Shortly after Christmas, Esteban Bullrich, the Minister of Education of Buenos Aires, sent me a cryptic text message: “Any chance you can be in Rome on February 5th?”

I did not ask for details, nor did Esteban volunteer any, other than to say that he was assembling a small cohort of the World Economic Forum’s Young Global Leaders (where Esteban and I met initially) to meet at the Vatican to “help develop…Scholas Occurrentes.” I did not know what Scholas Occurrentes was, or who started it. Nonetheless, I immediately purchased a round trip ticket to Rome.

On February 3rd, en route to JFK I received an email detailing protocol…FOR MEETING THE POPE. And that’s when it hit me. This would be no ordinary trip.

Scholas Occurrentes is a program Pope Francis started in Argentina when he was known as Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, to repair the social contract, improve education, connect youth through the arts, sport and technology, and build true global citizens as a necessary path towards a peaceful, loving, society. The Pope’s definition of “global citizen” requires rigorous development of academic skills as well as values premised in “loving thy neighbor.”

Arriving in Rome, we walked through pouring rain to the Pope Paul VI General Audience Hall, where we finally learned why we were invited to the Vatican. Esteban, along with two other colleagues, invited twenty business, non-profit, and political leaders from Latin America, the United States, Europe, and the Middle East. We were four Catholics, and the remainder Muslim, Jewish, Hindu, atheist, and agnostic. Two are globally recognized educators and one half of us are Young Global Leaders. Our task was to learn about Scholas, and then develop a strategy to scale the Argentinian program globally.

After lunch, we attended a large meeting with about two hundred others for a general audience with Pope Francis. During the audience, Pope Francis conducted a Google Hangout with children and teenagers located throughout the world. Each student showed the Pope how he or she uses technology to learn, and to be connected to others.

A Nebraskan teenager who suffers from motor skill difficulty asked the Pope how he deals with the tough things in life. Pope Francis answered plainly: “I do not get mad at the difficulty. Anger does not help. Try, work to overcome it. And if not, bear down and wait it out.”

Pope Francis joked about his limited technology skills, and then advised each of the children, and those of us in the audience, that “Each of us has a treasure in our self. If we share it with others, it will be multiplied. Do not hide the treasure. It’s sometimes not easy to find, but when you find the treasure and share it, it will give meaning to life.” Only if we use our special gifts in service to others do our gifts expand, and if we all shared these gifts in service, the effect would be tremendous.

Pope Francis concluded the general audience remarking, in part, that we will not change the world if we do not change education and restore harmony. And harmony requires understanding differences.

After the general audience, we were invited to meet with Pope Francis individually. With tears in my eyes, I told him how much his leadership meant to me as a Catholic who has sometimes struggled with reconciling a life faithful to the Gospel with the institutional problems in the Church. I asked him to pray for us, and told him how very much we love and are inspired by him in the USA.

What moved me most about my visit was seeing the effect Pope Francis had on my colleagues of other faiths, or no faith at all. To see that they, too, were so moved, also with tears in their eyes, was amazing. In my life, I’ve known of no one who has the capacity to love so much, so genuinely, so tenderly, that all felt welcomed and included. As I prepare for Lent, and seek to become ever closer to God, I realize I have so much to learn in the way I conduct my life. And what an amazing teacher we have in our Pope!

— Binta Niambi Brown, Parishioner
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SVdP Lenten Food Drive continues through Wednesday, March 25th. Details at lower right.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1st
Making All Things New
Information Meeting. Following the 11:00 AM Masses. McKinnon Hall. Details at right.

MONDAY, MARCH 2nd
Bridge with Boomers.
1:00 PM. Meeting Room.
All expertise levels are welcome.

Private Prayer & Confession
Monday Evenings
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM in the Church
The church is open on Monday evenings to provide a time for private reflection and for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Doors open at 6:00 PM.

Tuesday to Friday Evenings
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in the Lady Chapel
The Lady Chapel will be open as an opportunity to spend time in private contemplation.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4th
Daily Masses at 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 5:30 PM: Quiet Wednesdays.
The Daily Mass on the Wednesdays of Lent offer a few moments to reflect quietly upon the readings of the day (in lieu of a homily).

Job Transition Support Group.
10:00 AM. Parish Lounge.
Bringing together experienced professionals looking to secure employment.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6th
Lecture: Christ in Evolution: Teilhard's Vision. Presented by Sr. Ilia Delio, OSF, Ph.D.
7:00 PM. Wallace Hall. Details on page 5.

ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF RECONCILIATION
Monday, March 30th
All parishes in the Archdiocese of New York will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confessions will be heard at St. Ignatius Loyola from 3:00 PM – 6:45 PM.
To be followed by the PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE at 7:00 PM
Many priests will be available for Confession.

MAKING ALL THINGS NEW

INFORMATION MEETING
TODAY
Following the 11:00 AM Masses
McKinnon Hall
All are welcome!

Christ in Evolution: Teilhard’s Vision
Presented by
Sr. Ilia Delio, OSF, Ph.D.
Director of Catholic Studies
Georgetown University
Friday, March 6th
7:00 PM in Wallace Hall

What is the meaning of Christ and Christian life in a world of change?

Jesuit scientist Pierre Teilhard de Chardin had profound insight to the significance of Christ in an evolutionary universe.

We will explore his vision and the implication of his insights for world religions and the future of Christian life.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

It is estimated that 1.5 million New Yorkers rely on soup kitchens and food pantries. Food insecurity is an on-going struggle for many families and individuals.

Throughout Lent, SVdP will be accepting donations of food for the Community Pantry at the Church of St. Gregory the Great.
Donations can be brought to the Parish House.

Week 2 (March 1st–7th):
canned vegetables, canned stews and hash

Week 3 (March 8th–14th):
pasta and tomato sauce

Week 4 (March 15th–21st):
tuna fish and soups, Chef Boyardee meals

Week 5 (March 22nd–25th):
cereals (oatmeal), canned fruits

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**Sunday Social Winter/Spring 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. All young adults (ages 21–39) are welcome.

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

**Sunday Social Dates**

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**WHAT NEXT? RETREAT**

FOR YOUNG ADULTS

March 20th – 22nd

Friday Evening – Sunday Afternoon

Mariandale Retreat Center

Ossining, NY

For young adults in their 20s and 30s

Join other young adults as they learn how their Catholic faith impacts their lives through Ignatian spirituality.

Take time to reflect on your journey and God's hopes and dreams for you.

Cost: $250/person; financial assistance available.

*For more information, visit charis.nyc, email CharisRetreatNYC@gmail.com, or call 347-619-2692.*

**Adult Confirmation Class**

Tuesday evenings, March 10th – April 21st

Adult parishioners of St. Ignatius who have received First Eucharist but who have not yet received the sacrament of Confirmation may register for a course in preparation for the sacrament to be conferred here on Thursday, April 23rd, at 5:30 PM.

The course will begin on Tuesday, March 10th at 7:15 PM and will continue for seven consecutive Tuesday evenings, concluding on Tuesday, April 21st.

Attendance at all the sessions is required.

Enrollment is limited.

Interested adults should contact Fr. Bergen at 212-288-3588.

**It’s Girl Scout Cookie Time!**

Cookies will be on sale Sunday, March 8th in Wallace Hall after the 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM Masses. Please support our Grammar School Girl Scout troops!

Proceeds from the sale will be donated to Sunrise Day Camp, a camp dedicated to children with cancer and their siblings.

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH**

**11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS**

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**11:00 AM FAMILY MASS**

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**CARITAS CONCERT**

Sara Murphy & Michael Sheetz

**NEW DATE**

Wednesday, March 18th at 6:30 PM

Wallace Hall

Caritas Concerts have the appeal of the less formal 19th-century salon concerts. The evenings begin and end with light refreshments and a chance to mingle with the performers, and intimate seating places the audience in close proximity to the music.

This concert will present an evening of song, featuring Mahler's *Rückert Lieder* as well as works by Brahms, Elgar, and Lili Boulanger.

All proceeds will benefit *LifeWay Network*, which works to combat human trafficking through safe housing and education.

Tickets: $50 /Call 212-288-2520 for 24/7 ticket ordering.

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**Ignatian 40s Speaker Series: Ignatian Spirituality**

Ignatian 40s invites all parishioners to its third Annual Speaker Series led by the pastoral staff or St. Ignatius and external speakers.

**Sunday, March 8th – Good Grief! Dealing With Bereavement**

Presenter: Fr. Daniel O’Hare, S.J.

Professor of Ethics, New York Medical College

**Sunday, April 19th – Paul VI’s Letter on the Development of Peoples**

Presenter: Fr. Ugo Nacciarone, S.J.

Former Associate Pastor, Church of St. Ignatius Loyola


Presenter: Georg Horton

Catholic Charities, NY Director of the Department of Social and Community Development

All sessions will be in held in the Parish Lounge from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.

Email ignatian40s@gmail.com to register.
Stations of the Cross for Families
Sunday, March 22nd
12:30 PM

Dear Children:

Stations are places where people wait while they are traveling from one place to another. A school-bus stop is like a station. People wait at subway stations or bus stations. Church stations are also places where people take time to think about Jesus as he went to die on a cross. They are Stations of the Cross and show us how much Jesus loved us. Praying the Stations of the Cross is a Lenten tradition.

This year we invite families to join us in the Church on Sunday, March 22nd at 12:30 PM where we will walk the Stations of the Cross together. At each Station we will stop and listen to a short reading and say a prayer.

Please join us and begin making the Stations of the Cross an annual Lenten observance for you and your family.

Recommended Reading:
SIX MINUTE REFLECTIONS FOR LENT

Based on the writings of the late Bishop Kenneth Untener of Saginaw, Michigan, these booklets have been well received in past years. The goal is to find six minutes of quiet time each day during Lent and work through the booklet one day at a time. Cost: $1.00

Also Available:
The Living Gospel: Daily Devotions for Lent

Each daily devotion offers a prayer, a pertinent reflection on the Gospel reading for the day, and a specific challenge for ongoing spiritual growth. Available at the Parish House. Cost: $2.00

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, March 2nd (Second Monday of Lent)
8:30 MEM Adrian Guzman
12:10 MEM Charles Denihan
5:30 MEM Colin Cooney

Tuesday, March 3rd (Second Tuesday of Lent)
Isaiah 1:10, 16–20 Psalm 50 Matthew 23:1–12
8:30 MEM Margaret Keely
12:10 MEM Richard O’Connell
5:30 MEM Cesareo Llano

Wednesday, March 4th (Second Wednesday of Lent)
8:30 MEM The Choix & Gordon Families
12:10 MEM Charles Denihan
5:30 MEM Bob Crawford

Thursday, March 5th (Second Thursday of Lent)
8:30 MEM Ellen McDonnell
12:10 MEM Margaret Voorhies
5:30 LGV Meghan T. Sweeney

Friday, March 6th (Second Friday of Lent)
Genesis 37:3–4, 12–13a, 17b–28a Psalm 105
Matthew 21:33–43, 45–46
8:30 MEM Matthew McGee
12:10 MEM The Meehan Family
5:30 MEM Sose & Mark Prekelezaj

Saturday, March 7th (Second Saturday of Lent)
8:30 MEM John & Nora Reilly

Sunday, March 8th (Third Sunday of Lent)
Exodus 20:1–17 Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:22-25 John 2:13–25

PRAYER RESOURCES

Pray as You Go
http://www.pray-as-you-go.org

Pray as You Go is a daily prayer session designed for use on your iPod or other portable MP3 player.

3-Minute Retreats
http://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer.htm

Take a short prayer break right at your computer. Spend some time reflecting on a Scripture passage.
IGNITING OUR VALUES:
An Ignatian Pilgrimage

This Lent, the Society of Jesus invites us to risk the “safety of busyness” by taking part in IGNITING OUR VALUES, the Jesuits’ prayer program for Lent 2015.

IGNITING OUR VALUES will consider six Jesuit/Ignatian values, in light of the Lenten Gospel readings. Short daily reflections and specially composed prayers will focus our attention on Finding God in All Things, the Magis, the Service of Faith and the Promotion of Justice, Apostolic Availability, Spiritual Discernment, and Men and Women for Others. A carefully curated selection of music, video, art and poetry, as well as a special weekly focus on the Blessed Mother, will enhance the experience.

Daily reflections were solicited from across the Jesuit/Ignatian spectrum. Contributors are Jesuits and lay people, men and women, alumni, teachers, administrators, retreat directors, social workers, parish staff, spiritual directors, Ignatian partners and colleagues in mission. Their occupations range from sound editor to general contractor, from nurse to policy advocate, from lawyer to chef. A diverse group of ordinary people who share the extraordinary impact of Ignatian spirituality.

Through Easter Sunday, April 5th, IGNITING OUR VALUES will be available and refreshed daily. Or, if you prefer an offline experience, IGNITING OUR VALUES will be available as a daily email or a weekly PDF file.

For additional information, or to sign up for daily emails or PDFs, visit www.jesuits.org/ignite

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Passion Sunday, March 29th:
Saturday Vigil at 5:30 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM (Solemn & Wallace Hall Family Masses), 7:30 PM

Holy Thursday, April 2nd:
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM

Good Friday, April 3rd:
Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7:00 PM

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 4th at 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday, April 5th:
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM (Church & Wallace Hall Family Masses), Solemn Mass at 12:00 Noon

For more information, contact Rob Manning, head of the Hospitality Ministry at robbiefmanning@gmail.com

Law in the Roman Catholic Church: From Principles to Practice
Presented by Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.

Monday, March 9th:
Marriage: What's Law Got To Do With It?
This talk looks at marriage in its canonical context: the persons qualified to marry, its constitutive elements, and the form required by law.

Monday, March 16th:
What Can I Do If My Marriage Fails?
This talk will address the procedure for the declaration of nullity of a marriage.

Lectures will be held in Wallace Hall, beginning at 7:00 PM.

Contemplative Leaders in Action (CLA) present
Pope Francis:
Why He Leads the Way He Leads
A Fundraiser for CLA
Wednesday, March 4th, Wallace Hall
Speaker: Author Chris Lowney

Doors open 6:30 PM/Reception begins at 7:00 PM
Tickets: $125

For more information and/or to purchase tickets, visit www.jesuit-collaborative.org/cla/nycfund2015

CLA is a program of the Jesuit Collaborative

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5th

Mass times on Easter Sunday:
7:30 AM - Organ/Cantor
9:00 AM - Organ/Cantor
10:30 AM - Organ/Cantor/Choirs/Brass
10:30 AM (Wallace Hall Family Mass) - Piano/Choirs
12 Noon (Solemn) - Organ/Cantor/Choirs/Brass
(There will be no 7:30 PM Mass on Easter Sunday.)

A complete list of Lenten activities, including Holy Week Mass times, can be found in the Lenten brochure. Copies are available in the Narthex, at the Parish House, and online at www.stignatiusloyola.org

Interested in becoming Catholic?
Call 212-288-3588 or email church@stignatiusloyola.org
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Children’s Liturgy of the Word:
Sundays at the 9:30 AM Mass and
the 11:00 AM Mass in Wallace Hall.

Centering Prayer:
Mondays at 6:30 PM

Confessions:
4:30 PM Saturday or by appointment.
Mondays during Lent
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM in the Church
Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service
Monday, March 30th at 7:00 PM

Baptisms: Please call Joanne Cunneen at the
Parish House (212-288-3588 x632) to arrange
for a Baptism and the preparation
given prior to Baptism.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults:
Contact Maureen Fullam, M.A., Director,
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Marriages: The Bride or Groom should
call Joanne Cunneen at the Parish House
(212-288-3588 x632) to begin preparation for
Marriage, normally one year in advance.

Visits to the Sick: Please contact
the Parish House between the hours of
9:00 AM and 9:00 PM.