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New Jesuit leader moves freely through diversity of cultures, religions

It was 1995. The 34th General Congregation of the Society of Jesus was about two-thirds of the way through its work, and the Jesuit delegates were given an opportunity to leave Rome for a brief sojourn to Naples. Most went. Four of the Jesuits who stayed behind gathered around a meal in the Jesuit Curia's kitchenette. The group included host Jack O'Callaghan, S.J., Pat Howell, S.J., another Jesuit and the man who was running the congregation as its presiding secretary, Adolfo Nicolás, S.J.

Father Howell, vice president for Mission and Ministry, remembers nearly every detail about that evening, right down to the meal (spaghetti and garlic bread). He remembers the four hours the Jesuits spent in conversation, "But I don't have a single quote to share from Fr. Nicolás," says Howell, "because he just blended in so well in the conversation." Howell also remembers when Nicolás visited SU a decade ago and stayed at the Arrupe Residence. SU President Steven Sundborg, S.J., who also served as a delegate at the 34th General Congregation, Howell and Nicolás spent time reminiscing about the congregation, "But no one else remembers he was here," says Howell.

Nicolás' ability to blend naturally

into his environs has served him well. Born in Palencia, Spain, he has spent most of his Jesuit years in Asia. He was a theology professor at the Sophia University in Tokyo, directed the East Asia Pastoral Institute and served as provincial of Japan. Nicolás was serving as moderator of the Jesuit Conference for Eastern Asia and Oceania until Jan. 19, when he was elected the 30th superior general of the Society of Jesus at the 35th General Congregation.

A Mass was held last month on the Seattle University campus at the Chapel of St. Ignatius to celebrate the 100th birthday of the Jesuits' 28th Superior General Pedro Arrupe, S.J., and pray for Nicolás and the 35th Congregation as it continues its proceedings. Homilist and SU Arrupe Residence Rector Peter Ely, S.J., reflected on the similarities between Frs. Arrupe and Nicolás. Both men, Ely pointed out, were Spaniards who followed the 16th and 17th century Jesuit Matteo Ricci's lead in going to Asia and adapting themselves to the customs and mores of their hosts.

Nicolás' respect for local cultures is key, Howell says, "as the Catholic Church moves—painfully sometimes—from being a western Church to a world Church. Fr. Nicolás gets it, and in some ways, he is the first world



Seated at the center, Adolfo Nicolás, S.J., the new superior general of the Society of Jesus, is surrounded by the American delegates, including Oregon Province representatives John Whitney, S.J., provincial, and Pat Lee, S.J., vice president for mission at Gonzaga University. Whitney is at the far right of the back row. Lee is also in the back row, roughly six from the right. The photo was taken on the rooftop of the Jesuit Curia, which is just steps away from the famed Piazza of St. Peter in Rome.

leader in the new world Church."

In the homily following his election, Nicolás acknowledged the many nations represented at the General Congregation and continued, "However, there may be other nations, other non-geographic communities, human communities, that claim our aid: the poor, the marginalized, the excluded. In this globalized world of ours the number of those excluded by all is increasing."

That 34th General Congregation at which Howell and Sundborg served as

delegates was not called to elect a superior general. But had it been an electing congregation, Howell and Sundborg believe that Nicolás would have been the choice. When asked if he had any inkling back in that kitchenette that he was breaking garlic bread with the next leader of the Jesuits, Howell says no, but only because Nicolás was 59 years of age at the time. "He is a lovely, gracious, diplomatic and highly capable man and can carry all the things of the Society and hold them lightly," says Howell.

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Scholarship

Provost's Office announces Summer Faculty Fellowships

The 2008 Summer Faculty Fellowship recipients have been named and include:

PJ Alaimo (Science and Engineering), **Maria Bullon-Fernandez** (Arts and Sciences), **Lirong Dai** (Science and Engineering), **Claire Garoutte** (Arts and Sciences), **Kitty Grupp** (Nursing), **Bridget Hiedemann** (Albers School of Business and Economics), **Joanne Hughes Clark** (Science and Engineering), **Nalini Iyer** (Arts and Sciences), **Jennifer Marrone** (Albers), **Greg Prussia** (Albers), **Catherine Punsalan-Manlimos** (Arts and Sciences), **Chris Stipe** (Science and Engineering), **Ruth White** (Arts and Sciences), **Danuta Wojnar** (Nursing), **Marie Wong** (Arts and Sciences) and **Richard Young** (Arts and Sciences).

Yancy Hughes Dominick

Yancy Hughes Dominick, philosophy lecturer, had an essay, "Acting Other: Atossa and Instability in Herodotus," published in the *Classical Quarterly Journal* by the Cambridge University Press, which can be found at <http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayAbstract?aid=1415008>.

Joe Langenhan

Joe Langenhan, assistant professor in chemistry, published a paper in *Bioorganic and Medicinal Chemistry Letters* that describes the anti-tumor activities of several new cancer drug candidates developed in his lab at Seattle University. Six Seattle University undergraduate researchers are co-authors on the paper. Seattle University has also filed a patent on these potential drugs.

Accolades

Kathryn Morse

Kathryn Morse, assistant director of Conference and Event Services, has been elected to the national board of the Association of Collegiate Conference and Event Directors-International (ACCED-I). Morse begins her three-year term in March.

Monica Nixon and Darrell Goodwin

Monica Nixon and Darrell Goodwin, were recognized as mentors in the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) Undergraduate Fellows Program during the organization's recent Mentor Appreciation Week. Mentors were honored for their commitment to the profession and their students, as well as their efforts to increase diversity within student affairs and higher education. Nixon is director and Goodwin is associate director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Strategic planning

The university strategic planning group is reviewing the reports provided by the task forces and developing a document on strategic directions to be presented to the Board of Trustees on Feb. 22. The document will be posted to www.seattleu.edu/strategicplanning for campus review on Feb. 12.

Faculty and staff are encouraged to provide feedback and recommendations on this document. The response of the campus community will be included in the discussion with the trustees, and in later development of specific implementation plans. Feedback can be provided either through the website, or at one of two open forums to be held by President Stephen Sundborg, S.J., at the following times and locations:

Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2 to 3 p.m.
Schafer Auditorium, Lemieux Library

Tuesday, Feb. 19, noon to 1 p.m.
Schafer Auditorium, Lemieux Library