Life is a Special Occasion!

Two weeks ago I made a few small purchases in a Hallmark store and received a bag imprinted with the words Life Is a Special Occasion. This prompted me to think about the phenomena of tote bags.

Fashion totes are carried everywhere these days by almost everyone. You find them on the beach, at the pool, and in classrooms. They are often promotional giveaways for colleges, supermarkets, museums, hospitals, and even professional services.

When the rage first began, the logo of the organization promoting itself was most frequently used. Lately, fashion totes with customized, personal messages abound: “Lunch & Learn,” “Leave A Legacy!” and even “Your Imprint Here.” Passersby notice and register the messages, which have the potential to influence later decisions.

I began to muse about a personalized tote for the Celebration of Parish Ministries that will be taking place at St. Ignatius today. It certainly is a special occasion! Our celebration is an opportunity to enjoy, savor, relish, and communicate the special vitality of a community that is inspired by The Ignatian Way, the spirituality of St. Ignatius grounded in prayer and service. What singular message would we communicate to passersby on a parish tote bag? Would it be A Community of Disciples? Hearts on Fire? Pilgrims on the Ignatian Way?

The following reflections by parishioners about their ministries of service support these possibilities.

A member of the Boomers & Beyond Ministry says,

“I have found an increased spirituality and welcome from the community of people I have met at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish. In joining Boomers & Beyond, I wanted to give something back to the community and in so doing have found friendships and common interests that have broadened me as a person.”

Celeste Sant’Angelo, a member of the Hospitality Ministry, shares this reflection,

“It is hard to say why I became a Minister of Hospitality, except that I was just drawn to it. I like greeting people and hopefully helping people coming to St. Ignatius feel as welcome here as I do. I think that the Catholic Church generally, and St. Ignatius specifically, can be places of peace, support, spirituality, and thoughtful guidance. I find these elements a big part of my life, so if can help people coming to the Church feel welcome, perhaps they will find the same peace and support here that I do.”

Another parishioner writes,

“When I first brought Eucharist to someone who was homebound, I was in awe. I had not expected such awe! That day, I felt Jesus in the kitchen with us. There are no words to describe this experience. That was five years ago. Although not every time has been as powerful or moving, the Sacrament is the same. I am privileged and honored to bring Christ ‘home.’”

Parishioner Bettina Ridley feels “blessed” to be part of the Ranger Rosary Ministry,

“We make rosaries to send to members of the military who are risking their lives to ensure the freedom and dignity of all. I have encountered many people from all over the world, from Italian monks, to homeless folks in the soup kitchen, to little children who admired the colored rosary bracelets I wore. Those who use the rosaries we make commit to prayer for our servicepeople and their families.”

Join our Celebration of Parish Ministries today in McKinnon Hall after the 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM and 7:30 PM Masses. Discover a ministry for your talents. Meet new parishioners. Learn more about The Ignatian Way initiative. Come! Celebrate! Rejoice!

- Sr. Kathryn King, FSP
Pastoral Associate
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th
Celebration of Parish Ministries.
Immediately following the 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, and 7:30 PM Masses. McKinnon Hall. All are welcome!
Details on page 5.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2nd
Meeting Christ in Prayer. 9:30 AM.
Parish Lounge. Morning session begins.
Details on page 4.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3rd
Meeting Christ in Prayer. 7:00 PM.
Parish Lounge. Evening session begins.
Details on page 4.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4th
Thursday Morning Prayer Group. 9:30-11:00 AM.
Parish House. An opportunity to continue a group support for those who have made the Meeting Christ in Prayer Retreat. For information and registration, contact Sabina Fila at sabinaft@verizon.net

MUSIC

MY SOUL REJOICES
Wednesday, October 17th 7:00 PM
Choir and orchestra of St. Ignatius Loyola
K. Scott Warren, conductor

BACH Brandenburg Concerto No. 3
BACH Magnificat in D Major
MOZART Church Sonata No. 16
MOZART Vesperae solennes de Confessore

The joyous exuberance of these timeless masterpieces kicks off the 2012-2013 season with resplendent glory. An exciting cast of soloists joins the full Choir and Orchestra of St. Ignatius Loyola to present these extraordinary and beloved works.

Tickets: $50 Preferred | $40 General
$20 student/senior rush.
Choral subscription packages are still available at a discount!
Visit www.smssconcerts.org for complete information

MUSIC AT MASSES
Sunday, October 7th

11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS
Mendelssohn Prelude and Fugue in G Major and Nachspiel
Purcell Beati omnes
Cope Bread of the world

7:30 PM MASS
Mendelssohn Prelude and Fugue in G Major and Nachspiel

ATTENTION PARENTS OF 8th GRADERS!
The TACHS – Test for Admission into Catholic High Schools will be administered in the Archdiocese of New York on Friday, November 9th. Catholic school students will receive applications in their own schools. Public school students may obtain applications from Catholic high schools participating in the program, Catholic elementary schools, or Parish religious education programs.

Online registration is available 7 days a week by going to the website www.tachsinfo.com or by calling 1-866-618-2247.

Paper applications must be received by the TACHS office no later than Wednesday, October 10th. The deadline for internet/telephone registration is Monday, October 22nd.

For additional details about the examination, visit www.tachsinfo.com or call the TACHS Admission Office at 1-866-618-2247.
**Sunday Socials Fall Schedule**

The Sunday Socials are held in Wallace Hall at 8:30 PM, following the 7:30 PM Mass. They are hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults for those in their 20’s and 30’s. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Sunday Social Dates:**
- Oct. 28
- Nov. 11
- Dec. 9
- Nov. 25

To receive updates on IYA events and other opportunities, you can follow us on Facebook at “Ignatian Young Adults (NYC)”

**Calling All IYA Knitters & Crocheters!**

Come join other Young Adults for socializing and making knitwear for charity. Join us this fall on the following Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:30 PM in the Parish House Conference Room:
- Oct. 3rd, 17th, and 31st
- Nov. 14th and 28th
- Dec. 12th

Email molly.nora@gmail.com with questions or to join the email list. All skill levels are welcome.

**LAY MINISTERS’ ENRICHMENT**

All Lay Ministers at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola are invited to:

**COMPASSION: Facing Challenges in Life, Church, and Ministry**

Life isn’t easy in 2012. The world seems angry and dangerous. Dreams of peace, love, and understanding seem to be fading. How do we cope? Jesus says “Fear Not” and “Judge Not,” but that advice can be difficult to put into practice.

Join Fr. Tony D’Souza, S.J. as he shares how Jesus’ difficult sayings can be translated into simple psycho-spiritual practices that can help us find meaning and relevance in our lives, our church, and our ministries.

Fr. D’Souza holds a Ph.D. in clinical psychology. Combining his clinical experience, hands-on grass roots activism, and intimate knowledge of Christian and Eastern mystical traditions, Fr. D’Souza has developed an approach that has proved invaluable to many engaged in ministering to others. He lives in Mumbai, India.

Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Space is limited and registration closes on Monday, October 15th. Register online at http://october2012enrichment.eventbrite.com

Contact Fr. Ugo Nacciarone at 212-288-3588 or nacciaroneu@stignatiusloyola.org with questions.

Participants are encouraged to read the first four chapters of Fr. Tony’s book, Discovering Awareness. (They are brief!)

The book will be available for purchase for $10 at the Lay Ministers’ Enrichment table at the Celebration of Parish Ministries in McKinnon Hall today and can also be purchased online at DiscoveringAwareness.org, Amazon.com, or the iTunes bookstore.
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, October 1st
(St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus)
8:30  MEM Donald Roesch
12:10  MEM Carol Wise
5:30  MEM Catherine M. Walsh

Tuesday, October 2nd
(Guardian Angels)
Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23   Psalm 88    Matthew 18:1-5, 10
8:30   MEM Margaret Whyte
12:10  MEM Rachel Faliba
5:30  MEM Patrick Ryan

Wednesday, October 3rd
(St. Francis Borgia)
8:30   MEM The Choix and Gordon Families
12:10  MEM Vera de Rahm
5:30  MEM Lucy Ferranto

Thursday, October 4th
(St. Francis of Assisi)
8:30 MEM Luis Samaniego
12:10 MEM Jack Kaupp
5:30 MEM George Caruso

Friday, October 5th
(26th Friday in Ordinary Time)
Job 38:1, 12; 40:3-5    Psalm 139    Luke 10:13-16
8:30 MEM Elaine McNicholas
12:10 MEM Otto Josef Ruesch
5:30 MEM John McNamee

Saturday, October 6th
(St. Bruno, Bl. Diego Luis de San Vitores, Bl. Marie-Rose Durocher)
8:30 MEM Mary Ciancaglini

Sunday, October 7th
(27th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Genesis 2:18-24    Psalm 128
Hebrews 2:9-11    Mark 10:2-16

SAVE THE DATE!
HOUR CHILDREN COLLECTION DRIVE
Sunday, October 14th
9:30 AM – 1:00 PM
The HOUR CHILDREN Truck will be parked outside St. Ignatius Church, ready to receive donations of clothing, toys, kitchenware, knick-knacks, household items, electronics, and small furniture.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?
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This process is also open to those Catholic adults who have not received the Sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation.
For more information about this process, which is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), contact Maureen Fullam at 212-288-3588 or email church@stignatiusloyola.org

Begins this week!
Meeting Christ In Prayer
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Open to both beginners in the spiritual journey and those committed to a prayer life for years, the commitment of participants is daily personal prayer of 30 minutes and an “examen,” or review of the day, in the evening.
Suggested scale for offering: $30 – $50 to cover materials.
Two sessions:
• Tuesday Mornings, 9:30 to 11:00 AM, October 2nd to November 27th (no class Thanksgiving week.)
• Wednesday Evenings, 7:00 to 8:30 PM, October 3rd to November 28th (no class Thanksgiving week.)
For additional information and registration, contact Sr. Kathryn King at kingk@saintignatiusloyola.org

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The days are growing shorter, the mornings have begun to get cooler, and soon we’ll all be enjoying the new heating system! Unfortunately, to date, only 10% of our parishioner base has made a contribution to the Emergency Heating & Cooling Campaign. 

**Goal:** $2,400,000  
The amount left to raise is currently: $605,000

Won’t you please consider making a gift today? To donate online, visit [www.stignatiusloyola.org](http://www.stignatiusloyola.org) and click on the Emergency Heating and Cooling Campaign tab on the right side of the homepage. If you would like to make a credit card payment, contact Pat Schneider at schneiderp@saintignatiusloyola.org or 646-981-2610.

**HAVE YOU NOTICED?**

A Benefit for the Emergency Heating & Cooling Campaign
Arctica Bar & Grill: 384 Third Avenue
7:00 – 10:00 PM

Donation: $75

Reserve your ticket now to the upcoming fundraiser to be held at Arctica! Be a part of a fantastic night out, while assisting the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola. Your donation gets you unlimited food and two drinks (mixed/beer/or wine). There will be live music and a chance to win terrific prizes (sports tickets, theater tickets, and much more).

Payment is due by October 12th.

Contact Erin Pick or Kenn Kern to reserve your ticket: erin.e.pick@gmail.com or kennkern@yahoo.com

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Registrations for the 2012-2013 IREP and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd programs can be made by calling the Parish House at 212-288-3588 and pressing “0” for the receptionist. Registration forms can also be found on our website: [www.stignatiusloyola.org](http://www.stignatiusloyola.org)

**…Classes are now underway**

**CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

The *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* is a program of religious formation for children ages 3, 4, and 5. The program draws on the scriptural and liturgical traditions of the Church.

Our meeting place is the Atrium, behind Wallace Hall, a space where children enjoy an environment that supports their spiritual development.

We meet weekly on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons from September through May.

For more information contact Adele Gallo at amdgallo@me.com

**THE IGNATIAN WAY**

*The Ignatian Way* is a year-long celebration of the life of our Parish. The intention is to raise awareness and knowledge of the Parish, to nurture Ignatian identity and spirituality, and to allow members of the Parish Community to become better acquainted with one another.

We hope *The Ignatian Way* will help current and prospective parishioners come to know the Parish more deeply.

Toward this end, the focus of our celebration will be directed to prayer, service, and community.

Coming in October...

**The Ignatian Way: A Personal Reflection**

A PowerPoint presentation by Rev. George Witt, S.J., describing his pilgrimage in Spain this summer.

Wednesday, October 10th
7:00 PM in Wallace Hall
Day of Recollection at the Martyrs’ Shrine, Auriesville, NY. Saturday, October 6th. Auriesville is the site of the Mohawk Indian village of Ossernenon. It was here that Jesuits Isaac Jogues, Rene Goupil, and John LaLande were martyred. The shrine began in 1885 as a monument to the first North American saints. Cost: $50 (inclusive of bus, driver tip, and donation to the shrine). For more information, contact St. Monica’s Rectory at 212-288-6251.

Become a Union Settlement/OASIS Reading Tutor: Older adults are invited to work one-on-one with K-3 students who need help developing reading and language skills. Training, materials, and ongoing support will be provided. No teaching experience is needed. Contact Harriet Stein, Program Coordinator, at hstein@unionsett.org or 646-672-5044.

NFL SUPER BOWL RAFFLE
The Xavier Society for the Blind is a recognized NFL Charity and has 250 NFL Raffle tickets available. Cost: $100 per ticket.

FIRST PRIZE: 2 tickets to the 2013 Super Bowl (in New Orleans), airfare, 4 nights in a hotel, 2 tickets to the NFL Alumni Hall of Fame Awards dinner (with at least one HoF player at every table). You are not only at the game, but you are there as the guest of the NFL. When the Giants won several years ago, our winners were brought onto the field with the team 30 seconds after the end of the game.

SECOND PRIZE: $1,000 cash
THIRD PRIZE: $500 cash

ORDER BY PHONE: Call (212) 473-7800 and ask for Manuel. Have your credit card handy.

ORDER AT THE WEBSITE: Go to www.xaviersocietyfortheblind.org and follow the link on the Home Page.

ORDER FROM THE TICKET SITE: Go to http://bit.ly/Kkm0vK

Music Information: (212) 288-2520  Email: music@stignatiusloyola.org