

Fall Semester 2016

President's Report

By: Mark Murphy

In November, The Society of Jesus lost a wonderful and humble leader, the 29th Father General of the Society of Jesus, Fr. Peter-Hans Kolvenbach. Fr. James Martin, SJ commented on an experience he had when he met Fr. Kolvenbach in Boston years earlier. Fr. Martin asked, "Father General, how should we increase vocations?" He answered, "Live your own vocations joyfully!" I recently read these words, and I thought of the service that the members of the Staff Senate perform through-out the year. Each of us has our own vocation and it is always inspiring to see the excellent work that is done by our staff to help improve and strengthen The University of Scranton.

For a good number of years, with the support of the Jesuit Center, Betty Rozelle and I have been participating in a Society of Jesus Maryland Province Magis program that includes discussions on how the work of the Society of Jesus will continue as the number of Jesuits decrease. Part of the answer is through lay collaboration by staff like us. Very

Clerical - Thursday, December 1, 9:30 a.m. in Loyola Science Center Forum Maintenance, Trade, Technical, and Police - December 12, 2:00 p.m. in Brennan Pearn Auditorium 228 Professional/Para-professional - December 14, 11:45 a.m. in Brennan PNC Board Room Check the Staff Senate website, and your email, for details and RSVP information relevant to your constituent group. The Staff Development Committee has teamed up with the Center for Health Education & Wellness and Human Resources to present a Stress Less Workshop on Thursday, December 15 at 11:30 a.m. in the Pearn Auditorium, Brennan 228. This event is open to staff and faculty. Light refreshments will be provided. The Social Events and Community Building Committee is sponsoring a clothing drive in collaboration wi