Montana.



Louis Hotop
Florissant, MO
Missouri Province

Louie, 19, graduated from St. Louis University High School, where he was in charge of pastoral activities—planning masses and prayer services and organizing fund-raisers. He went on mission trips to Mexico to build houses all four years of high school. He worked in a coffee shop as a cook, waiter, host, and busser. He enjoys playing soccer and piano.



Anthony Jimenez
San Diego, CA
California Province

Anthony, 28, has a bachelor's degree in political science from Humboldt State in California. He worked in community health outreach for a public health department, and he volunteered running self-improvement programs at a county jail. Last year he made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Egypt. He enjoys running and lifting weights.



Mathew Kappadakunnel
Eunice, LA
New Orleans Province

Matt, 28, has a BS in business and a minor in philosophy from Creighton University in Omaha, where he was active in campus ministry. He worked as a research analyst in the investment industry, including a stint with Wells Fargo and Creighton University's endowment fund. He's traveled to India and Malaysia, and he has an interest in Chinese, Japanese, and Korean.



Peter Keefner
St. Louis, MO
Missouri Province

Peter, 33, graduated from Creighton Prep and then from Creighton University in Omaha with a bachelor's degree in environmental science. He worked at the Missouri Botanical Gardens and as a pharmacy technician at a St. Louis drugstore. He also volunteered at Loyola Academy, a Jesuit middle school in St. Louis. He enjoys camping, hiking, and biking.



Thomas Keeley
Belleville, IL
Missouri Province

TJ, 19, graduated from St. Louis University High and then studied English literature at Washington University in St. Louis. Film and media studies are among his other academic interests. His work experience includes tutoring, highway construction, and baling hay. He was active in his parish as a Eucharistic minister, lector, and retreat leader.



Gavin Keisling
Page, AZ
Wisconsin Province

Gavin, 23, has a BA in philosophy from Macalester College in St. Paul and studied for a semester in Berlin and Vienna. He has worked as a lifeguard, a waiter, and an athletic trainer. He did volunteer work at a soup kitchen, homeless shelters, and with Habitat for Humanity. He enjoys playing guitar and singing out of tune, as he puts it.



Matthew Lieser
Lakewood, OH
Chicago Province

Matt, 28, has a BA in international affairs from Xavier University. He spent two years with the Peace Corps in Guatemala, teaching business and English. He worked for Chiquita International as an analyst, and he was a volunteer coordinator for the Habitat for Humanity. His interests include soccer, running (he's completed 3 marathons), camping, and rafting.



David Lugo
Houston, TX
New Orleans Province

David, 22, graduated from Texas A&M with a bachelor's in physics. He tutored math and physics there and worked in retreat ministry at St. Mary's Catholic Center. He also worked in communications with Amigos de las Americas, an organization that sends volunteers to Latin America. His interests include jazz saxophone and travel.



Adam Mescher
Mequon, WI
Wisconsin Province

Adam, 23, graduated from Marquette University High and has a BA from Marquette University, where he studied theology and Spanish. He worked in his dad's appliance repair business and as a teacher's aide for the developmentally disabled. He used his knowledge of Spanish on service trips to the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, and Honduras.



**What have I done for Christ?
What am I doing for Christ?
What will I do for Christ?**

St. Ignatius of Loyola

**Gregory Montoya-Mora**

Albuquerque, NM
New Orleans Province

Gregory, 18, graduated from St. Pius X High School in Albuquerque, where he was active in campus ministry. He worked as a file clerk in a law office and also as a page at the United States Senate. He volunteered with a number of political campaigns, traveled through Europe, and attended World Youth Day in Sydney in 2008.

**Martin Ngo**

Westminster, CA
California Province

Martin, 27, has a BS in information and computer science from the University of California, Irvine. He worked as a systems analyst for the city clerk's office in Los Angeles. Since 1999, he assisted Jesuits on nationwide retreats for young adults. He enjoys singing, acting, dancing, and script writing. A thrill for him was bungee jumping with his sister in Japan.

**Kevin O'Brien**

Roseville, CA
California Province

Kevin, 22, graduated from Jesuit High in Sacramento and has a bachelor's degree in business from Gonzaga University in Spokane. At Gonzaga, he was a kitchen worker at the Jesuit residence, a resident assistant, and a sports/copy editor for the *Gonzaga Bulletin*. He enjoys playing and watching sports, movies, writing, exercising, and cooking.

**Marc Ortiz**

San Jose, CA
California Province

Marc, 31, has a BA in sociology from the University of Illinois at Chicago and an MA in education from Santa Clara University. He was an elementary and middle school teacher at Catholic schools in the Diocese of San Jose. His interests include surfing in Hawaii, cycling, swimming, ice hockey, Olympic sparring taekwondo, and triathlons.

**Gregory Ostdiek**

Beavercreek, OH
Detroit Province

Greg, 40, has a BA in English from the University of Dayton and an MA in English and an MS in mechanical engineering from Penn State. He served in the navy for twelve years, including several tours in the Middle East. He taught physics at the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy. Two of his uncles are Franciscans.

**Andrew Otto**

Framingham, MA
New England Province

Andy, 24, has a bachelor's degree in communication from Curry College in Massachusetts. He worked at Disney World, CBS-TV in Boston, and in client management. He has volunteered in homeless ministries in the Boston area and as a Eucharistic minister and lector at St. Ignatius Church in Chestnut Hill. His brother, Brent, is also a Jesuit.

**Joshua Peters**

Detroit, MI
Detroit Province

Joshua, 31, graduated from the University of Detroit Jesuit High and earned a BA in American Studies from the University of Dayton. He worked in campus ministry at his high school alma mater and in retreat ministry at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford, Ohio. He also worked as an organic gardener and with Habitat for Humanity in Oregon. He once bowled a 290.

**Peter Range**

Cleveland, OH
Detroit Province

Peter, 27, earned a BA from John Carroll University and an MA from Notre Dame in theology. He taught theology at St. Martin De Porres High, a Cristo Rey school in Cleveland. He has been involved in volunteer projects serving both mentally challenged and disadvantaged children. He enjoys basketball, football, tennis, and golf.

**Marco Rodriguez**

Cambridge, MA
New England Province

Marco, 46, has a BA in Spanish from Texas Tech and studied plant biology at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He worked as an academic and immigration advisor to international students at Berklee College of Music in Boston. He served in the Peace Corps in Jamaica for two years and has volunteered as a tutor in Boston.

**David Romero**

Northridge, CA
California Province

David, 22, graduated from Loyola Marymount University with a BA in theology. He worked in campus ministry and coordinated service trips to Mexico for students. He studied in El Salvador and has also traveled to the Dominican Republic, Belize, Guatemala, Ecuador, and Australia. His interests include basketball, reading, and hiking.



John Roselle
Broken Arrow, OK
Wisconsin Province

John, 24, has a bachelor's degree from Creighton University in theology and history and also a master's in secondary ed from there. He spent a service-learning semester in the Dominican Republic, and he taught and served in campus ministry at Red Cloud High in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. He was involved in youth ministry and has taught confirmation classes.



Adam Rosinski
Philadelphia, PA
Maryland Province

Adam, 24, has a bachelor's degree in religious studies from the University of Scranton. During his college years he worked as a parish sacristan, a waiter, and a caterer. He has chaperoned parish youth group trips, coordinated retreats, and taught high school religion. He spent eight years playing with an Irish American band.



Joseph Sandoval
Albuquerque, NM
New Orleans Province

Joseph, 47, has a bachelor's degree in economics from Arizona State and also studied graphic design at the University of New Mexico and photography at the New York Institute of Photography. He taught finance at Central New Mexico Community College and worked as bank examiner for the Treasury Department. Cross-country running is his sport.



Kyle Shinseki
Honolulu, HI
Chicago Province

Kyle, 36, has a BA in planning from MIT, an MA in urban planning from UCLA, and an MBA from Northwestern. He worked at Procter & Gamble as an assistant brand manager and at the National Council of La Raza as development director. He interests include community development and Hispanic studies, and he enjoys restaurants and cooking.



Derek Stevens
Orange, CA
California Province

Derek, 22, has a bachelor's degree in theology and psychology from Loyola Marymount University. He worked as a youth minister and enjoys martial arts, fishing, hunting, traveling, and studying European history. A travel highlight was a self-planned Ignatian pilgrimage to Europe with another California province novice in summer 2009.



“...the Church needs you, relies on you and continues to turn to you with trust, particularly to reach those physical and spiritual places which others do not reach or have difficulty in reaching.”

*His Holiness Benedict XVI
Address to the
General Congregation
of the Society of Jesus,
February 2008*



Matthew Stewart
St. Louis, MO
Missouri Province

Matt, 29, graduated from St. Louis University High and earned a BA in music from Saint Louis University. He taught for a year at Rockhurst High in Kansas City as a member of the Alum Service Corps, and then he worked at St. Louis University high teaching religion, leading mission trips, and directing campus ministry. He's traveled through Italy, Ireland, and Scotland.



Gilbert Stockson
Reading, PA
Maryland Province

Gil, 29, has a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Pennsylvania and a master's degree in theology from Notre Dame. Gil worked at a New York financial analysis firm and served as a volunteer at De La Salle High School, a Cristo Rey school in Portland, Oregon, for two years. His interests include reading, running, and soccer.



Jeffrey Sullivan
Indianapolis, IN
Wisconsin Province

Jeff, 28, has a bachelor's degree in English from Creighton University in Omaha. He served with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Milwaukee as a paralegal helping domestic-violence victims. He also taught for two years at the Jesuit-led Working Boys Center in Quito, Ecuador, and worked at a grade school on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.



Patrick Turner
Bloomington, IL
Missouri Province

Patrick, 22, graduated with a BA in business and a minor in theology from Saint Louis University. During college he worked in campus ministry, as a resident assistant, and as a cantor. He spent a semester in London and went on a mission trip to Honduras. Patrick worked on the trading floor at a St. Louis brokerage firm. He's traveled extensively in Europe.

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Inside cover: Sacred heart statue, Fordham University, Bronx, NY. Photo by Marcus Bleech.

Page 3: Engraving of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Page 5: Pope Benedict XVI meets with the 30th and current Superior General of the Society of Jesus, Fr. Adolfo Nicolás, SJ, in February 2008. Photo by L'Osservatore Romano.