

LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER: COMPANIONS IN MISSION

HEARTLAND-DELTA V

A Conference for Faculty and Staff of Jesuit Heartland-Delta Institutions

Tuesday, May 29 (5:00 pm) to Thursday, May 31 (Evening)
John Carroll University - Cleveland, Ohio

Faculty and Staff representatives from each of the twelve Heartland-Delta Jesuit colleges and universities will gather

- To remember together the Ignatian values that underlie our work.
- To celebrate the spiritual insights of our Jesuit predecessors.
- To share “best practices” in our Jesuit way of education.
- To renew our commitment to justice.

The Heartland-Delta V Conference offers an opportunity for participants to immerse themselves in a three-day learning experience of talks, discussions, celebrations, and collegial reflection on three key topics:

Our Common Ground, Our Common Challenge

Paul Crowley, SJ, chair of religious studies at Santa Clara University, will reflect on Jesuit higher education in the 21st century, its successes, its questions, and its room for growth.

Our Incomplete Endeavor, Our Inspired Resolve

Joanie Weidner, Secretary for Student Affairs at Xavier University, **Richard E. Rossi**, Associate Vice President for Student Services/Residence Life at Creighton University, and **Suzette Speight**, Professor of Education at Loyola University Chicago, will share current ways that mission is being lived at their own institutions and stimulate participants' ideas.

Our Ignatian Roots: A Family Affair

Janine Geske, distinguished professor of law at her alma mater, Marquette University, will consider her perceptions of Jesuit higher education through the phases of her life, why she remains connected to its “family,” and what demands it might make from all of us in the decade ahead.

HEARTLAND-DELTA – A BRIEF HISTORY:

America and Jesuit Higher Education has entered a new phase of its history. Up to the end of the Second World War, Jesuit colleges and universities in the United States were much smaller than they are today and many of the faculty and administration were themselves Jesuits. A quarter century later, the scene had changed dramatically. The schools were much larger and served many more students, Jesuits constituted a minority of the faculty and administration, and there was much less of a sense that these 28 institutions were part of a whole, sharing a common identity and purpose.

By the late seventies, steps were initiated to restore a sense of commonality among these schools as a nationwide learning community. The first full-scale meeting, "Assembly '89," drew representatives from throughout the American Jesuit landscape to Georgetown University, the eldest of the 28, on its 200th birthday. Renewed with a sense that Jesuit higher education in the United States was a whole greater than the sum of its parts, those in attendance at "Assembly '89" planned regional follow-up meetings. In the Midwest, 10 schools assembled at Loyola University Chicago for "Jesuit Higher Education in the Heartland," Heartland I in 1994. The schools sent delegations again in 1997 as Saint Louis University hosted Heartland II.

Loyola New Orleans had been a part of the original group of Midwest schools, but when Spring Hill College joined the gathering for Heartland III, the name was expanded to Heartland-Delta to reflect the evolving group of schools. Heartland-Delta III was held at Creighton in Omaha in 2000. Heartland-Delta IV was held at Marquette in Milwaukee in 2004.

The Heartland-Delta gathering has become an essential venue for dialogue and learning about Jesuit education, collaboration and Ignatian spirituality. It offers an opportunity for participants to immerse themselves in a three-day learning experience on important topics and build fruitful, lasting connections with their colleagues. Participants at past Heartland-Delta gatherings have found the experience enriching and even transforming for their work.

The conference is sponsored by the twelve Jesuit Colleges and Universities and the five Jesuit Provinces in the Midwest and Delta regions:

CHICAGO PROVINCE

*Loyola University Chicago – Chicago, Illinois
Xavier University – Cincinnati, Ohio*

DETROIT PROVINCE

*University of Detroit Mercy – Detroit, Michigan
John Carroll University – Cleveland, Ohio*

SOUTHERN PROVINCE

*Loyola University New Orleans – New Orleans, Louisiana
Spring Hill College – Mobile, Alabama*

MISSOURI PROVINCE

*Regis University – Denver, Colorado
Rockhurst University – Kansas City, Missouri
St. John's College – Belize City, Belize, Central America
Saint Louis University – St. Louis, Missouri*

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*Creighton University – Omaha, Nebraska
Marquette University – Milwaukee, Wisconsin*