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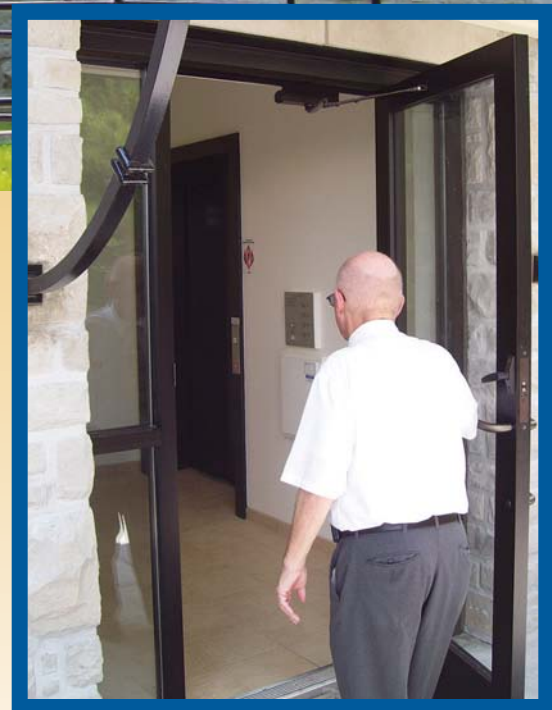
*Through the years, calling,
inviting all to come to know
the Lord and
accept His Gift
of Peace*

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Going Up In the World

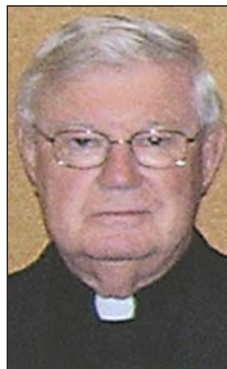
At the end of May the long-awaited elevator in Monaghan Hall became operational with all permits, licenses and what not in place. This elevator makes it easy to get to the lounge, the bookstore, the small chapel and the Jesuit confessors, which are all on the second floor of Monaghan/Chiuminatto. We continue to work to make access to all of the White House facilities as convenient as possible. True to the White House tradition, the shaft of the elevator is made of limestone with copper drains and coverings. The next time you are around, take a ride on our newest capital improvement – no charge!



Comings and Goings

Fr. Don Cunningham, S.J., a valued and venerable member of the White House Staff for over eight years will be leaving the retreat house this summer. Fr. Don has given retreats to almost every retreat group and has blessed them with his knowledge and love of both the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius and of poetry, particularly of Emily Dickinson and Robert Frost. Over the years Fr. Don has gotten to know so many retreatants and their families. He is (and will remain!) a cherished member of the White House family. He has also blessed us with his gift of photography. Many of the otherwise barren walls of the retreat house and the Jesuit community residence have been enlivened and brightened by the wonderful image his creative eye has caught. Fr. Don will be moving to the Jesuit community of Saint Louis University. May God continue to bless Fr. Don in his continuing service of Our Lord.

Over the summer Fr. Tom Prag, S.J., will be returning to the White House staff. Fr. Tom was a member of



Fr. Don Cunningham



Fr. Tom Prag

the staff in 2004 – 2005. He was then called to serve as the director of novices for the Jesuits of the Missouri Province. In that capacity he oversaw the formation of young Jesuits in the spirituality of Saint Ignatius and the life of the Society of Jesus. Fr. Tom is an experienced spiritual director and a trusted guide in the Spiritual Exercises. He will grace our staff with his wisdom, his humor and his peaceful presence. Besides being a member of the White House Jesuit staff, Fr. Tom will also become the superior of the Jesuit community here at White House. He will guide the Jesuit community while Fr. Burshek continues as

the director of the White House apostolate.

In late February of this year, Ms. Fran Dierker, an assistant in the White House office, chose to retire. Fran, who started with us long after most people have chosen to retire, was a gracious presence to many who dealt with her about retreat reservations and other matters arising in the office. Fran was with us for about 10 years. While Fran loved White House and the men and women of White House and was sad to leave, the job here was “crimping” her very active social life and her time for square dancing (among other things)! May God give all of us the spirit and the joie de vivre of this woman.

Ms. Kathy Nemnich joined our office staff this spring. Kathy along with Shirley Hummert handles much of the day-to-day phone business that we have. She has quickly become familiar with the various procedures and systems of our office. We continue to be blessed with capable and loyal partners in ministry here at White House.



NEW JESUIT PROVINCIAL

Very Rev. Adolfo Nicolás, S.J., Superior General of the Society of Jesus, appointed Father Douglas W. Marcouiller, 55, as the next provincial of the Missouri Province. He will have responsibility for some 300 Jesuits working in St. Louis, Kansas City, Denver, Belize and in many other places throughout the world. Father Marcouiller will succeed the current provincial, Father Timothy M. McMahon, on July 31, 2009. As provincial, Fr. Marcouiller will visit and care for the apostolate of the Jesuits of the Missouri Province which is White House.

Fr. Marcouiller currently serves as rector of Bellarmine House of Studies and Associate Professor of Economics at Saint Louis University. He took up these positions in 2004 after ten years as a professor of economics at Boston College. He also travels regularly to Central America to teach short courses in economics at the Universidad Centroamericana, the Jesuit university in El Salvador. His research has been published in journals ranging from the American Economic Review and the Review of Economics and Statistics to Studies in the Spirituality of Jesuits.

A native of Chicago, Fr. Marcouiller earned a Bachelor's degree in public and international affairs at Princeton University, worked for a year as a lay volunteer with the Jesuits of Honduras, and earned a Master's degree in international relations at Yale before entering the Jesuit novitiate in Denver in 1978. After his 1986 ordination as a priest, he earned a PhD in economics from the University of Texas at Austin.

Fr. Marcouiller was a delegate to the 35th General Congregation of the Society of Jesus held in Rome from January to early March, 2008.

Annual Mass and Breakfast

On a cold and snowy morning in late March, the men and women of White House gathered at St. Louis University High School for the annual White House Mass and Breakfast. The morning was a great occasion for the White House extended family to come together to pray and to thank God for the gifts given to them and to the retreat ministry of White House. Fr. Burshek gave a short talk on White House Retreat and its role in the mission of the Society of Jesus today, especially in light of the recent worldwide General Congregation of the Society of Jesus. All those present enjoyed being together in the presence of our Lord. Keep an eye out for information on the 2010 Annual Mass and Breakfast.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND RETREAT

On the 2007 Labor Day weekend White House hosted a retreat that varied from its usual format. It began on Friday evening and ended on Sunday afternoon. The bigger break with tradition was that this retreat was open to all men and women. Couples, parents with children, other individuals responded to this initiative. Those who found it difficult to attend a retreat because of the need to work on Fridays found this schedule very attractive. We continue to offer this retreat for all those interested.

Father Ed O'Brien, S.J., will preach the third annual Labor Day weekend retreat for men and women which will be held from the evening of Friday September 4, 2009, to about 2pm on Sunday September 6, 2009. There are no captains assigned for this retreat. White House asks your help in promoting this retreat. All can register by calling the office (314-533-8903).



Each year we recognize and celebrate the work our captains do in inviting and bringing retreatants to White House. No matter how great the program we have or how beautiful the grounds there would be no White House without the tireless efforts of our captains bringing the “souls” to White House to experience and be nourished by the Lord. Our captains are the lifeblood of this work. We celebrated them this year on May 27 at the annual Captains Cookout. Over 200 people came together – captains, their invited guests, pastors of local parishes, musicians, members of the White House staff. As is our tradition, we feasted on pork steaks, bratwurst, salsiccia and all the fixings prepared by Br. John Fava, Mike Aufmuth, and Bertie Kelly and her dining room staff. Our gathering began on the lawn by the shrine of St. Joseph and then moved into the dining room area for dinner as the rains began to fall. Since many celebrations involve fireworks, God came through for us with a magnificent lightning display over the Mississippi, accompanied by rolling thunder. The Fourth of July fireworks in Washington had nothing on the display we were provided. Despite (or perhaps because of) the weather, our captains had an evening of good food, good fun and good fellowship. Thanks again for all our captains do for White House. There is no “volunteer army” anywhere that can match our captains.

Belize Retreat

A few years ago a group of White House retreatants went to Belize, Central America, for a retreat at the Jesuit retreat house of Belize, Trinidad Farm.



Those who went were moved by the experience of a retreat in a beautiful, developing country, seeing the Lord and the Spiritual Exercises in a new and rich way. The hope was that we might be able to offer this experience again, perhaps on a regular basis. In light of that hope, we are planning to return to Belize for a retreat from February 11 – 15, 2010. The days in Belize will be a mix of experiences: retreat presentations, personal prayer, visits to religious and historic sites in Belize, sightseeing, conversation and companionship. All are invited; we are limited only by the space available at Trinidad Farm. The cost for the trip, including travel, will be between \$2000 and \$2200, depending on airline ticket prices. Anyone interested in this retreat should contact the White House office (314-533-8903) as soon as possible. Our hope is that a group of at least 18 – 20 will join us. Where would you rather be in February – cold, blustery Missouri or the Caribbean?

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IN MEMORIAM

Remember in your prayers these retreatants who have died. All are remembered in the daily Masses and prayers of thanksgiving at White House.

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John E. Bardgett
Donald G. Carlson
Nelson E. Klein
Alvin G. Kuhlmann
Joseph L. Lindsay
Pauline Russell
Jerome J. Scherer

September 1986

Ed Jorgen

1999

Arthur H. Grix

September 2004

James M. Croak, Jr.

December 2005

Eugene T. Moroni

February 2006

Dr. W. Barry Rowan

July 2006

John D. Gould

2007

Donald L. Foley

April 2007

Gilbert L. Winschel

June 2007

Stanley Kubiak
Gerald E. Melchioris

April 2008

Donald C. Erbs

May 2008

William R. Kemper
Michael D. Masterson

June 2008

Sylvia M. Reinagel

August 2008

Adele M. Meister
James E. Norris

September 2008

Henry M. Brown
Melvin E. Burget
Mark C. Corkery
Rev. Richard T. Danhauer
John V. King, Jr.
William J. Middendorf
Daniel J. Moynihan

Frank E. Newfrock
Donald W. Peterson
Eleanor B. Randall
Raymond F. Schnurbusch
Omar Michael Storey
John J. Wiesehan, Sr.

October 2008

Rosalie A. Aydt
David F. Barrett
Joseph Bernard Bohac
John G. Cassidy
Kathleen A. Gau
Thomas P. Hanley
Thomas C. Jun, Jr.
Max S. Kaiser, Sr.
Patricia L. Krieger
Ruth Ann Macarthy
John F. Mahon
Timothy R. McCarthy
Harold C. McGinnis
James A. Mueller
Michael W. Norton
Robert J. Renz, Sr.
Charles J. Schukai
Don Swengros
August A. Trantanello

Eugene F. Tucker
Clyde M. Younger

January 2009

Amy K. Blanchard
Ann M. Callahan
Joseph E. Cognac
Betty Anne Cooney
Harold J. Costello
Robert T. Ebert, Sr.
John C. Eckert, Sr., DVM
Virginia H. Fuerst
Paul E. Gibbons
Charles F. Grawe
Ferdinand G'Sell
Edward F. Guessfeld
Bernard J. Hakenwerth
Geraldine T. Kerkemeyer
Robert L. Kerley
Raymond B. Lehmen
Gilbert B. Maestas, MD
Robert B. Nibberich
Mary Ann Sanders
Eleanor E. Steck
Joan M. Tobin
John F. Wildgen

February 2009

Michael E. Argent
Fred C. Beckmann, Sr.
Louise B. Bieg
Robert F. Dengler
Missouri C. Dickherber
Charles Didion
Anna M. Dosenbach
William V. Hollenbeck
Martin J. Loftus
Richard J. Loyet
Celeste M. Lysett
Glennon Nennering
Francis X. Paletta
Leo E. Putney
Luis Salinas, MD
Betty Jane Schmidt
Lupo M. Tana

March 2009

William L. Brengle, Sr.
Charles K. (Kerry) Cleeton
Richard L. Cole
Joseph B. Corley
Eugene E. Coughlin
Joseph J. Doering
John N. Drake
Donald J. Duerr
Paul A. Fehrmann
Vernon C. Friedhoff
Catherine P. Havey
Raymond J. Hollenbach
John J. Howard, Sr.
Donald F. Huelsman
Barbara M. Kezele
Vincent J. Lyons
Clifford J. Mackey
Daniel J. Martin
Francis S. Matejka
Ralph J. Mathes, Sr.
Rosalie E. McNearney
Nicholas A. Moramarco
Mario A. Pandolfo, Sr.
Ernst S. Pauling
Raymond E. Probst
Thomas D. Rabbitt
Carletta M. Rosche'
Robert A. Schuler
Margaret F. (Peggy) Sears
Herman L. Stengel
Thomas A. Tedoni
Anna E. Wagner
Paul C. Wehner, Jr.

April 2009

Evelyn M. Barron
James L. Beckmann
James J. Byrne
Dorothy C. Ebbsmeyer
Kenneth J. Gleich
Robert A. Grewe
Raphael B. Hoormann
Stanley F. Kowalczyk, Jr.
Norman E. Meyer
Mary A. Nims
Joseph Roesch
John J. Schwarzmann
Robert M. Stretch, Sr.

May 2009

Earl L. (Bill) Arnold
Bruce A. Beattie
Arlene D. Berberich
Edward H. W. Boenker
James W. Chapman
Thomas R. Freeman
H. Steven Gregory
Paul W. Hampel, Sr.
John M. Keane, Sr.
James S. Knoten
Mary M. Koon
Adolph F. Linck, Jr.
Arthur P. Lucchesi, Jr.
Lonnie J. Meyer
Merlyne M. Rapp
Earl Wehmeier
Norbert H. Woltering

WOMEN!

Registration is now open for the July through November Women's retreats. Several retreats are traditionally sold out so try to register as soon as possible. **Dates: July 20-23; July 23-26; Sept: 14-17; Oct. 5-8; Oct. 19-22; Nov. 16-19; Nov. 19-22**

You can use the on-line registration form or one that you have received from the office. As soon as your registration form and deposit are received you will be confirmed for that retreat.

IN GRATITUDE

The following friends have asked for memorial gifts to White House Retreat in the wake/funeral notice of a loved one. For helping us in this special way, we extend our most grateful appreciation and thanks to:

The Family

On the death February 27, 2009, of
William V. Hollenbeck