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## A MEDITATION: *Of Things Old and New*



s I write this, I am sitting in a café along the busy and frenetic Marienplatz in Munich, Germany looking out over the swath of people on holiday who have seemingly erupted into what was a tranquil, almost serene morning. Three hours ago, no one was here. Now, it is filled with people. I find myself chuckling as a group of Brazilians burst into song out in the square although no one is really sure why. Their laughter and revelry is infectious—the scurrying crowds stop to press and wonder about this gaggle of choristers. What seems to miss their eye is the Mariensäule, a large column topped with a golden statue of the Blessed Mother which stands in watch

over the plaza. Popes and bishops over the centuries have come to the statue to pray. Erected in 1638, celebrating a victory in the Thirty Years' War; it is the old. The Brazilians and the crowds are the new.

Munich, it seems, is a city of contradictions. As I rode into the city on the S-bahn train the day before, I was struck by the fertile countryside that was dotted with pre-World War I houses. Their look and feel radiated age and legend, as if any minute a Wagnerian heroine would come bursting forth from their doors. But as the train moved into each one of its stations along the forty-minute route, I could not help but notice the juxtaposition of modern, functional architecture with my quaint historic homes. Glass walls, steel frames, escalators, and ticket



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machines dominate every station. And yet, there on the platform, the glass walls let me look out over the station, and I can still see the A-framed houses, worn and weathered by the years, shutters thrown open on the windows to let in a light breeze. In the yard, a woman hangs laundry from a line that has held her family's clothes for decades. And then the train moves on, and she appears as a fading dot on the horizon. Old and new.

The Marienplatz is not much different. The gaggle of Brazilians make their way over to one of the growing number of franchises that have emerged here. Swatch, Benetton, Swarovski all have stores along the square. Such stores line the walkway with opportunities to spend, indulge, and forget. Further down the street, I catch a glimpse of the KFC sign, and then the McDonald's and the Burger King. It seems incongruent. Between all of these new ventures stand the churches of Munich: the Church of Our Lady (Frauenkirche), St. Michael's (Michaelskirche), and St. Peter's (Peterskirche)—to name just a few. They have become living testaments to the past—filled with artwork from the Gothic, Baroque, and Rococo periods. Their mighty towers and grand sculptures and paintings could reveal centuries of history and theology. It seems like only the tourists will walk through their doors, taking digital pictures of a six hundred year old fresco that stretches across the domed ceiling or of a hand-carved wooden masterpiece. Old and new.

As I leave the Marienplatz and head back to my temporary home, I cannot help but consider if the old has been lost amidst the new. I pass the "New Town Hall" (Neus Rathaus) which, ironically, with its neo-Gothic façade looks centuries older than the "Old Town Hall". Walking down the street, I can begin to see the Theatinerkirche with its mustard yellow walls that seem as worn and weathered as the A-framed houses in the countryside. Its towers, wrapped in this mustard yellow color, appear to pierce the azure blue sky. The priory of St. Cajetan hidden behind it has become my home for this week. I decide to step into the church and am humbled by the pristine white marble formed in columns, reliefs, and arches of the high Baroque period. As I make my way to the door to the sacristy, I fumble for the special key I have been given to get back into the priory. Key in hand, I decide to sit for a while and pray. There in the silence, I can imagine the centuries of believers who have been in these walls—the celebration of a royal wedding, the burial of a beloved aunt, the first communicant who knelt at the rail, the layered voices of choirs with Palestrina echoing off the marble walls. Then suddenly, I hear a click, the shuffling of steps, and a muted voice, "Regardez ça!" (Look at that!). The tourist brushes past me to take another shot with his iPhone. Old and new.

And there, in that moment, something grace-filled happened. A bell rang and a priest, Fr. Klaus, came out from the sacristy. In my position near the sanctuary door and in the silence of my thoughts,

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I had not noticed that people had begun to fill the Church. Mass had begun. I desperately tried to follow along in my own broken German. There was no book near my perch near the sanctuary, no guide so that I could read along with the people. I could only engage the mystery of what was happening with my own incomprehensibility. As believers came forward for communion, I was struck by those that had gathered: an older woman with a delicate shawl over her head and shoulders, a young man, maybe twenty years old, in a splash

of color (red pants, a deep blue shirt, and yellow shoes), a businessman in coat and tie, a mother of three with two children in tow and one in her arms. The menagerie of people was unexpected. And that is when I realized, that at least for me, and possibly for them, the old had become new.

Fr. R. Gabriel Pivarnik, O.P.  
*Vice President for Mission and Ministry*

## ABROAD FOR CHRIST IN THE COMPANY OF ST. DOMINIC: SUMMER 2013 SMITH FELLOWS

Beginning in the summer of 2009, the Fr. Philip A. Smith Student Fellowship Program for Study and Service Abroad has been sending students to Catholic and Dominican venues around the world. During the summer just ended, ten Smith Fellows fanned out to seven locations in six countries for personal study (one) or service (nine) in Haiti, Spain, South Africa (two different venues), India, Australia, and the Solomon Islands.

Dedicated to the memory of Fr. Philip A. Smith, O.P. '63, eleventh President of Providence College (1995-2005), who died suddenly in November 2007, the Smith Fellowships are awarded on a competitive basis to rising juniors and seniors. The Fellowships enable students to undertake summer study or service at Catholic and Dominican sites outside the United States and cover all travel, living, and

incidental expenses through the ongoing generosity of several College Trustees, one former Trustee, and a handful of other donors. The Fellowships are designed to encourage highly motivated students to deepen their acquaintance with the Catholic and Dominican intellectual tradition and the ethos of Christian service, and to introduce them to the breadth and richness of the Universal Church. Upon their return to campus, they are also intended to act as leaven within the College community.

In summer 2013, Molly O'Donohue '15, Sparkill, NY, a finance major, spent almost four weeks at The Haitian Project's Louverture Cleary School outside Port-au-Prince, Haiti, researching the use and influence of cell phones on the Haitian population. Providence College has established a close relationship with The Haitian Project, headed



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by Deacon Patrick Moynihan '99G and '12HON, with several alums of the College spending a year volunteering there, a group of Campus Ministry students spending several days in late May volunteering there (see article below), and Molly being the first Smith Fellow to spend time there.

Melissa Ann Scott '14, Seekonk, MA, a political science and Spanish major, traveled to The Center for Spanish Language and Culture at the Catholic University of Avila in Spain to undertake a personal study on the Venerable Louis of Granada, O.P., and his influence on Spanish mysticism. She lived in a student residence attached to the Royal Dominican Monastery of Santo Tomas.

David O'Connor '14, Franklin Square, NY, a public and community service studies major, traveled to Springs, outside Johannesburg, South Africa, working with Dominican Friars at the St. Martin de Porres Development Centre. In addition, he spent time on his own in Cape Town.

Also traveling to South Africa were Heidi Fraitzl '14, Bedford, NH, a sociology major, and Amanda Haluga '14, Groton, CT, a psychology major, where they participated in the ministry of the Dominican Friars in Pietermaritzburg, just to the east of Durban on the shore of the Indian Ocean.

Mary McDermott '14, Hopedale, MA, a music education major, and Emily Reers '15, Glen Rock, NJ, a double major in political science and public and community service studies, went to Nagpur,

the geographical center of India, to teach boys aged 7-18 at the Yuvajyothi School at the Indian Center for Integrated Development, run by the Dominican Friars.

Catherine "Kate" Mulvihill '15, Middle Village, NY, an accountancy major, volunteered at Santa Sabina College and St. Lucy's School in the Sydney area with the Dominican Sisters of Eastern Australia and the Solomon Islands, while living with a local family.

Though spending time in Sydney beforehand and afterwards, Kaitlin Scharff '14, Far Hills, NJ, an elementary and special education major, and Ryan Frazier '15, Basking Ridge, NJ, a biology major, spent the greater portion of their time abroad in Auki, Malaita Island, Solomon Islands, working with Bishop Christopher Cardone, O.P. '80, and the Dominican Sisters of Eastern Australia and the Solomon Islands.

These ten summer 2013 Smith Fellows maintained blogs describing their experiences and reflections during their weeks away over the summer. In addition, in late September / early October, they will make presentations on their experiences abroad in the Center for Catholic and Dominican Studies, acting as leaven within the College Community.

Those blogs and presentations, as well as those of many previous Smith Fellows, may be found at: [www.providence.edu/mission-ministry/Pages/fellowships.aspx](http://www.providence.edu/mission-ministry/Pages/fellowships.aspx)

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Thanks to the great generosity of a relatively small group of donors, a total of thirty-two Smith Fellows over five summers have received all-expenses-paid Fellowships taking them to Haiti; Nicaragua; Oxford, England (six); Avila, Spain; Geneva, Switzerland; Kisumu, Kenya (six); Pietermaritzburg, South Africa (two); Springs, outside Johannesburg, South Africa; Nagpur, India (two); outside Manila, Philippines;

Adelaide, Australia; Sydney, Australia (four); and Auki, Malaita Island, Solomon Islands (five).

Fr. Kevin D. Robb, O.P.  
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## CAMPUS MINISTRY'S INTERNATIONAL IMMERSION TRIPS IN LATE MAY 2013: EXCITING AND SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH OF NEW VENTURES

In May, Campus Ministry went international. Twenty-one students and four Campus Ministry staff participated on the first International Immersions. Offering trips to Haiti and Jamaica, we partnered with organizations whose missions dovetail with our work in Campus Ministry. For the Haiti Immersion, we collaborated with The Haitian Project, Inc.—a non-profit that operates the Louverture Cleary School (LCS) in Croix-des-Bouquets, eight miles northeast of Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince. LCS is a Catholic, tuition-free, co-educational secondary boarding school for 350 economically underprivileged Haitian children. In addition to receiving an excellent education, LCS students are encouraged to serve their local communities during their education and beyond. For the Jamaica Immersion, we worked with Mustard Seed Communities (MSC), a Catholic

non-profit that cares for some of the most vulnerable members of society in Jamaica, the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, and Zimbabwe. In Jamaica, MSC cares primarily for children and adults with severe mental and physical disabilities. MSC also works with children with HIV / AIDS and teenage mothers and their babies. MSC was founded in Kingston, Jamaica, and we decided to begin our partnership with MSC where the organization was founded.

As we hoped, International Immersions appealed to a significant number of students at Providence College. At the beginning of spring semester, more than eighty students attended the information session for the program, and after the application deadline passed, we had over sixty applications for twenty-one available spaces. While it was



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unfortunate that many applicants could not participate, the application volume did help foster trips that were diverse in terms of class year, academic major, extracurricular involvements, and personal background. Selected students were notified just before Spring Break, and weekly meetings for the remainder of the semester allowed participants to prepare for international travel, get to know each other more, and learn about why the trips are offered by Campus Ministry.

International Immersions are about an education in solidarity as much as they are about volunteer service. It's wonderful that twenty-one Providence College students spent a week over summer break volunteering in Haiti and Jamaica. Haiti Immersion participants worked on a construction project at LCS, and participants on the Jamaica Immersion painted a number of buildings and landscaped MSC property. These projects provided tangible benefits for our host organizations. But during the trips and at a post-immersion retreat on campus, students noted again and again that they "received" more than they "gave". Perhaps most importantly, many students reflected on how the relationships they developed—with the children, our hosts, and each other—helped them understand the dignity we share with all of humanity—including those who are economically poor, disabled, sick, and living in developing countries thousands of miles away from Providence College. Blessed John Paul II said that solidarity is learned through contact rather than through concepts. In this way, the first

International Immersions provided an opportunity for Providence College students not only to serve others, but also to recognize in a profound sense their connection to those who are especially vulnerable in today's globalizing world.

Richard Lumley  
*Campus Minister*

*[Editor's note: Rich Lumley, Campus Minister at Providence College for the past three years, is moving on just as the new academic year begins. He has been accepted by Northeastern University's School of Law in Boston and awarded a three-year full tuition scholarship. He will be deeply missed by students and colleagues, who thank him for his ministry, congratulate him on his law-school acceptance and scholarship, and wish him and his wife Tessa every blessing in the years ahead.]*

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4:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

10:30 p.m.

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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 4:45 p.m. (Saturday and Sunday)

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