Letter from the Director

Dear Friends of the Institute for Church Life,

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life (1 John 1:1). So begins the First Letter of John, read in its entirety by the Church in the first two weeks of Easter.

What we have heard … seen … looked at … and touched with our hands is the Word of Life, made flesh in the Lord Jesus. But who is the “we” of this sentence? Who is it that has looked at and touched with our hands the Word of Life? The “we” could be the author of the Letter, that is, the Evangelist John, or perhaps a teacher or even a group of teachers passing on the Evangelist’s teachings, and this would be especially true of the first “we,” We declare to you. But the “we” of the sentence evokes more than one person’s experience … what “we” have seen with our eyes … and touched with our hands invokes the experience of the community, the Church, not all of whom would have been eyewitnesses of Jesus’ earthly ministry. And yet in the life of the Church, in the activities of proclaiming the Word, celebrating the sacraments, and serving the needy, we—we ourselves—still find Him as what we hear, what we see with our eyes, what we look upon and touch with our hands. And it is “we”—today—who can therefore declare to the world what was from the beginning, namely, the Word of Life who is not life only for ourselves, but life for the world (John 6:33, 51).

What we hear, see, and touch in Church life, in the life of the Church, is not life for the Church only, but for the world, and it is up to us, who have seen with our eyes and … touched with our hands, to bring that look, that word, that touch to the whole world so much in need of His look, word and touch.

The Institute for Church Life does not replace the life of the Church, but helps form leadership at all levels who are better prepared to proclaim what we have heard, seen, and touched, concerning the Word of Life for the life of the world. We hope that our programming makes us better hearers, seeers, and touchers of the Love of God which continues to be incarnate in the life of the Church, so that we can all the more effectively and all the more lovingly, declare what we have seen, heard, and touched to a world badly in need of seeing and hearing it too.

Thus the Institute has taken as our twin themes for our new five-year strategic plan, evangelization and healing. Evangelization is spreading the Gospel by nurturing an encounter with the mystery of the Person of Christ (what we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands), an encounter which is intrinsically healing, indeed the source of all healing. We also know that the divisions and scandals in the Church present a need for healing, and if none is forthcoming, the Church’s energy for evangelization is fragmented and blocked. Thus “evangelization” and “healing” are not accidentally, but intrinsically, related. And this has been true from the time of the ministry of Jesus on earth, for the Gospel tells us that Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in the synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people (Matthew 4:23). This healing touch is still present in the sacraments and ministries of the Church, and it is our job to help the Church be ever more sensitive to this healing touch and ever more
able to evangelize, that is, spread the Good News, by offering it to others.

The First Letter of John also declares, a little later, that God is love (1 John 4:16), and that those who abide in love, abide in God and God in them. This passage from Scripture is also carved in the stone of the archway over the main entrance to Geddes Hall, a reminder to us all about what church life is about. Do we really take this seriously? That God is love? And do we truly believe that the Church is the sacrament of Christ’s love present in the world, the sacrament of his healing touch and thus the locus of evangelization?

We at the University of Notre Dame do truly believe this! And the Institute for Church Life is meant to place the resources of this believing University, its educational and research power, at the service of what was from the beginning, so that the Church can ever more effectively and lovingly, declare it as something we truly have seen, heard, looked at, and touched, Good News unto the life of the world and the healing of nations (Revelation 22:2).

As we complete our year-long strategic planning process, we dedicate ourselves to the enhancement of all of our programming so that we can better advance this goal, so that we contribute to the life of the Church in the ways that are proper for a University to contribute, through teaching and research. Further, we do this with special aim at the life of the Church as it is organized into parishes and dioceses, for it is only by strengthening parish and diocesan life that we are actually contributing to building up the life of the Church, the sacrament of God’s love in the world, rather than the life of a competing vision of our own devising. Our programming therefore carries out its mission of evangelization and healing by forming and nurturing Church leaders at all levels of parish and diocesan life.

At this time I would like to take the opportunity to thank all who have participated in our strategic planning process, and I look forward to sharing the results with all of you at the appropriate time. In a special way, I would like to thank Prof. Gerard F. Baumbach, who is retiring this June. Jerry was the founding director of the Echo program, and we all owe him an immeasurable debt! I would also like to thank all of the faculty and staff and students who have contributed to the work of the Institute in the past year, as well as our University President, Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., and our University Vice President for Mission Engagement and Church Affairs, Rev. William M. Lies, C.S.C., and Prof. Don Pope-Davis vice president and associate provost, for their support.

Finally, in this Year of Faith, I would like to dedicate the Institute to the patronage of the Lady on the Golden Dome, as Father Hesburgh, the founder of the Institute for Church Life, always referred to Mary, our University patroness, she who believed, and bore the incomparable fruit of the Word made Flesh, what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands.

Sincerely and appreciatively,

John C. Cavadini,
McGrath-Cavadini Director
Central Office Initiatives

Initiative on Marian Scholarship and Devotion

The newest initiative of the ICL, the Mater Ecclesiae Initiative on Marian Scholarship and Devotion, is designed to preserve and strengthen the Marian character and heritage of Notre Dame. It seeks to renew and strengthen the Catholic identity of the University by drawing faculty, students, and alumni into greater union with the Mother of God; to promote research initiatives among University faculty and initiative associates and fellows; to organize courses offered to students through various departments, especially the Department of Theology; and to organize devotions and pilgrimages for faculty, students, and alumni to local, regional, and international Marian sites.

The initiative’s unique hallmark will be the combination of top-quality theological and interdisciplinary scholarship and creative work—including the arts—with a devotional practice, such that the scholarship is renewed by prayer, and the prayer renewed by the scholarship. This integration is the source of renewal of Catholic culture always and everywhere. The initiative would serve as a concrete and visible sign, an opportunity for healing and evangelization.

In its first year, the initiative will focus on four main components: an academic conference titled Mary on the Eve of the Second Vatican Council, scheduled for October 2013; a film series, Mary in the Movies, to take place in spring 2014; an undergraduate theology course on Mary; and a series of devotional/educational experiences, created in conjunction with Campus Ministry.

Conferences and Events

The 18 months between January 2012 and June 2013 were a period of remarkable activity for the ICL, with five separate conferences and a number of major lectures.

Stories of Practical Holiness: An Exercise in Interreligious Understanding

In February 2012, the ICL hosted Stories of Practical Holiness, a symposium created to provide a pedagogy for interfaith admiration. Speakers from Buddhist, Sikh, Catholic, Muslim, and Jewish perspectives shared stories of holiness across faith traditions, offering a glimpse into the lives of exemplary witnesses among diverse religions to engender a deeper capacity for solidarity and unity.

Highlights of the conference included a riveting reflection by Father Armand Veilleux, O.C.S.O., abbot of Scourmont Abbey in Belgium, who spoke to a packed auditorium in McKenna Hall about his relationship with the martyred monks of Tibhirine, before screening the film depiction of this same story, Of Gods and Men; as well as a joint presentation by Khader Al-Kalak, Dalia Landau, and Yehezkel Landau sharing the story of the origins of Open House, a center for peace that promotes reconciliation in Israel and Palestine. Abdolrahim Gavahi, Islamic scholar and director of the World Religions Research Center in Tehran, Iran, told the story—over video from his office in Iran—of Ismael
Dulabi, a contemporary Muslim religious healer. His remarks were followed by a moving personal narrative and question-and-answer session facilitated by a Muslim scholar on site at the conference.

One lasting outcome of the conference was the short video, Stories of Practical Holiness, which profiled a number of the presenters and their stories. This project was supported in part by the Fetzer Institute.

**Symposium on the Charism of Priestly Celibacy**

Funded by the Sustaining Pastoral Excellence in Episcopal Ministry grant from the Lilly Endowment, the ICL hosted a symposium in February 2012 on the charism of priestly celibacy. Developed in conjunction with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Committee on Doctrine, the gathering featured eight distinguished lecturers, including Rev. Raniero Cantalamessa, O.F.M., Cap., preacher to the Pontifical Household in the Vatican, who offered a dynamic keynote address.

The symposium drew 113 registered participants, including 26 bishops from dioceses across the United States. An additional 75 seminarians, priests, and graduate students from the local diocese of Fort Wayne–South Bend and the University of Notre Dame attended selected lectures. The lectures served as the basis for the book, *The Charism of Priestly Celibacy: Biblical, Theological, and Pastoral Reflections*, edited by John C. Cavadini, which was published during the fall of 2012 and distributed to all conference participants.

The success of the conference played a significant role in what has become an ongoing relationship between the ICL and the USCCB. Plans are already under way for the 2014 conference for bishops, which will focus on the integration of faith and science.

**God is Love: Explorations in the Theology of Benedict XVI**

Held in March 2012, *God is Love: Explorations in the Theology of Benedict XVI*, was a reflection on the ongoing theological career and achievement of Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI), in honor of his 85th birthday. The conference drew an international group of theologians and other scholars to explore and reflect upon some 60 years of Joseph Ratzinger’s theological scholarship and teaching, from his writings as a professor of theology through his papal encyclical letters.

The papers presented at the conference were gathered into a *festschrift*, German for “festival-writing,” a word academics use to describe a collection of writings celebrating the work of a prominent scholar on some memorable occasion. Edited by John C. Cavadini and published by Notre Dame Press, the book was presented to the Holy Father on Dec. 7, 2012, in Rome. Prof. Cavadini was in Rome for the annual meeting of the International Theological Commission, and brought Pope Benedict a special leather-bound edition of the book that had been signed by all its contributors as well as University President Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C. Cavadini also gave Pope Benedict a hardbound copy of the volume, which included a book jacket featuring the icon of Our Lady of Vladimir.
The Church & Islam: An International Colloquium at the University of Notre Dame

The Church & Islam, an international colloquium dedicated to scholarly and religious reflections on the encounter of the Catholic Church with Islam, was held in April 2012, and cosponsored with Notre Dame’s Department of Theology. Participants considered meaningful questions shared by many believers today:

- How do conflict, reconciliation, and healing figure into the past and future of Christian–Muslim relations?
- What is the condition of the Church and Christians in various parts of the Islamic world? What is the condition of the Mosque and Muslims in various parts of the Christian world?
- How do Muslims view the Bible and Christian teachings on Jesus, the Church, and the saints? How do Christians view the Qur’an and Islamic teachings on Muhammad?

The colloquium featured a keynote presentation by Egyptian Jesuit scholar Samir Khalil Samir, with a response by Abdolrahim Gavahi, president of the World Religions Research Center in Tehran, Iran. A symposium the following day highlighted both Muslim and Catholic scholars who offered an appreciative reflection on a major figure of the other tradition. Together, these presentations established a method of appreciating holy figures of other religions. The conference concluded with Father Samir’s reflection on “The Classical Arab Christian Presentation of the Faith in the Islamic Milieu.” The conference drew almost 100 participants, many of them scholars and graduate students from universities around the Midwest.

Seed of the Church: Telling the Story of Today’s Christian Martyrs

As the ICL’s highest profile conference in 2012–13, Seed of the Church: Telling the Story of Today’s Christian Martyrs, brought some much-needed attention to an issue that has previously received little notice from either the media or the academy. Keynote presenters each drew capacity crowds (350+ attendees) to McKenna Hall, including 280 registered participants who attended various lectures throughout the conference.

The purpose of the conference was to raise consciousness inside and outside the Church regarding the widespread persecution of Christians around the world and to explore how the Church has responded and might respond vigorously and faithfully in the future. Central themes of the gathering included what it means to be in solidarity with brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer violence for their faith, as well as a theology of martyrdom for the world today, framed in terms of Eucharistic remembering and of the “ecumenism of the martyrs” urged on the Church by Blessed Pope John Paul II.

Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, offered the opening address, “Religious Freedom: Persecution of the Church, and Martyrdom.” John L. Allen, senior correspondent for National Catholic Reporter and senior analyst for CNN, gave a keynote address titled “The Global War on Christians.” Both lectures were recorded, with videos posted on the ICL’s YouTube page.

In addition to 10 plenary sessions and two panel discussions, participants attended Mass with Archbishop Viganò at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, followed by a blessing of the Icon of the Martyrs, which was then given a permanent place in the Basilica. In addition to the keynote address videos, many of the presentation texts as well as Archbishop Viganò’s homily are available on the ICL website.
Sustaining Pastoral Excellence

Through the Lilly Endowment’s Sustaining Pastoral Excellence grant, the ICL was able to support not only the symposium on the charism of priestly celibacy, but also two significant gatherings of bishops during the summer of 2012.

The ICL partnered with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to support two dialogue-panel sessions between Hispanic and African American bishops. This format proved quite effective. The first dialogue took place in July during the National Black Catholic Congress, in Indianapolis, Ind., with the participation of 13 bishops and over 100 African American leaders. The second dialogue took place in August during the national gathering of the Hispanic Ministry Network, in Chicago, Ill. Eleven bishops and over 50 Hispanic leaders took part in the discussion.

Panelists analyzed the history and current relationships of Latinos/Hispanics and African Americans from various perspectives, and identified opportunities to offer a better way of going forward. Symposium participants will continue the dialogue within the USCCB subcommittees on Hispanic/Latino Affairs and African American Affairs and will follow up on the recommendations that emerged from the joint dialogues.

Saturdays with the Saints

The third annual Saturdays with the Saints series kicked off on September 8 with a lecture by Rev. Daniel G. Groody, C.S.C., titled “Archbishop Oscar Romero, Servus Dei.” On each subsequent home football Saturday, fans gathered in the Andrews Auditorium of Geddes Hall to spend an hour with the saints.

Margot Fassler, Keough-Hesburgh Professor of Music History and Liturgy, offered a dynamic presentation on St. Hildegard of Bingen; Lawrence S. Cunningham, O’Brien Chair of Theology Emeritus, spoke “On Angels” in honor of the Feast of the Guardian Angels and Michaelmas; Sr. Ann Astell, professor of theology, offered insights about Joan of Arc at the University on the occasion of the saint’s 600th birthday.

In November, Cyril O’Regan, Catherine Huisking Chair of Catholic Theology, lectured on “All Saints: The Communion of Saints in the Theology of Benedict XVI,” and Kathleen Sprows Cummings, director of the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, reflected on the two newest American saints, Kateri Tekakwitha and Mother Marianne Cope, which included photos and firsthand accounts of the canonization in October. Saturdays with the Saints has increased in popularity each year, and regularly drew audiences of 75 to 100 people during its third season.
Can Christianity Touch the Imagination of Our Contemporaries?

In January 2013, the ICL was privileged to host Rev. Timothy Radcliffe, O.P., former worldwide master of the Order of Preachers, and currently a scholar-in-residence at the Dominican Studium, Blackfriars Hall at Oxford University. A distinguished international speaker and author of numerous spiritual and theological articles and books, Father Radcliffe most recently published *Take the Plunge: Living Baptism and Confirmation*. He was awarded the Michael Ramsey Prize for theological writing in 2007, and is a Sarum Canon of Salisbury Cathedral.

While visiting the University of Notre Dame, Father Radcliffe offered a vespers service at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend, open to all parishioners from the Diocese of Fort Wayne–South Bend. Two days later, over 200 people packed the Andrews Auditorium of Geddes Hall to hear Father Radcliffe’s lecture, “Can Christianity Touch the Imagination of Our Contemporaries?” A dynamic and engaging speaker, Father Radcliffe made the case that:

> We will never touch the imagination of our contemporaries if we try to market Christianity as just the acceptance of some nice values or as an attractive lifestyle option, an innocuous spirituality that will give some inner peace. Light a few candles and add a touch of Myers Briggs psychology. It is about getting caught up in a story that will turn you inside out, that will catch you up into the godhead, or it is nothing. We owe people the best.

When we share our faith, it always becomes new, fresh. The transmission of the faith is like the successive lighting of beacons. Each of us lights a new one, and so the good news passes.

Father Radcliffe’s inspiring lecture drew a standing ovation at the end of the evening. On the following night, he shared dinner and an informal question-and-answer session with 20 undergraduate theology majors who asked about topics ranging from choosing a career to how best to represent a pro-life stance in the current U.S. culture.

My Alternative Lifestyle: On Being Gay and Catholic

In October 2012, the ICL cosponsored a lecture with the Orestes Brownson Council, an undergraduate organization dedicated to helping Notre Dame students better understand the teachings of the Catholic Church. Initiated by a senior at Notre Dame, the lecture drew approximately 150 students to Jordan Auditorium to hear Ron Belgau, a Ph.D. candidate at St. Louis University, share his story and experiences of being both gay and committed to the teachings of the Catholic Church. The lecture, “My Alternative Lifestyle: On Being Gay and Catholic,” was followed by a reception in the Mendoza College of Business.

Strategic Planning Update

Developing a five-year strategic plan has been a significant focus for the ICL during the 2012–13 academic year. In addition to conducting an internal assessment, the ICL invited an external review by Daniel Elsener, president of Marian University in Indianapolis; held a number of focus groups across campus with selected ICL partners; and conducted benchmarking site visits at Boston College, Catholic Theological Union, Duke University, Franciscan University at Steubenville, and Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology.

The ICL worked closely with the Office of Strategic Planning and Institutional Research to design the process, and completed the final draft of the plan in June 2013.
Begun in December 2012, Proclaim!’s mission is to participate in the evangelical efforts of the Church by enabling lay volunteer ministers to be confident, competent, and enthusiastic in fulfilling their ecclesial function and living their Christian calling in the secular world.

Working closely with pastors and lay leaders, Proclaim! identifies the specific needs of each parish. Based on data gained in individualized surveys, Proclaim! recommends and designs programming and events to address those needs.

Through Proclaim!, the ICL targets volunteer lay ministers in parishes at the grassroots level to enrich ongoing faith formation and to strengthen the central role of the parish in the life of the Church. Patricia Bellm, the newly hired research associate who leads Proclaim!, surveys four to six parishes per year, compiling detailed reports for the parish leadership that allow them to focus and streamline their adult faith formation programs. Surveys conducted in both English and Spanish in four pilot parishes over the past 18 months yielded detailed feedback from over 500 respondents in the South Bend/Mishawaka area. Additionally, Bellm has developed a number of original and highly successful events during the 2012–13 academic year, based on the responses gathered. These experiences are designed to complement existing parish offerings and to foster interparochial collaboration.

Focus on Church History and Scripture
Restless Heart: A Night with Augustine
December 2012

In a brief presentation, a member of the Notre Dame theology faculty introduced the audience to the life and theology of St. Augustine before the screening of the film, Restless Heart: The Confessions of Augustine, in the Andrews Auditorium of Geddes Hall. The program ran on three separate evenings; over 80 percent of 350 participants had never attended an event on campus before, and only 5 percent were familiar with the ICL prior to the event.

Focus on Prayer and Spirituality
Be Still: The Contemplative in the Active World
January 2013

During a series of four evenings of reflection, distinguished speakers explored the place of contemplative prayer in an active world. Following each presentation, participants shared their own experiences over light refreshments. A common centering prayer, led by Sr. Judith Anne Beattie, C.S.C., concluded the evenings.

Focus on Science and Religion
A Prayer Among the Stars
May 2013

This program aims to close and heal a perceived cleavage between science and religion. Utilizing the Digital Visualization Theater (DVT) at the University of Notre Dame, a theologian and an astrophysicist jointly led the audience on a journey through time and space to the very origins of the universe. Over 500 guests attended one of the four presentations.
CATHOLIC SOCIAL & PASTORAL RESEARCH INITIATIVE

Mission

CSPRI’s mission is to leverage social science to improve the well-being of the Church.

At the close of its second year, CSPRI established a strong foundation for continued success and future growth. CSPRI published its first major research report in the fall of 2012, and initiated several new projects that will develop into future reports. CSPRI also started a blog featuring contributors from around the country who write about Catholic topics from a social-science perspective.

Next Steps

Looking to the future, several projects are under way that will result in research reports. One especially exciting endeavor is a partnership focused on developing an accurate assessment of national catechetical leadership and its current challenges and opportunities. The project involves surveying all U.S. diocesan directors of religious education and will culminate in a report to the National Conference of Catechetical Leaders (NCCL) as well as a division of the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA). This research is being conducted in collaboration with Tom Walters, retired dean of St. Meinrad’s Seminary; Rita Walters; and Tom Quinlan, director of religious education in the Diocese of Joliet. This team recently spoke to the Diocesan
Director’s Forum at the NCCL conference in May 2013 to promote the research.

Finally, as part of an ongoing effort to communicate with a broader audience about its important work, CSPRI continues to extend its social media reach with a new Facebook page, Twitter account, and especially with its blog, *The Catholic Conversation*. These tools have allowed CSPRI to develop a community beyond the campus borders. With over 80 blog posts and nine different contributors from around the country, the blog promotes a sociological perspective on the Catholic Church and encourages collegial, substantive, and relevant conversations on Catholic topics. Since the blog was founded, CSPRI has had thousands of new and returning visitors.

## 2012-13 Highlights

CSPRI’s most impressive achievement thus far is the publication of *Unleashing Catholic Generosity*, a report coauthored by Brian Starks and Christian Smith. CSPRI distributed copies of the report to every bishop and diocesan financial planning office in the United States. The report was well received at all levels of the Church; leaders from dozens of dioceses and archdioceses representing all geographic regions of the country—from as far away as Anchorage, Alaska—contacted CSPRI about the report. In response to requests for information, over 1,000 hard copies of the report are already in circulation, with countless more electronic copies, available on the ICL website, being read and distributed.

As a follow-up to *Unleashing Catholic Generosity*, CSPRI is producing and will distribute two supplemental analyses. These mini-reports will explore key steps in the journey to becoming a generous giver and the detrimental consequences of negativity toward the Church for generous giving.

A number of dioceses and parishes invited CSPRI’s director, Brian Starks, to speak on this research and to help them begin implementing practices in their own communities that will cultivate generous parish cultures. These visits align well with CSPRI’s core mission of leveraging social science to improve the well-being of the Church and concretely enact the ICL mission of serving the Church in ways that are unique to a Catholic University as a place of both academic research and of commitment to Christ and the Church.

In addition to this pastoral outreach, Starks wrote three articles accepted in peer-reviewed journals, including a solo-authored piece titled “Exploring Religious Self-Identification among U.S. Catholics: Traditionals, Moderates, and Liberals” published in the *Sociology of Religion*.

Starks established a faculty advisory board for CSPRI comprised of seven Notre Dame faculty from theology, political science, and sociology. This group provided a number of excellent ideas for future CSPRI studies.

At the national level, Starks organized a session, “Claiming Society for God: Religious Movements and Social Welfare,” at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion’s national conference in Phoenix. He was also invited to attend the Science of Generosity conference in Philadelphia.
Echo

Mission

Echo is the Institute for Church Life’s faith formation leadership program dedicated to forming a faithful and innovative new generation of leaders for the future of the Church. Since 2004, Echo and its 12 diocesan partners from around the United States have dedicated themselves to offering an unsurpassed lay ministry formation experience to prepare talented young men and women for faithful leadership of God’s people through the New Evangelization and beyond.

Over its brief nine-year history, Echo has become well known for its intensive, comprehensive, and uniquely integrated intellectual, professional-ministerial, human, communal, and spiritual formation program. In partnering with dioceses and parishes throughout the country, Echo has revealed to its apprentices, the Institute, the University, and the Church, the utter primacy of the parish and the necessity of well-formed and informed young leaders for the future of the Catholic faith.

Program Statistics through Spring 2013

Echo Graduates to Date:
84
55 Women | 29 Men
73 White/Caucasian
9 Hispanic/Latino
1 African-American
1 Asian
56 (67%) of Echo graduates were Notre Dame undergraduates
28 (33%) of Echo graduates have come from 22 other undergraduate institutions

Echo Graduate Job Placements (cumulative)
Number  Percent
Parish Ministry 38  45%
High School Theology Teachers 21  25%
Teachers Assisting in Campus Ministry 16  19%
Teachers Serving as Department Chair 2  2%
Nonprofit Work 8  10%
College Campus Ministry 4  5%
Full-Time High School Campus Ministry 2  2%
Diocesan Director 2  2%
Higher Education 2  2%
Seminary 2  2%
Other (Law, Business, Engineering, Social Work, Catechetical Writing) 8  10%

Echo Graduates in Ministry:
76 (90%)

Graduates Serving in Echo Partner Arch/Dioceses:
22 (26%)

U.S. Arch/Dioceses Served by Echo Graduates:
43 (24%)
In the spring of 2012, Echo admitted 12 new apprentices to the Echo 9 class for service and formation in the partner Arch/Dioceses of Galveston–Houston, Tex., Manchester, N.H., and St. Petersburg, Fla., and was delighted to welcome the talented Ciara McCance as the program’s new administrative assistant.

In July 2012, Echo graduated 12 apprentices from the Echo 7 class who have gone on to serve the Church in leadership positions in parish ministry, high school theology, college campus ministry, nonprofit faith-based organizations, and through further graduate study in theology and priestly formation in seminary.

During the 2012 graduation celebration for Echo 7, Echo honored Archbishop Emeritus Joseph A. Fiorenza and former Archdiocesan Director of Religious Education and Echo Diocesan Leader Anne Comeaux for their outstanding commitment to forming and supporting 18 apprentices in the Archdiocese of Galveston–Houston—the highest number of any Echo partner diocese—over the past eight years.

Echo broke new ground in 2013 by forging a partnership with the Diocese of Kalamazoo, Mich., the program’s first mission diocese to host apprentices. This new partnership for the Echo 10 class will expose the Institute, Echo, and its apprentices to the unique realities, gifts, and challenges of mission dioceses throughout the United States and in our own backyard, and will put the Institute’s resources at the service of this important constituency in our Catholic community.

Echo and its longtime partner, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, have created a new pilot program for the class of Echo 10, featuring hybrid simultaneous placements in parishes and Catholic high school campus ministry offices. This pilot is intended to build bridges and forge collaborative relationships between Catholic high schools and parishes, for more sustained and integrated support of the faith development of our Catholic youth. This pilot also makes bridge-building between and among various Catholic apostolates standard—rather than the exception—in lay leadership for the future.

In 2012, Echo began what it hopes will become a model for deepening the integration of Catholic social teaching and catechesis in parish and campus ministry through a new partnership with Catholic Relief Services. Echo and CRS are collaborating to improve the integration of Catholic social teaching and catechetical ministry through increased awareness, education, and creative new resources.

In spring 2013, Echo admitted 14 new apprentices from 10 colleges and universities to the Echo 10 class. This cohort will serve the partner Archdioceses of Camden, N.J., beginning its second round with Echo; Galveston–Houston, Tex., receiving its seventh group of apprentices; Indianapolis, Ind., hosting its sixth group of apprentices in eight years; and, our newest partner, Kalamazoo, Mich.

In 2012, Echo’s director was asked to share the program’s innovative and integrated retreat design method, for which Echo has become well known, with lay and seminary students in Notre Dame’s Master of Divinity program as part of an annual pastoral skills course offered through the Department of Theology.
NOTRE DAME CENTER FOR LITURGY

2012-13 Highlights

NDCL has experienced a banner year relative to our work in publishing, partnerships, and major campus events, including the Notre Dame Liturgy Symposium.

Publishing

Notre Dame Center for Liturgy is responsible for two online periodicals: Church Life: A Journal for the New Evangelization and Oblation: Catechesis, Liturgy, and the New Evangelization. The former, intended to serve as the academic journal for the Institute for Church Life, enjoyed its inaugural year, garnering attention from an array of national Church leadership and other Catholic media. Over 30,000 people viewed the online journal during its first year. The quarterly journal’s 2012 topics included “What is Evangelization?” (Winter 2012), “Theological Imagination” (Spring 2012), “Rites of Return” (Summer 2012), and “Catholic Social Teaching” (Fall 2012). Topics for the 2013 volume include “Jesus Christ and Evangelization,” “Catholic Education,” “Preaching,” and the “New Evangelization and Culture.” More information regarding the journal is available at liturgy.nd.edu.

In addition to Church Life, the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy has continued publishing its internationally referenced blog, Oblation.

Mission

The Notre Dame Center for Liturgy promotes the liturgical renewal of the Church through scholarship and pastoral formation. We believe liturgical renewal includes a deeper understanding of the mysteries signified by the liturgical life of the Church, a prayerful performance of these rites, and a gradual formation of each Christian into a liturgical spirituality, one transformative of our vocation in the world.
Since the blog launched in April 2011, it has drawn over 66,000 unique visitors from throughout the world. Some of the more prominent pieces during the last year include a number written by faculty and staff of the Institute for Church Life, including a feature on the Eucharist and the American presidential election, a series honoring Benedict XVI, and a widely viewed piece on prayer and infertility. The blog publishes at least three times a week on topics related to the New Evangelization, including young adult spirituality, catechesis, liturgical music and preaching, and other topics related to liturgical renewal. To subscribe to the blog, visit blogs.nd.edu/oblation/.

Partnerships
During the last year, the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy has undertaken an array of new partnerships, both externally in parishes, dioceses, and national ministry groups, and within the University itself. In 2012–13, the NDCL offered retreats, missions, and academic presentations on catechetical and liturgical topics in the dioceses of Fort Wayne–South Bend; St. Petersburg, Fla.; Indianapolis; New Orleans; Louisville; and Orlando, to name a few. The center entered a formal partnership with the Evangelical Catholic, providing a series of workshops in liturgical theology at their evangelization training camps in Virginia, Wisconsin, and Arkansas.

Internally, the NDCL has continued its relationships with the Department of Theology and Campus Ministry, presently teaching courses through the department for undergraduates related to biblical and liturgical formation together with Notre Dame Vision. At the same time, NDCL faculty worked with the Alliance for Catholic Education to produce a video on the Eucharist intended for high school and parish catechetical programs.

Assistant Director Carolyn Pirtle (who joined the NDCL in September 2012) has fostered new relationships with the Master of Sacred Music program, the Master of Divinity program, and Campus Ministry through her own expertise in liturgical music. Pirtle continued her involvement with an array of University initiatives on liturgical music as a whole, traveling to Ireland for the Notre Dame–Navy game in December to assist with liturgical music, as well as providing music for a cruise on the Amazon for University Trustees and benefactors. In March 2012, through an invitation of the online music service Spotify, the NDCL assembled a series of musical selections for Catholics to use while praying for the papal conclave. Our work assembling this list was covered in USA Today, Time, and Los Angeles NPR affiliate, KCRW.

Events
In the summer of 2012, the NDCL held its inaugural Liturgy Symposium (replacing the annual conference). The symposium, focusing on the Eucharist, saw over 125 campus ministers, liturgists and musicians, directors of religious education, and high school teachers gather for a week of deeper contemplation of the Eucharist as a mystery to be believed, celebrated, and lived. The intentionally smaller event seeks to provide a taste of graduate theological education in a retreat context at the University of Notre Dame over the summer. Sister Joyce Ann Zimmerman, Rev. Paul Turner, S.T.D., Rev. Michael Joncas, David Fagerberg, and John Cavadini, were instructors for the 2012 symposium. The success of the first symposium, both in terms of numbers and content, serves as an excellent foundation for the summer of 2013, as the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy launches a course that will take place before the symposium on “Baptism and Confirmation.” More information on the symposium may be found at: liturgy.nd.edu/.

In December 2012, the center also hosted its second annual “Mary in the Season of Advent” lecture and prayer. Close to 100 faculty, staff, and students packed into Geddes Hall to hear Rev. Brian Daley, S.J. (the 2012 recipient of the Cardinal Ratzinger Prize) comment upon the scriptural and liturgical basis of Marian prayer in the season of Advent. The prayer, planned by Carolyn Pirtle, provided faculty, staff, and undergraduates with a basic formation into how to chant the Church’s evening prayer. Additional conferences and lectures sponsored by the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy during the year included a lecture on liturgical architecture by Father Uwe Michael Lang and a symposium on Simone Weil related to theology and beauty.
Mission

Notre Dame Vision is committed to helping young people recognize God’s call in their lives and respond to that call with courage and faith. In keeping with the strategic approach of the entire Institute for Church Life, Notre Dame Vision carries out its mission in two directions: inward for the intentional promotion of a Catholic culture on campus and outward in service to the Church. Forging partnerships is a critical dimension in both directions of this mission. Over the past year, Notre Dame Vision’s work inward and outward has yielded notable success as well as opened up pathways for future growth.

2012-13 Highlights

Campus Engagement
Relative to campus life—and in support of Notre Dame’s strategic goal of offering an unsurpassed undergraduate education—Notre Dame Vision works at the intersection of theological education, student formation, service through ministry, and leadership development. In the words of Blessed Basil Moreau, the Catholic education we offer is committed to “the art of helping young people to completeness” (Christian Pedagogy). Such an education cultivates both the mind and the heart (Circular Letter 36), for the heart formed in the love of God and the practices of Christian living guides the application of knowledge in service of the Church and the world. The most significant ways in which Notre Dame Vision has been pursuing and will continue to pursue this holistic approach to education include the following:

Integrative Formation for Notre Dame Vision Mentors: Sixty-five Notre Dame undergraduates received theological instruction, pastoral skills training, and spiritual formation as mentors in preparation for service in Vision’s summer conference for high school students. This formation included a 3-credit and 1-credit theology course, 12.5 hours in pastoral skills workshops, and three retreats. A new group of 66 mentors was selected in November 2012 and completed all aspects of their formation and service in July 2013.

Responding to God’s Call Series: With the end of the spring 2013 semester, Notre Dame Vision concluded the first four-part cycle of its original course series that weaves together theology, spirituality, and prayer in a communal setting. In spring 2012, the Tensions in Vocational Discernment course hosted 23 students, while the fall 2012 course on Spiritualities of the Saints hosted another 25. The
Vision is engaged in workshops to explore campus constituencies, Notre Dame Concerns and representatives from other experience. With the Center for Social more intentional approach to the college build awareness and skills for adopting a for first-year students that will help them First Year of Studies to offer a pilot course with the Division of Student Affairs and spring 2013, Notre Dame Vision worked during their four years at Notre Dame. In integrated development of students more coherent and collaborative plan for offices and departments to establish a Vision is joining with a number of campus Student Development Plan:

Notre Dame spring 2014 class. 

The ICL—will draw primarily sophomores the relaunch of this initiative—housed in local parishes and the Diocese of Fort Wayne–South Bend.

Character Project: Another new initiative in which Notre Dame Vision will be heavily involved is the Character Project, which Rev. Mark Poorman, C.S.C., and former dean Carolyn Woo founded while at the University. This project is built upon a core course in which students analyze practical issues of virtue and ethics while gaining a deeper theological understanding of these issues. The pilot course for the relaunch of this initiative—housed in the ICL—will draw primarily sophomores from two campus residence halls for a spring 2014 class.

Student Development Plan: Notre Dame Vision is joining with a number of campus offices and departments to establish a more coherent and collaborative plan for the integrated development of students during their four years at Notre Dame. In spring 2013, Notre Dame Vision worked with the Division of Student Affairs and First Year of Studies to offer a pilot course for first-year students that will help them build awareness and skills for adopting a more intentional approach to the college experience. With the Center for Social Concerns and representatives from other campus constituencies, Notre Dame Vision is engaged in workshops to explore various approaches to and best practices for theological reflection for undergraduate students. Finally, Notre Dame Vision is assisting the Office of Campus Ministry to create a new approach to student faith formation and leadership development throughout the college years.

Outreach to the Church

The ICL’s charge to offer direct service to the Church on behalf of the University is realized through Notre Dame Vision in conferences, outreach resources, and partnerships. Notre Dame Vision helps build relationships through which the University learns about the current needs of the Church and is therefore able to direct some of its research, teaching, and programming accordingly. Some of the most important outreach activities over the past year included:

- Summer Conferences: Still the cornerstone of Notre Dame Vision’s work, the summer conferences were again highly successful in 2012. For the second straight year, more than 1,300 high school students participated in one of the four weeklong conference sessions, while the four sessions of the professional ministry conference reached 200 participants for the first time.

In support of the ministry, education, and opportunities for liturgical prayer that these conferences provide, Notre Dame Vision forged a partnership with Our Sunday Visitor Institute (OSVI) to offer scholarships to more than 120 high school students from the five Indiana arch/dioceses, as well as an additional 30 scholarships for young men who are emerging leaders in their own faith communities—called “St. Joseph’s Leaders-in-Faith.” Additionally, Notre Dame Vision continued a multiyear partnership with the Knights of Columbus to offer scholarships for young people from across the country.

- Outreach Retreats: Based largely upon the success and popularity of its summer conferences, Notre Dame Vision was asked and offered retreats for high schools and parishes in Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan over the past year.

- Full of Grace blog: In August 2012, Notre Dame Vision launched its new blog, Full of Grace, which presents stories of faith from former Notre Dame Vision Mentors.

- National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry: Notre Dame Vision contributed significantly to the Catholic Church’s national ecclesial organization for youth ministry (the NFCYM). Leonard DeLorenzo (director of Vision) served on the NFCYM’s strategic planning committee. Megan Shepherd (assistant director of Vision) served on the leadership team for the November 2012 national conference on Catholic youth ministry, for which Notre Dame Vision was a gold-level sponsor. Notre Dame Vision’s sponsorship included hosting Christian Smith for a two-part keynote session on the religious and spiritual lives of emerging adults, as well as a highly popular and well-attended session from Timothy O’Malley and Leonard DeLorenzo on New Evangelization.

- Called to Witness immersion program: Notre Dame Vision partnered with Catholic Relief Services for an immersion trip to El Salvador in May 2012. Megan Shepherd was a member of the delegation that focused on peace-building, youth violence-prevention programming, water security, and integral human development. Through this partnership, Notre Dame Vision remains involved in constructive conversations about the integration of Catholic social teaching and Catholic youth ministry.
STEP

Mission

Since 1999, the Satellite Theological Education Program (STEP) at the University of Notre Dame has offered quality theological education to pastoral ministers and other adult Catholics across the world. We use digital technology to offer theological education to inform and form Catholic Christians. We are part of Notre Dame’s Institute for Church Life, which serves the University’s larger mission of teaching, research, and service to society and to the Church.

Basics

STEP offers online courses in theology, designed and developed by faculty from the University’s top-ranked Department of Theology and then delivered by a STEP facilitator. Courses cover subjects such as:

- Old and New Testament studies
- History of Christianity
- Doctrine of Mary, Mother of God
- Moral Theology
- Liturgy and the Sacraments
- Catholic Prayer
- Catholic Social Teaching

STEP serves individuals who want to learn more about their faith and also provides many programs for formal lay ministry and diaconate formation, diocesan catechetical education and certification, and Catholic school teacher training.

Testimonies

“The Latino community [in New Jersey] is just loving it. Since this course is good for people in all ministries and we have so many Latinos involved in RCIA, youth ministry, evangelism, etc., they are really loving it. This introductory course is also good for the new persons in the church, converts, or for the person who simply wants to revive their faith. This is how we go out to promote this in the Spanish community. The ones who have taken the course are telling others so much about it that we are already lining up the June students! This is huge for most of the Latino community! God bless you for everything you are doing for this beautiful community.”

—MARIA, DIOCESE OF TRENTON, NEW JERSEY
“I really didn’t know what to expect from a religious class brought to me by the University of Notre Dame. The resources, facilitator, and overall experience were a pure delight. I would recommend this class to anyone who thinks about, teaches, or is involved with the Catholic Church. I wish there were a perpetual chat session that was available 24/7.”

—TOM, EIGHTH-GRADE ENGLISH AND SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER, NEW JERSEY

“This is a great Year of Faith course. If you are looking to get back to the basics and build formation for the Year of Faith, this is a wonderful resource. Educators all over the world would benefit from revisiting these basic core principles of the Catholic faith. The course revisits the basic beauty of the Church, scripture, moral values, virtues, and the graces God provides to living a Christian life; a road map to faith!”

—BERNADETTE, TEACHER, CONNECTICUT

Current Impact

STEP’s outreach in two key areas—Catholic school teachers and Latino Catholics—is making a significant impact on the Catholic Church by educating and forming faithful Catholics. STEP courses go beyond merely imparting information about the faith. Through reading foundational texts, viewing dynamic lectures from Notre Dame professors, and engaging in dialogue with other adult Catholics, the STEP course experience captures the heart and uplifts the mind. STEP courses get people excited about their faith.

2012-13 Highlights

Over 2,000 enrollments in 2012, compared to 1,057 in 2009, just four years prior.

Nearly 100 separate course sessions in 2012, compared to 57 sessions in 2006.

Spanish-speaking Catholics from five U.S. dioceses participated in a pilot of STEP’s new El Camino de la Fe introductory course.

Offered Catholic Faith and Tradition, a specialized course for Catholic school teachers, to 116 teachers.

Strengthened and expanded partnership with Archdiocese of Lagos, Nigeria.

In January 2013, offered 27 courses to nearly 500 individuals—both record numbers.
UNIVERSITY LIFE INITIATIVES

Mission

University Life Initiatives integrates principles of Catholic teaching on the sanctity of life across all areas of the University and collaborates with relevant education and research programs to support and enhance the University mission and vision as a Catholic institution of higher education.

Human Dignity Project

The Notre Dame Human Dignity Project has become the premier initiative of the University Life Initiatives (ULI) office since its exciting launch in December 2011 with a lecture given by Timothy Cardinal Dolan. ULI offered a one-credit theology course, On Human Dignity, in the spring of 2012. The course examined the theological presuppositions of the concept of human dignity and the implications of human dignity across academic disciplines and cultures, ultimately seeking to impart to students the intellectual tools and language of what Blessed Pope John Paul II termed “The Gospel of Life.” Prof. John C. Cavadini was the principal instructor of the class, which featured guest lectures given by faculty experts from other University departments. The course will be offered biennially.

2012-13 Highlights

In response to the spring 2012 national and campus debates concerning the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Mandate, ULI organized a discussion titled “Contraception: Formation of Conscience through Faith, Prayer, and Practice.” This informal conversation was geared toward students interested in understanding the Church’s rich tradition on conscience formation and its teachings about contraception. David Clairmont, associate professor of moral theology in ND’s Department of Theology, facilitated the conversation, which was cosponsored by Campus Ministry, the Center for Ethics and Culture, the Center for Social Concerns, the Gender Relations Center, and the Institute for Church Life.

In October 2012, ULI and the Office of the President held the third annual “Rosary for Life.” The Rosary is prayed in observance of October’s celebration as the Month of the Rosary and Respect Life Month. University President Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., led nearly 300 students, faculty, and staff in praying the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.
In partnership with the Office of Student Affairs, ULI produced a brochure titled Pregnancy and Parenting Resources at Notre Dame, summarizing the University’s policies for supporting pregnant and parenting students at Notre Dame. The brochure is distributed around campus in both paper and electronic form.

After two years in development, the Pregnant and Parenting Student Assistance Program began distributing financial aid in December 2012. The assistance fund is the fruit of ULI’s partnership with the Office of Student Affairs, Notre Dame’s Graduate School, and the Office of Financial Aid. After completing an extensive 10-month benchmarking project during the 2011–12 year, the fund received a generous starting donation. To date, funds have been given to pregnant or parenting students for needs ranging from baby clothing to diapers to childcare. ULI is enormously grateful to be able to serve student-families in a way that is both practical and important.

ULI collaborated with the undergraduate Right to Life group, as well as the Center for Ethics and Culture, the University Faculty for Life group, the Alumni Association, and the President’s Office to organize the University’s annual participation at the March for Life in Washington, D.C. In 2013, Notre Dame students were honored with the invitation to carry the official “March for Life” banner, leading the crowd of over 600,000. Notre Dame sent more than 600 students, faculty, and staff to our nation’s capital to commemorate the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. This was the largest contingent Notre Dame has ever sent to the March for Life, and the largest college group to attend the march.

Expanding the Human Dignity Project’s mission to make the concept of human dignity “in the air” on campus, ULI invited eight faculty members to be the inaugural University Life Fellows for the 2012–13 academic year. This faculty seminar aims at thinking together about effective pedagogical approaches to life issues, many of which are currently not taught, despite their importance, because they are deemed too controversial. Over the course of four meetings during the year, each fellow gave a presentation on pedagogical materials pertinent to different topics in the panoply of pro-life concerns and suitable for inclusion in the classroom.

At a symposium in May 2013, the University Life Fellows shared their presentations and discussions with a larger audience of interested faculty. Also at this public gathering, the Fellows unveiled an online database of the pedagogical materials they had prepared. The database is open to Notre Dame faculty and staff across academic disciplines. A new cohort of University Life Fellows will be selected each fall semester to gather for regular meetings, explore new topics, and build upon the pedagogical resources assembled by the members of the inaugural group of Fellows.
Gerard F. Baumbach

PUBLICATIONS:


PRESENTATIONS:

“The Pedagogy of Faith in the Documents,” address given to theology department faculty members of the Catholic high schools of the Diocese of Fort Wayne–South Bend as part of Study Day hosted by Notre Dame’s Institute for Church Life, Nov. 13, 2012.

“The Pedagogy of Faith,” address given to theology department faculty members of the Catholic high schools of the Diocese of Fort Wayne–South Bend as part of Catechesi Tradendae Study Day hosted by Notre Dame’s Institute for Church Life, March 5, 2012.


John C. Cavadini

PUBLICATIONS:


“Considering History Together,” in Called to be Peacemakers, edited by Gerald Schlabach and Margaret Pfeil, forthcoming, [2013].


PRESENTATIONS:


Four talks on Lumen Gentium, to the presbyterate of the Diocese of Gary (October 2012)

Three Talks on “The New Evangelization,” to the presbyterate
of the Diocese of Ft. Wayne–South Bend (October 2012).


“Preaching and Catechesis: Mending the Rift Between Scripture and Doctrine,” keynote address at We Preach Christ Crucified, a conference on Catholic preaching, June 25–27, Marten Program in Homiletics and Liturgics, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame.


Mary K. Daly

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Leonard J. DeLorenzo

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“A Prayer Among the Stars,” PROCLAIM!, Notre Dame, Ind., May 2013 (four presentations with Phil Sakimoto and Patricia Bellm).

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PUBLICATIONS:


“Liturgy and Sacrament,” Academy of Catholic Theology, May 2012.


**Nathan Mitchell**

**PUBLICATION:**


**Colleen Moore**

**PUBLICATIONS:**


**PRESENTATIONS:**


“Mentoring Young Adults for Leadership in Ministry,” webinar for Catholic Extension’s Young Adult Leadership Initiative, Fall 2012.

**Timothy O’Malley**

**PUBLICATIONS:**


**PRESENTATIONS:**


“Reawakening Wonder: Eucharistic Worship in a Secular Age,” Notre Dame Center for Liturgy Symposium, June 2012.


**Carolyn Pirtle**

**PUBLICATION AND PRESENTATION:**


Music Minister, *SeaDream* Voyage on the Amazon (with Notre Dame benefactors and Trustees), March 2013.

**Aimee Shelide Mayer**

**PRESENTATION:**


**Megan Shepherd**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

“Forming and Transforming Our Lives through the Examen Prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola,” Association for Student Affairs at Catholic Colleges and University, Notre Dame, Ind., July 2012.


**Brian Starks**

**Publications:**


OUR MISSION

The Institute for Church Life is the heart of the University of Notre Dame’s direct service to the Church. This service reaches parishes and dioceses, as well as the whole spectrum of Church leaders—bishops, clergy, religious, and laity—in the form of theological education, pastoral scholarship and research, and faith formation. The partnerships forged through this service produce synergies for pursuing the Church’s mission of evangelization, while also informing the ICL about how to best channel Notre Dame’s resources in response to ecclesial concerns. Within the University community, the ICL engages students on the undergraduate and graduate levels, as well as scholars of the University, in interpreting and addressing the complex realities of contemporary Church life.

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