

S E R V I C E N E W S

“Love by itself has no meaning. Love has to be put into action, and that action is service.” - Mother Teresa

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FROM THE SSAC DIRECTOR:

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DR. JILL KRIESKY

FR. PEDRO ARRUPPE SCHOLARS

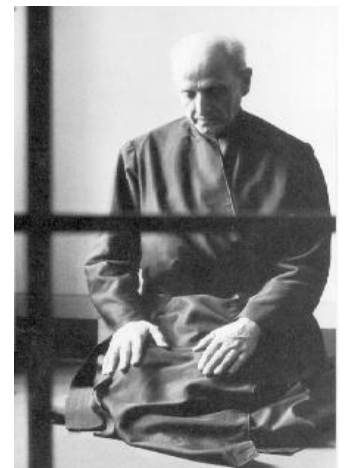
Named in honor of Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ, Wheeling Jesuit University gives scholarships to incoming students who exemplify service, spirituality, financial need, and strong academics. Fr. Arrupe, like St. Ignatius, was a native of the rugged Basque country of Northern Spain. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1927 and was ordained a priest in 1936. Unexpectedly, in 1939, Fr. Arrupe was sent to Japan as a missionary and in 1942, became the Japanese Jesuit Superior and master of novices. Fr. Arrupe was living in suburban Hiroshima when the U.S. dropped an atomic bomb in August of 1945. As a physician of both body and soul, he and his novices turned their novitiate into a make-shift hospital. They spent

months ministering to the sick and injured.

Fr. Arrupe was later elected Superior General of the Society of Jesus at the 31st general congregational gathering in 1965. He is frequently referred to as the second founder of the Society of Jesus because of his charismatic leadership during the challenging years of Church renewal after the Second Vatican Council. He resigned from his position as Superior General in 1983 after suffering a stroke and remains the only Jesuit Superior General to resign instead of remaining in office until his death. Fr. Pedro Arrupe died in February of 1991. To the end of his life, he continued to inspire his fellow Jesuits and all he met with his courage and peaceful surrender to

God's ways.

Entering students apply in their senior year of high school and are then interviewed. If they meet the criteria they are accepted into the Arrupe Scholarship program for four years. These students are Wheeling Jesuit's leaders in service and are among Wheeling Jesuit's (continued pg 2)



SERVICE FOR SOCIAL ACTION CENTER

We encourage you to stop by the Service for Social Action Center (SSAC), located on the Acker Science Center Bridge. We are a new addition to Wheeling Jesuit's campus. SSAC was established in August of 2004 as a center to coordinate, track, and organize service opportunities on campus for students, faculty,

staff, local agencies, and others. SSAC coordinates the Arrupe Scholarship program, Make a Difference Day, the Gloriam Award, and service learning. It assists with Mother Jones House and finding community-based work study positions for students who want to work with non-profits. The Service office also

tracks club involvement in service and recruits for local agencies in need of student service.

The director of the Service for Social Action Center is Dr. Jill Kriesky (jkriesky@wju.edu). The Assistant Director is Erin McDonald (emcdonald@wju.edu) x8728.

FR. PEDRO ARRUPE SCHOLARS

most passionate and energetic students.

Arrupe Scholars serve in a wide variety of local agencies such as Catholic Neighborhood Center, Wheeling Hospital's Continuous Care Center, the Girl Scouts, Laughlin Memorial Chapel, Faith in Action Care Givers, campus-based Help Enrich Someone Special (HESS), and many others.

Megan Kelly, a senior education major, serves as both a

student mentor in the HESS program and a leader in the Disc Dance, Super Sunday and Special Olympics, events held on campus. There are also students like Pete Harlan, Erin Street, Carri Cook, Trevor Cessna, and Tammy Crites - Arrupe Scholars that lead their fellow students in dedication to service through their willingness to take on additional service projects to help make a difference in the community.

All the Arrupe Scholars are exceptional students who represent WJU by working for and among the poor, the elderly, the young, and the ill. These students exemplify "Men and women for others."

For more information on the Arrupe Scholarship program or for information on service projects contact the Service for Social Action Center—x8728.



Arrupe Scholars are hard at work in places like Catholic Neighborhood Center in downtown Wheeling.

BETHANY BIGGS SPEAKS ABOUT SERVICE

I am finishing up my final year at Wheeling Jesuit University. I have studied languages, learned about the business world, and played on the University's volleyball team. Above all, the greatest thing I will take with me after graduation is the passion I have for serving others.

Through the Arrupe Scholarship Program, I have been placed at Faith in Action Caregivers. This organiza-

tion provides services and transportation for the elderly and handicapped, allowing these people to keep their independence. My work at Faith in Action Caregivers has made me realize how lucky I am to have my parents and siblings close to me—to have family support.

The service work is not always easy or comfortable. It is often times tempting to turn down certain service

requests from Faith in Action when the task is out of my comfort zone. I have come to realize though that God has put me on this earth to be a woman for others and to serve all people, which brings meaning to my life. Through this I dedicate my service work to all people no matter what the service might be.

*Bethany Biggs Class of '05
Arrupe Scholar*

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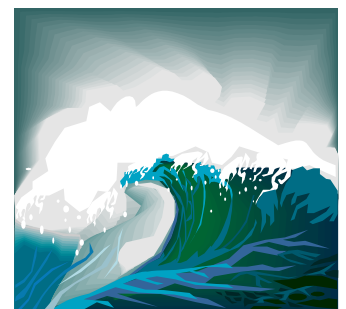
STUDENTS AID TSUNAMI VICTIMS

On December 26th, 2004 an earthquake measuring 8.5 on the Richter scale sent tsunami waves crashing into India, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Thailand and several other countries. This horrific natural disaster killed nearly 200,000 people and has left thousands of others injured, homeless, or orphaned.

After returning from Christmas break, several students voiced a deep concern for the tsunami victims and their families. The sophomore class in conjunction with the Student Government raised \$373.00 for tsunami victims. The students decided to donate the funds to the Jesuit Refugee Service, which has staff assigned to most of the areas

affected by the tsunami.

The student's dedication didn't stop with raising the initial funds but were inspired to purchase over 400 tsunami relief bracelets they are being sold now to raise money and awareness as well as to promote solidarity with victims. Bracelets can be purchased for \$2 each in the SSAC office. The need doesn't end here!!



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES TODAY & THIS SUMMER

Are you interested in participating in a service project now? In the future? The Service Office is the right place to start looking!

Faith in Action Care-Givers is in need of 8-10 students to help serve tea and coffee to elderly guests at their 10th anniversary dinner. The dinner is scheduled for **Sunday April 17th at 5:30pm.**

Rose Hart, director of **Appalachian Outreach**, is in need of energetic students to load trucks. Rose regularly loads her trucks with goods to be delivered to several of

WV's underserved counties.

Sr. Constance at the **18th St. Neighborhood Center** needs *Meals on Wheels* drivers. Meal runs go Mon-Sat from 11am-1pm. You bring food to the elderly and to shut-ins.

The diocese is running a **TIMELY program** this summer and is in need of college students to work as counselors. It is from Sunday June 19th to Friday June 24th and there is a **\$500 stipend** from the Diocese.

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Wheeling are running their annual **Volunteers in Mission program** this summer and are looking for college age women who desire an experience of ministry and community. The program runs from July 10th—the 16th.

For more information on these service projects or other service opportunities contact the SSAC at emcdonald@wju.edu or x8728.

FEDERAL COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK STUDY JOBS

Does your financial Aid package include Federal Work Study allotment? Do you desire to make a difference in the community? Did you know that the SSAC can place you in a local non-profit agency as **Federal Community Work Study (FCWS)** job?

There are many interesting and challenging service sites that could use your assistance. They include: **Birth to**

Three in downtown Wheeling, **Hopeful Housing** in East Wheeling, **Literacy Volunteers**, **Laughlin Memorial Chapel**, **Agape Baptist Church**, **Appalachian Outreach Inc.** in Glen Dale, **Wheeling Hospital's Women's Center**, **Faith in Action Care-Givers**, **American Lung Association** and lots more.

As WJU students you have skills and talents that can

help a local non-profit create real change in Wheeling's community. Students from any department or major can be a beneficial presence in a small not-for-profit. You can tutor children, work on website design, write newsletters, load trucks, or help the elderly, poor, and underserved. Be the change you want to see in this world!

To find a Federal Community Work Study placement stop by the SSAC.

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Fr. Paul Stark, SJ

"SERVICE WITH A TWIST" - FR. STARK

We talk a lot about "service," but I believe we confuse it with volunteering, and thereby diminish it and our efforts, on a broader scale. In fact, at Jesuit universities, we do not "volunteer." In fact, I believe you can talk about three categories of this work, for and with other people. I make a clear distinc-

tion, and I encourage you to enter this context and to think about what we do in terms of a larger picture, a broader focus and understanding, a deeper meaning.

The three distinct categories are philanthropy, volunteerism, and community service. Philanthropy involves collecting and giving money to a

designated organization, for long-term or emergency needs. Clearly, though, while philanthropy is an important and valuable source of necessary resources for agencies and organizations, all over the world, it is not "service." Volunteerism is another worthy act of kindness, volunteering addresses, (*cont'd pg 4*)



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" EDUCATING STUDENTS FOR LIFE, LEADERSHIP, AND SERVICE "

SERVICE WITH A TWIST—FR. STARK

More often than not, a “one-shot” task such as clearing weeds, repairing broken items, or painting a house. When a specific task is completed, your volunteerism is finished. While a good and necessary resource for these organizations, volunteerism is not a “service.” Community service in Jesuit universities, based on focused reflection, calls us to a longer-term commitment to issues, more personal investment than merely completing a task. This understanding of service calls us into relationships with the people with whom we work and serve. It calls us into a broader community than we normally define as “my family, my university, my club, team, or organization.” This understanding extends to the interrelatedness, the connectedness, of each of us to all of us—as brothers and sisters in

Christ, as the body of Christ. As a result, at Jesuit universities, we focus on “service” as a part of “promoting the faith that seeks justice.”

The Gospels are emphatic about Jesus’ intimate relationship with God the Father and with the disciples. The disciples were called to adopt a new way of life, to enter into profound Christ-centered community of faith. They were not volunteers!

I believe service, in our context, teaches us and calls us to be a deeper connection, to a deeper community, to a more profound and significant understanding of who we are and why we do the particular type of service we do. I be-

lieve service, when grounded in reflection, and preferably God/faith-centered reflection, helps us extend this specific act of service to a real search for long-term justice. I believe service, then, helps us really understand our call to be *men and women for others*, men and women of significance, men and women who make a difference.

So whatever we do, I believe philanthropy, volunteerism, and community service are developmental steps as we seek to build our own lives beyond the university. Each is important; each has value; but only service is *service*.

Rev. Paul Stark, SJ,
Director of Campus Ministry

SSAC mission statement:

To offer and support volunteer service placements, service scholarships, intentional service community living opportunities, service-learning courses, and spiritual reflection exercises that meet the interests and needs of all Wheeling Jesuit University students.

To offer faculty, staff, and administrators opportunities to integrate community service into their lives and work through Wheeling Jesuit University programs.

To develop and organize these activities in collaboration with our agency and organization partners so that the service contributes substantially to the economic, social, and spiritual growth of the communities in which they are located.



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