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A MEDITATION: *My Lady, Jesus!*



ina and Maria. One I baptized and one I buried.

Gina was born early, a flaxen haired little girl with pinkish fair skin and a tiny button nose.

She also was born blind and nearly deaf, with severe mental disabilities. Now in her mid-twenties, she has never spoken and can communicate only through simple signs: me, you, hungry, wet. Her parents love her as fiercely as they do their other four children, all of whom are gifted and have gone on to success. Still it is hard for them. How could it not be? As the late Fr. Thomas Heath, O.P. wrote in his poem, *The Confessional*, our hearts are “pierced by gentle things / caught in cruel circumstances.”

Maria always was petite but at the end she was tiny, a wisp of her former self. She was born in Portugal and raised in an orphanage, her widowed mother too

poor to provide for all of her children. The nuns there were good to her, and seeing that she was bright and eager to learn, trained her to be a teacher. But with the move to America and the necessity of learning a new language, followed by marriage and motherhood, it was not to be. She took delight in her daughter, who was graced with her mother’s keen intelligence and became her star pupil, and faithfully nursed her husband through a long and painful illness. Then it was her turn. In her early sixties she was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s. Relentlessly and without a hint of mercy, the tangle of plaques in her brain robbed her of everything that made her who she was until, in her last year, she was reduced to a silent, blank stare.

Or was she?

Maria had a deep and lifelong devotion to Mary. Pictures of Our Lady adorned her house and later her room in the nursing home; appropriately, it was named Our Lady’s Haven. Although she came



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to a point where she hardly spoke or ate, there were times when someone would point to one of the pictures of Mary and ask Maria who she was. With the faintest of smiles but knowingly, she would answer, “My Lady”.

Was she confused, thinking that Mary was her absent mother? Perhaps. But perhaps her answer represents something deeper, an innocent and childlike yet wholly accurate experience of Our Lady’s maternal care as immediate and personal. After all, when any of us need her most is a mother ever other than *my* mother, with all that this implies and makes a claim to?

And what are we to make of Gina? She lives in a residential facility, one again appropriately named: Angelwood. When a Eucharistic Minister brings her Holy Communion, she signs “Jesus” and “!”. The exclamation point is unnecessary but telling. It suggests not only that Gina understands who she is receiving but also her conviction and delight in doing so. In the dimmed and hushed world that Gina inhabits, Jesus comes bright and luminous, loud with peals of delight: hers for him, his for her.

We who hear and see well, who think clearly and live lives busy with purpose, often find ourselves surprised by the advent of grace and intimations of the heavenly. How can this be?, we ask. How wondrous, special and precious, we say, and indeed it is. For us, moments of evident grace seem to stand apart from the ordinary rounds of life, serving as a counterpoint to the quotidian and challenging the assumptions that guide our work, family life and even our faith.

But for some among the many who are stripped of all that we hold dear, grace is no less wondrous and precious for being ordinary, a seamless weave with life as it is lived. In this, they know better than we do, see with greater clarity and hear what we too often are deaf to.

Gina and Maria are right: *My Lady, Jesus!* Grace always, everywhere and without limit, for everyone and without exception.

Fr. Joseph J. Guido, O.P.
Vice President for Mission and Ministry

A REPORT FROM HAITI

In June, Fr. James Cuddy, O.P. and I traveled to Haiti for four days. We were hosted by Deacon Patrick Moynihan ‘99G, ‘12H, president of The Haitian Project and a recent recipient of an honorary doctorate from Providence College. During our trip, we learned much about the country and the work of The Haitian Project, a non-profit organization that operates the Louverture Cleary School (LCS) in Croix-des-Bouquets, Haiti.

LCS is a Catholic, tuition-free, co-educational secondary boarding school for 350 students from the most economically underprivileged areas of Haiti. LCS students are given a rigorous academic education that often leads to significant

future opportunities. According to The Haitian Project, over 90% of LCS graduates are in college or have a steady job. This is remarkable in a country in which over 70% of the population does not have formal employment and less than 1% will receive a college education.

The motto of The Haitian Project is a simple yet powerful one: “What you receive as a gift, you must return as a gift” (Matthew 10:8). In light of this motto and the conviction behind it, LCS students are taught to be leaders for others in Haiti. Students complete community service throughout the school year for their local community. LCS students volunteer in after-school literacy programs, help clean up surrounding

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neighborhoods, and care for sick and orphaned children and disabled adults. Graduates of LCS are encouraged to remain in Haiti and to advance not only themselves but to work for the betterment of all Haitians. By instilling in LCS students the importance of returning their gift of tuition-free education, The Haitian Project seeks to rebuild the country from within, utilizing the potential of the Haitian people.

Fr. Cuddy and I visited LCS to explore a partnership between The Haitian Project and Providence College, with a view to initiating an international service-immersion trip for Providence College students and staff. We talked with LCS students preparing to graduate and take their college pre-entrance examinations. We worked with the community on a construction project to restore a building damaged by the 2010 earthquake. We got to know recent U.S. college graduates who had committed a year or more of their lives to volunteering at the LCS. We toured different areas of Haiti, including Port-au-Prince, the capital, and we talked with leaders in the nonprofit sector.

Fr. Cuddy and I left convinced that members of the PC community would benefit greatly from visiting LCS, reflecting on their experiences there, and sharing their experiences with the broader College community. We are currently moving forward with preparations to offer a Haiti service-immersion trip in May 2013.

To my mind, The Haitian Project is an inspiring example of faith doing justice, and an immersion to Haiti will encourage PC students to contemplate the extent to which their own education is a privilege, a gift that ought to be returned as such. As a participant on the most recent NOLA Immersion wrote, "The NOLA Immersion hands down changed my life. It empowered me to take action beyond our week in New Orleans and commit myself to a year of service post-grad." With adequate preparation and follow-up, we are hopeful

that Providence College students will also have life-changing experiences in Haiti and be encouraged to take constructive action beyond the immersion trip.

Moreover, the hope is that a service-immersion trip to Haiti will be one of several overseas immersion experiences open to all Providence College students. Establishing an international immersion program is a strategic goal for the Office of Mission and Ministry and will offer myriad benefits for the College community. Most importantly, international immersions have the potential to instill in students a vivid, global appreciation of faith, justice, and solidarity. Students will directly encounter cultures profoundly different from their own, develop relationships with those who are underprivileged, critically reflect on their experiences, and return to campus empowered to integrate their experiences into their lives. It's critical to note that immersions appeal to a broad range of students—including those who are spiritually devout, those who are seekers, and those currently disengaged from the faith.

An international immersion program also promises opportunities to establish new relationships on campus and beyond. New immersions will entail connecting with new partner organizations, including Dominican apostolates abroad and faith-based service and educational organizations. Staff and faculty at Providence College will have the opportunity to participate in service-immersion trips with students and help students process the trip's significance. For these reasons, an international immersion program will promote the Catholic, Dominican mission and promote a culture of civic engagement at Providence College.

Richard Lumley
Campus Minister



THE 2012 FR. PHILLIP A. SMITH, O.P. FELLOWSHIPS

Providence College inaugurated the Fr. Philip A. Smith, O.P., Student Fellowship Program for Study and Service Abroad in the summer of 2009. During the first three summers, a total of fifteen students were awarded Fellowships for study or service in settings as varied as Central America and the United Kingdom, Kenya and Australia, the Philippines and the Solomon Islands. This past summer, another seven Smith Fellows headed overseas for approximately six weeks for study or service in various Catholic and Dominican venues. These included the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Australia and the Solomon Islands.

Blackfriars' Hall, Oxford University

Beatriz M. Forster '14, of Glastonbury, CT, with a double major in Political Science and History and a minor in Philosophy, undertook a personal research project entitled *All Things Considered: Examining the Apologetics and Relevance of G. K. Chesterton in Contemporary Academia*.

Laura J. Wells '14, of Poughquag, NY, with a major in Mathematics and a minor in Music, also undertook a personal research project entitled *Ethics, Catholic Feminism, and the Family: A Study in the Works of Elizabeth Anscombe and Bl. John Paul II*.

Following their six weeks with the English Dominican Friars in Oxford, Beatriz and Laura then spent five days visiting Lisbon, Portugal, with a pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima.

Dominican NGO Office at the United Nations in Geneva

Emily C. Foster '13, of Wrentham, MA, is a Psychology major. She worked with the Dominicans for Justice and Peace in Geneva, Switzerland and participated in the summer meetings of the United Nations Council on Human Rights and the United Nations Committee on Indigenous Peoples. She then spent a week touring Italy with her family.

Dominican Sisters of Eastern Australia

Emily C. Corr '13, of Commack, NY, a Social Science major with a minor in Theology, and Joseph M. Slattery '13, of Mt. Airy, MD, who is majoring in Biology, were hosted by the

Dominican Sisters of Australia, and were introduced to the wide ranging ministries of the Sisters and Friars in Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne. Emily undertook several service projects in the area of education, while Joe—an aspiring physician—pursued service projects in the area of health, and visited a school run by the Friars. Emily and Joe also made a memorable weekend trip to one of the great natural wonders of the world, the Great Barrier Reef.

Diocese of Auki (Malaita Island, Solomon Islands)

Clare E. Carroll '14, of Merrick, NY, with a major in English and a minor in Business Studies, and Cayla D. McKernan '13, of Monroe, CT, a Psychology major with a minor in Biology, spent ten days in Sydney and Canberra, Australia with the Dominican Sisters and Friars before leaving for the Solomon Islands. They spent four weeks on Malaita Island working Bishop Christopher Cardone, O.P. '80 and the Dominican Sisters in the Diocese of Auki. Clare undertook service in the area of education, while Cayla engaged in service in the area of health.

As a prelude to their time in Sydney and Auki, they spent five days visiting the Great Barrier Reef. Cayla also had the privilege of helping to deliver a baby in Auki, and the greater privilege of having the child named after her!

The Smith Fellowship Program is underwritten totally by generous contributions from current and former members of the Providence College Board of Trustees, as well as alumni/ae and other benefactors. We offer them our deepest gratitude.

To learn more about the Smith Fellowship Program and to read the Fr. Smith Fellows' blogs, please go to www.providence.edu/MISSION-MINISTRY/Pages/fellowships.aspx.

Fr. Kevin D. Robb, O.P.

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NEWS & UPDATES

Congratulations to Gail Berkowitz

Ms. Gail Egan (formerly Berkowitz), Campus Minister, married John Egan on June 16, 2016 at St. Ann Catholic Church in Parsippany, NJ. It was a very PC affair. Sherry Humes Dane, Director of Liturgical Music, was organist; Fr. James Cuddy, O.P., Chaplain, preached and Fr. Thomas Ertle, O.P., Assistant Chaplain, concelebrated; Charlie daSilva '10 served as acolyte; and Kelly Hughes '11, Jane McGuirk, Senior Office Assistant, and Richard Lumley, Campus Minister, were in attendance.

Gail's husband John is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio and teaches Latin, Greek, and Theology at St. Mary Academy-Bayview in East Providence, Rhode Island. He also is a graduate student in Biblical Studies at Providence College.

New Assistant Chaplain and Campus Minister

We are very happy to welcome two new members to the Campus Ministry staff. Their addition will allow us to expand our efforts at outreach and evangelization, and to initiate *Faith Abroad*, a program of overseas immersion and service for students.

Fr. Justin Brophy, O.P. was ordained in June of this year. He was born and raised in New Jersey and graduated from Seton Hall Preparatory School. He completed his Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Notre Dame, majoring in Philosophy with a double-minor in Medieval Studies and Philosophy within the Catholic Tradition. Upon graduation from Notre Dame, he entered the Dominican Order and completed his novitiate at St. Gertrude Priory in Cincinnati, Ohio. He then was assigned to the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C., where he earned three degrees: the Master of Divinity, Pontifical Bachelor in Sacred Theology, and the Pontifical License in Sacred Theology. For his licentiate thesis, Fr. Justin wrote on Divine foreknowledge and human freedom as it pertains to theology of grace, especially in the work of Jacques Maritain. During his years at the Dominican House of Studies, he was assigned to the chaplain's office at the University of Maryland and Aquinas House at Dartmouth College, and as a deacon, he served for

two years at St. Peter's church on Capitol Hill. In addition to serving as Assistant Chaplain, Fr. Justin also will serve as an adjunct instructor in theology.

Sarah Attwood is a native of Phoenix, Arizona, and describes herself as being "passionate about the intersection of faith and justice". She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Religious Studies from Santa Clara University and a Master of Divinity degree from the School of Theology and Ministry at Boston College. She has worked with local service and immersion programs as both a Jesuit Volunteer in Portland, Oregon and as a Graduate Assistant in Campus Ministry at Boston College. Here at Providence College, Sarah will be responsible for coordinating the many local service and advocacy activities sponsored by Campus Ministry. She also brings a commitment to the contemplative aspects of service and hopes to help students achieve a deeper level of reflection about solidarity, service and vocation.

Faith Works

The inauguration of *Faith Works*, a service-immersion program for incoming students, occurred this August with more than thirty freshmen and seven student coordinators. Designed in collaboration with the Diocese of Providence, *Faith Works* introduces students to various ministries sponsored by the Diocese—child and elder care, shelters for the homeless, immigration services, and prison chaplaincy—and to the habit of contemplation, that is, the seeking of God and his grace in a given situation, person or experience. The first of three new initiatives to be launched by Campus Ministry—including *Faith Abroad*, an overseas service-immersion program, and *Faith Speaks*, a program of outreach and evangelization on campus—*Faith Works* is designed for students at every level of faith and is intended to inspire ongoing service, contemplation and engagement with one's faith. For more details about *Faith Works* and the other programs, please go to: www.providence.edu/news/headlines/Pages/faithworks-2012.aspx



NEWS & UPDATES (CONTINUED)

Digitization Project at the Center for Catholic and Dominican Studies

The Center for Catholic and Dominican Studies has an extensive and unique collection of primary, secondary and archival sources related to theology, Catholicism, the church, and Dominican history and spirituality. As it expands its holdings, the Center is hoping to provide digital and online access to its collection for scholars and students throughout the world. In collaboration with the staff at Phillips Memorial Library and in conjunction with the latter's "Digital Commons", the Center is exploring a partnership with Iron Mountain and Kirtas Technologies to digitize much of the Center's collection. Currently in its initial phase, the Digital Archives Project for the Center for Catholic and Dominican Studies aims to have the first digitized titles and images available online at the Center's website by the end of September 2012. As the project is a labor intensive and expensive one, Fr. Gabriel Pivarnik, O.P., Director, is pursuing funding through a grant proposal with the National Endowment for the Humanities, and welcomes inquiries from anyone interested in contributing to the project [e-mail gpivarni@providence.edu]. For more details about the Digital Archives Project, please go to www.providence.edu/mission-ministry/ccds/Pages/facilities-resources.aspx

The Albert Lapierre Icon Collection

Albert G. Lapierre, a native of Pawtucket, R.I. and resident of North Attleboro, Massachusetts, died on June 29, 2007, at the age of 69. A co-owner of Stone-E-Lea Golf Course in Attleboro, his interests were broad and deep. He was a liturgical artist of some note whose creations grace the La Salette Shrine in Attleboro, including the famous annual outdoor Christmas display. He specialized in stained glass and icons, not only the "writing" or "praying" (that is, the painting) of icons, but also collecting antique icons, mostly Russian, some dating back to the seventeenth century. He purchased these icons at auctions by Sotheby's, Christie's,

and Jackson's International. The subjects of these icons include, among others, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and St. Nicholas of Mira. Some of the icons are "robed", that is, covered, in gilt or silvered metal of ornate workmanship, some of it filigreed.

At the time of his death, he bequeathed his collection of eighteen antique icons to a friend of his, who, desiring that the collection remain intact and be placed in a setting where the icons will be revered, has chosen to donate the collection, plus three icons "prayed" by Mr. Lapierre himself, to Providence College. Once the collection is received by the College, some thought will be given to the placement of the icons, which may include a side chapel in St. Dominic's Chapel, the Oratory of the Holy Cross in Harkins Hall and the Oratory in St. Catherine of Siena Hall, and the new Ruane Center for the Humanities.

We are most grateful to Mr. Lapierre and to his friend, the donor, who wishes to remain anonymous. We also hope that the surface beauty of these icons will lead the viewer deeper, to the Lord of grace who is the source and summit of everything beautiful, good and true. Indeed, that is what icons are meant to do: to lead one from the image to the imaged, and from the surface to the depths.

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Masses and Confession on Campus

St. Dominic Chapel (when school is in session)

Masses for Sunday 4:30 p.m. Saturday (*Vigil*)

4:30 p.m. Sunday

7:00 p.m. Sunday

10:30 p.m. Sunday

Weekday Masses 11:35 a.m.

4:30 p.m.

9:00 p.m. (*Monday – Thursday*)

Confessions Noon – 12:30 p.m. Monday – Friday

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Wednesday

8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Wednesday

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Saturday

St. Thomas Aquinas Priory (when school is in session)

Mass 7:25 a.m. (*Monday – Friday*)

8:00 a.m. (*Saturday, with
Morning Prayer*)

Morning Prayer 7:10 a.m. (*Monday – Friday*)

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Evening Prayer 5:30 p.m. (*Monday – Friday*)

Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m. (*Sunday*)

During vacation periods, the following schedule applies:

Mass 7:30 a.m. (*Monday – Friday, with
Morning Prayer*)

8:00 a.m. (*Saturday, with
Morning Prayer*)

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Evening Prayer 5:30 p.m. (*Monday – Friday*)

Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m. (*Sunday*)

