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From left to right: **Katie Billock** (Gonzaga '09), **Ryan Keppler** (Gonzaga '10), **Crystal Huff** (Gonzaga '10), **Ryan Candee** (Gonzaga '10), **Philip Sutherland** (Gonzaga '04), **Board President Becky Cates** (Gonzaga '81), **Natalie Rogers** (Gonzaga '09), **Melissa Ripper** (Gonzaga '10), **Sean Weinberg** (Gonzaga '10), **Zennetta Mann** (Gonzaga '10)

DEAR MEMBERS...

Fall reminds us of a time that new notebooks, new school shoes, and often, a new teacher, were emblematic of the possibilities that a new school year brings. For those who work on an academic year, indeed it is...a time of possibilities, planning, and new work. Fall too, is a time when one builds on the foundation of previous learning and study. Such has been fall for the Alpha Sigma Nu Board.

With the foundation of previous leadership and all that was learned and accomplished at the Triennial Conference (thanks to your generous support), the Board has articulated a vision for their work for the next three years:

Vision 2012:
Alpha Sigma Nu – A dynamic organization of lifetime leaders with Ignatian vision and values

What does this mean to members? For students, the Board seeks to encourage a common, essential experience of membership across all the Chapters. For alumni, the Board seeks to develop Alpha Sigma Nu as that community which offers life-long support for its members in living the Alpha Sigma Nu and Jesuit missions. The possibilities are endless and exciting due to the gifts, deep faith, commitment, and generous spirit of Alpha Sigma Nu members.

Just as we were discussing this new vision, Father Bill Byron, SJ, shared his latest book, *Next-Generation Leadership: A Toolkit for Those in Their Teens, Twenties, and Thirties, Who Want to be Successful Leaders*, with Alpha Sigma Nu. The coincidence was startling and inspirational! We decided to devote this issue of the newsletter to highlighting leadership of young alumni. You will read interviews with young alumni in various fields reflecting on their own leadership and the influences of Jesuit education on that leadership. We have also included a book list on Ignatian decision making, Ignatian-inspired leadership, and the Spiritual Exercises in our contemporary world.

This new vision offers “possibilities” for all Alpha Sigma Nu members. Please let us know how you think AΣN can support you in living the mission. And remember...Alpha Sigma Nu is entirely member-supported. Please, if you have not supported Alpha Sigma Nu in the past, consider a gift this year. To our donors, we express deep gratitude for both your gift to AΣN and for the opportunity to honor and serve members that your gift affords the Society.

Best regards,

Becky Cates (Gonzaga '81)

The announcement of the recipients of the Alpha Sigma Nu 2010 Book Awards in the category of The Professional Studies was unavailable at the time of publication. Please visit alphasigmanu.org to read about the 2010 winners. You will also find the application online for the 2011 Alpha Sigma Nu Book Award competition, in the category of The Humanities, with one award each for Theology, Philosophy/Ethics, Literature/Fine Arts and History.

AΣN ALUMNI – LIVING AS LEADERS

How are the young alumni of Alpha Sigma Nu living lives of Scholarship, Loyalty and Service? We asked our Faculty Advisers to identify AΣN members who have continued to fulfill the AΣN pledge after graduation. Here are just a few of their personal stories.

Claudine Cazian (Loyola Marymount '99) is a native of Los Angeles and everything entertainment. A summa cum laude graduate of Loyola Marymount, she holds a master's degree in Communications and Entertainment from the Annenberg School at the University of Southern California. After 10 years in the industry, she has successfully integrated herself into television, film and radio. Currently, Claudine is the Executive Producer of “American Top 40 with Ryan Seacrest” and is the Executive in Charge of Production for the daily syndicated “On Air with Ryan Seacrest” radio show. Her primary duties are to oversee the daily execution, branding, marketing, and growth structure of each show. She manages a team of 11 producers, writers, editors, web developers and engineers. In addition, she is responsible for creating synergies between the radio, TV and web divisions of Ryan Seacrest Productions.

What do you think are the key characteristics of a leader?

I believe it's important for leaders to lead by example – authenticity and directness are key. In my opinion, people gravitate toward leaders they can both identify with and trust with their growth and development; I aim for that standard daily.

Who is your role model for leadership?

As far as media figures are concerned and as a woman, I am continually inspired by Oprah Winfrey. Her mission and initiatives are without question among the most comprehensive and positive in scope. She is a figure that leads by example and that uses her professional clout to inspire people to live their best life.

What inspires you to do the job that you do?

I auditioned to be a producer for Ryan Seacrest early in my career and have been producing for him ever since. I am inspired



Claudine Cazian
(Loyola Marymount '99)

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ALPHA SIGMA NU BOARD ARTICULATES VISION 2012

Vision 2012:

Alpha Sigma Nu – A dynamic organization of lifetime leaders with Ignatian vision and values.

Mission:

Alpha Sigma Nu, the honor society of Jesuit institutions of higher education, recognizes those students who distinguish themselves in scholarship, loyalty and service. The only honor society permitted to bear the name Jesuit, AΣN encourages its members to a lifetime pursuit of intellectual development, deepening Ignatian spirituality, service to others, and a commitment to the core principles of Jesuit education.

The Board of Alpha Sigma Nu has articulated Vision 2012: Alpha Sigma Nu – A dynamic organization of lifetime leaders with Ignatian vision and values. Building on the work of the Triennial Conference, the Board calls student members, Faculty Advisers, and alumni members to this vision with the AΣN mission in mind. There is a new intentionality about mission at Alpha Sigma Nu and at all Jesuit universities, driven by fundamental shifts in the Society of Jesus:

- From the concept of “Jesuit educated” to the priority of the service of faith through the promotion of justice within a preferential love of the poor
- Raising the Jesuit educational standard to that of forming a whole person of solidarity for the real world
- The new priority of the leadership/mission of laypersons, with Jesuits in a supportive role of service to them

Responding to these changes requires a review of the function of AΣN. This vision and attendant plan include:

- How AΣN members, having been honored for academic excellence, loyalty to the Jesuit ideals and service to others, embrace their role in collaborating with Jesuits on mission
- How AΣN can inspire members to a greater Loyalty, that is living the service of faith and promotion of justice within a preferential love of the poor
- How AΣN can promote members' formation in Ignatian spirituality
- How AΣN can serve as that community which offers life-long support for its members in living mission
- How AΣN can serve alumni in a new way that continues their identification and affiliation with the Jesuit mission and Alpha Sigma Nu

The Board welcomes your input and engagement in this vision.

AΣN ALUMNI – LIVING AS LEADERS CONT.

by his vision, insatiable drive and ability to multi-task like no other. Frankly speaking, the work load is intense but comes with an unbelievable sense of gratification and accomplishment. I am also inspired by the work environment that Ryan provides. He has afforded me many opportunities over the years and was one of the first people to recognize my drive and need to continually learn, grow, and develop.

Do you think your education at a Jesuit institution formed your understanding of leadership and/or led you to your career choice?

I absolutely believe that my education at a Jesuit institution has been critical in my understanding and appreciation of the importance and value of leadership. In a world that calls us to be more and do more in less time, I feel that true leadership, on many levels, has been lost, and that my foundation in Jesuit ideals focuses my drive and intention. I am constantly using Jesuit ideals as a means with which to examine my daily actions and improve how I conduct myself both personally and professionally. It is my goal to operate at the highest possible level with integrity, compassion and strength.

How does spirituality play a role in your life?

Spirituality plays a major role in my life as it is something that I practice daily. I am constantly praying and asking God to help guide my words, thoughts and actions. I find that daily prayer helps keep me focused on the important things in life – like family, friends, and leading a life that's filled with kindness and graciousness. Prayer also brings calm to my life.

What do you hope to be the next step in this life-long journey?

I've always wanted to develop television shows for children that serve as a platform for growth and education and plan to focus my efforts on attaining that goal in the near future. As I see it, the sky's the limit.

Mark Holloway (Loyola New Orleans '92) is the Executive Director of Social Venture Partners Portland, responsible for fundraising and recruiting, community relations, grant making, and capacity building services of the 'venture philanthropy' partnership. Prior to serving in this role, Mark recruited more than 60 international corporations to join the fight against global pandemics at the Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria (GBC). He has a professional background in public relations but has also served as a hospital and prison chaplain, taught classes in the US and Chile, and managed political campaigns in Louisiana, his state of origin. Mark has graduate degrees in business and theology from the University of Notre Dame.

What is your current work?

I serve as the Executive Director of Social Venture Partners Portland. It's a fabulous job that allows me to see and connect the best of people to the needs of our community. SVPP practices a model called "venture philanthropy" because it is charitable giving based on a venture capital investment model. So we offer the heart of giving with the rigor of business. I recruit new donors to our effort and channel their resources—brain power, passion, connections as well as money—toward our community's greatest needs and most promising solutions. I also develop vision and strategy to direct the organization and lead our Board of Directors. We're only ten years old, so we're still building the organization and movement, which is a fun and entrepreneurial challenge.

What do you think are key characteristics of a leader?

Vision, passion, compassion, service, and humility.

How do you live those characteristics in your work?

In order to evoke and tap the passion and compassion of our donors, I have to be tapped into my own. I have a passion for helping kids with obstacles have the opportunity to succeed. We can't have a healthy community when some kids in our community are victims of generational poverty, abuse, mental illness, and poor parenting. I had parents, love, education, food on the table, and role models when I was growing up, so seeing those who don't taps my compassion and passion. Everyone is moved by something and I get to discover and encourage that with our donors. Evoking and channeling that passion and the best people have to offer the world takes vision as well. Being a dreamer and out of the box thinker is part of the fun and challenge of my job. But I also have to have the humility to remember that I don't have all the answers and don't create and bring about all of the solutions.

What inspires you to do the job that you do?

I mentioned above my passion for helping kids. My parents were both deeply committed to family and community. I was reared in a town of 500 people around a large extended family. My dad started a family business in the town that we worked and grew throughout my life. Respecting and serving our elders, kids, schools, and churches are part of the fabric of rural communities and small businesses like these. My parents were role models for this kind of deep connection and service to others. That respect and service got fuel added to it at Loyola New Orleans. After a few years in politics and public relations, I decided I wanted to be an entrepreneur myself, so I pursued a Master of Business Administration at Notre Dame, where I met a group of priests who were on fire with life and the spirit. I decided to pursue an interest in the Catholic priesthood. Through good discernment and great support by the Congregation of Holy Cross, I decided after five years in the seminary that I didn't have a priestly vocation. But I did have a vocation to service and a mind for business, so I pursued roles after the seminary that combined the two: a nonprofit management consultant, a recruiter of multi-national corporations to the cause of fighting AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria and my current job in connecting the best of business professionals with our most pressing community needs.

Who is your role model for leadership?

My dad has been a role model for servant leadership in the community. He has always been a man dedicated to family but also extends a hand and any resources he can offer to help others in our town. In my adolescent years, he gathered with other parents in our town to keep our community school open and became the leader of that movement. He was a tireless fighter and took on the powers and politicians that stood in the way of that movement. He even became a US Congressman through that fight, in spite of his simple roots and lack of formal higher education. He loved serving people in that capacity and fighting for issues he believed in. I had a "front-row seat" on a man of tireless service, love of people and passion for a cause.

Do you think your education at a Jesuit institution formed your understanding of leadership and led you to your career choice?

Definitely. My family gave me a foundation in service and going to small high school called me to leadership, but Loyola New Orleans really amplified those interests and gave me new opportunities. I met classmates who were people of service and action and got support from professors and mentors on campus that stoked my passion and leadership. But the education and exposure to justice issues and encouragement to inform myself, form my own opinions and act on them was new for me. It has helped me develop an awareness and compassion for those less fortunate. I am driven to fight for the underdog—especially those without the proverbial boot strap at their fingertips.

How does spirituality play a role in your life?

While in the seminary, I received the time, quiet, support, and love to develop a deeper relationship with God and come to know that I am truly and uniquely loved by God. This is an important revelation for a gay Catholic from a small rural town who felt more intrinsically flawed than appreciated and loved. Having a deep sense of love and goodness has given me the core of confidence and faith to be the best of who I am—a gift given by God and returned to God.

What can AΣN offer you in terms of continuing your life-long journey of being a "person for others" and living the characteristics so evident in the Jesuit education mission?

Offer all of us inspiration by highlighting people old and young who model service and leadership. I am inspired, challenged and fueled by these stories and would love to be connected to a source that feeds that energy.

What do you hope to be the next step in this life-long journey?

I want to make a difference in the world and believe just the yearning to do that makes a difference—at least it does to me!

Andrea Santoriello (Holy Cross '97) is a Vice President and Assistant General Counsel in the legal department at J.P. Morgan Asset Management, specializing in alternative investments. Prior to joining J.P. Morgan in 2007, Andrea was an associate at the law firm of Davis Polk & Wardwell. A summa cum laude graduate of the College of the Holy Cross, she graduated cum laude from Harvard Law School. Andrea resides in Manhattan where she is a member of the Contemplative Leaders In Action program of the Jesuit Collaborative and an active parishioner at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola.

What do you think are key characteristics of a leader?

A leader strives for excellence, has a strong sense of what she or he believes in and has the courage to hold fast to those values and principles. A leader influences and inspires others by her or his example. A leader has a positive attitude, is supportive and loyal, and treats others with respect and empathy. A leader is aware of his or her strengths and weaknesses and has the confidence to be open to new ideas, constructively approach challenges and adapt to changes.

How do you live those characteristics in your work?

I strive to lead by example, in the quality of my work and the values I uphold, and by engaging with colleagues, clients and others I encounter in a respectful and supportive manner. I seek to be open to learning new things, not only about substantive legal issues but also about myself as I evolve in my life and career. I am a work in progress!

Who is your role model for leadership?

My boss leads by example. He is hard working, dedicated, and principled. He has high standards of excellence and believes in me. His support helps give me the confidence to constructively manage the day-to-day challenges of my career.



Andrea Santoriello
(Holy Cross '97)

What inspires you to do the job that you do?

My clients often approach me with new ideas and questions I haven't previously encountered. I enjoy spotting issues and solving problems and try to view the challenges as opportunities for growth professionally and personally. When I joined a corporate law firm after law school I had the opportunity to try different types of transactional legal work. I enjoyed working on the formation and structuring of private investment funds. I liked that the work draws on various disciplines of the law and has a regulatory overlay.

Do you think your education at a Jesuit institution formed your understanding of leadership?

Yes! My Jesuit education, and the exposure to Ignatian spirituality that has followed, has caused me to see opportunities for leadership

in all aspects of my life, both inside and outside of the office. My view of leadership is informed by the call I was reminded of my first day at Holy Cross: to be a woman for others.

How does spirituality play a role in your life?

Having a contemplative grounding allows me to be mindful of God's presence in my life. My spirituality makes me more self-aware, more grateful, more open to love, more whole.

What can AΣN offer you in terms of continuing your life-long journey of being a "person for others" and living the characteristics so evident in the Jesuit education mission?

AΣN is a great network of talented Jesuit-educated leaders. I would welcome more opportunities to connect with other members.

What do you hope to be the next step in this life-long journey?

I hope to discover more about God and myself in the challenges and opportunities ahead ... and enjoy the ride!

Luke Hansen, SJ (Loyola Chicago '09), is a Jesuit scholastic of the Wisconsin Province of the Society of Jesus. He is currently the coordinator of the Red Cloud Volunteer Program on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, which includes twenty-two volunteer teachers and support staff who commit to one or more years of service at Red Cloud, supporting and encouraging their personal, spiritual, and professional development. He is an active member of the Witness Against Torture community, a faith-based movement to end unjust detention policies and to forge human ties with the victims of such policies.

What do you think are key characteristics of a leader?

Leaders need to be persons of discernment, conscience, and courage. Discernment involves openness and deep listening. Leaders need to know a situation/problem from

IGNATIAN INSPIRED LEADERSHIP: A READING LIST

The Call to Discernment in Troubled Times: New Perspectives on the Transformative Wisdom of Ignatius of Loyola, The Crossroad Publishing Company

Dean Brackley, SJ

A manual for personal and social change, Brackley gives this proven spiritual discipline of wise decision-making a new dimension for the twenty-first century. He goes through the Exercises, showing that they involve not only private religious experience but also a social, moral dimension, including the care for others.

Contemplatives in Action: The Jesuit Way, Paulist Press

William A. Barry, SJ, and Robert G. Doherty, SJ

William Barry and Robert Doherty explain just what makes Jesuits tick. Through an exploration of Jesuit spirituality, they help readers understand that at the heart of Jesuit spirituality lies a set of life-giving and creative tensions between, companionship and mission, obedience and learning from experience, and center and periphery in the Church.

Eyes to See, Ears to Hear, Darton, Longman and Todd

David Lonsdale

In this guide to the Ignatian spiritual tradition, David Lonsdale draws on the latest scholarship to reveal the context and intentions of the original texts, relating them to the needs and concerns of our times without any loss to their richness and power.

Heroic Living, Loyola Press

Chris Lowney (Fordham '04)

Lowney combines the proven practices of Ignatian spirituality with his business expertise to help each of us discover our own mighty purpose and develop a personal life strategy, incorporating Ignatian Spirituality.

The Ignatian Way, Paulist Press

Charles J. Healey, SJ

Addressing everything from the life of St. Ignatius Loyola to his Spiritual Exercises to dealing with contemporary world issues in a Jesuit spirit, *The Ignatian Way* offers a comprehensive yet conversational approach to Ignatian spirituality.

Inner Compass, The Crossroad Publishing Company

Wise Choices, BlueBridge

Margaret Silf

Inner Compass is a practical and experience-based guide to greater self-knowledge and spiritual awareness through incorporating the Spiritual Exercises. Silf brings a laywoman's perspective; the book "grew out of questions rather than certainty, discovery rather than doctrine, the experience of everyday living rather than academic study." With advice that combines ancient spiritual traditions with the common sense of the 21st century, *Wise Choices* offers practical guidance to the decision-maker including techniques for broadening ways of thinking and effective problem solving that also makes sense spiritually.

The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything: A Spirituality for Real Life, HarperOne

James Martin, SJ (Weston '97)

Ignatius of Loyola's "way of proceeding" forms the basis of this spiritual handbook. He provides a brief history of Ignatius and the Jesuits, followed by a how-to that covers prayer in its various forms; the Jesuit vows of chastity, poverty and obedience; friendship and love; discernment; and finding a life path. The Ignatian way is made relevant to a contemporary audience.

Making Choices in Christ: The Foundations of Ignatian Spirituality, Loyola Press

Joseph Tetlow, SJ

In *Making Choices in Christ*, Joseph Tetlow, SJ, shares forty concise meditations exploring what Ignatian spirituality is and isn't; what it means to live by it; Ignatius's legacy to all who practice Ignatian spirituality; and its important concepts and experiences, most notably the Spiritual Exercises.

What's Your Decision?: How to Make Choices with Confidence and Clarity,

Loyola Press

Timothy Hipskind, SJ, James Manney, and J. Michael Sparough, SJ (U. of Detroit Mercy '72)

Do I go to graduate school? Whom should I marry? Should I change careers? What do I do with my life now that I am retired? This book presents a time-tested, trustworthy approach to decision making based on the insights of Ignatius of Loyola and the Spiritual Exercises. The authors present an Ignatian toolkit for making sound choices and help us understand that a God decision always precedes a good decision.



Fairfield Faculty Adviser **Charles Allen, SJ** (Boston College '90) and newly elected Chapter President **Kathryn Reilly** (Fairfield '10)

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TALKING ABOUT LEADERSHIP, BY WILLIAM J. BYRON, SJ (SAINT JOSEPH'S '50)

every possible perspective – willing to listen to friends and foes to gain new insights into the best course of action. This requires humility, patience, compassionate listening, and a willingness to learn from others. The discernment process must involve an account of conscience. What is the right thing to do? Who is affected by this decision? And finally, leaders need to be courageous in committing to a course of action and willing to take risks to do the right thing.

How do you live those characteristics in your work?

I encounter many competing interests in my attempt to shape and form various aspects of the volunteer program. My first point is to listen carefully to all of the volunteers, as well as other “stakeholders” in a given situation: principals, administrators, and students. I take the input to prayer and to trusted mentors to make the best decision possible based on my experience of the whole process. What results comes from discernment rooted in prayer. In my work with Witness Against Torture, we make decisions as a community, everyone is genuinely listened to. Deciding how to respond to injustice requires prayerful discernment. How is God calling us to respond with love and truth? Our conscience moves us to act, and the gift of courage makes it possible to take a risk for what’s right.

Who is your role model for leadership?

Pedro Arrupe, SJ (Marquette '67), stands out as an exemplary leader. His discernment process involved paying attention to our global reality, especially the unjust and unnecessary suffering of so many people: Japanese victims of the atomic bombings, Vietnamese boat refugees, the countless poor and oppressed in Latin America. Arrupe allowed this reality to sting his conscience and guide his leadership of the Jesuits. His key insight – “that love of God which does not issue in justice for others is a farce” – helped renew the Jesuit mission in the post-Vatican era.

What inspires you to do the job that you do?

This is difficult work on the Pine Ridge Reservation. I believe in the mission of Red Cloud Indian School: to empower students to be strong in their Lakota and Catholic identity. Students participate in regular retreats, which include Lakota and Catholic prayer, and the school is currently developing an unprecedented K-12 Lakota language curriculum. I am inspired when a football player begins the school day by singing a traditional Lakota hymn, or when I attend Sunday Mass in neighboring Oglala and see students participate in that community’s prayer life.



Luke Hansen, SJ
(Loyola Chicago '09)

Do you think your education at a Jesuit institution formed your understanding of leadership and led you to your career choice?

My graduate work at Loyola University Chicago definitely gave shape to my vision of the world and how I understand my vocation within this world. My professors led by example: using the tools of philosophy, theology, economics, and history to critically reflect upon and understand the social problems of our time, and be creative about possible solutions. My classmates challenged me to go deeper intellectually and spiritually, to be more committed, and to take greater risks for peace and justice. The entire university environment helped foster a sense of vocational discernment: being a person of conscience and action in our world. I felt the influence of Pedro Arrupe’s vision for Jesuit schools: to form persons for others.

How does spirituality play a role in your life?

I cannot do this work on my own. I need to be centered in God’s love and God’s dreams for the world. I need to be rooted in the reality of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection. When I lose sight of this, I can easily grow frustrated. When I remain rooted in God’s life in me, I experience more energy to do the work. I am learning, again and again, that prayer is essential.

What can AΣN offer you in terms of continuing your life-long journey of being a “person for others” and living the characteristics so evident in the Jesuit education mission?

We all need to be challenged. I want to be challenged by AΣN to be a more faithful disciple of Jesus, to make a more radical social commitment, to take greater risks for peace and justice in the world. It is important that organizations like AΣN at least help raise honest questions which Jesuit alumni need to be able to confront.

What do you hope to be the next step in this life-long journey?

Right now, I am in the regency stage of Jesuit formation, which usually involves three years of full-time work in a Jesuit ministry. After this, I hope to move onto theological studies, the final stage of formation before ordination to the priesthood.

All Jesuit colleges and universities share the common goal of educating men and women for leadership. This goal embraces education for leadership in business, government, education, church, and social service agencies. Men and women inducted into Alpha Sigma Nu during their collegiate years clearly possess leadership potential. I propose that AΣN bring members together to discuss the link between what was specifically Jesuit in their educational experience and the leadership challenges they are meeting in the workplace.

The inspiration for all Jesuit works can be found in the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuit order. Hence the rationale for this idea shares that inspiration. The principles of Ignatian leadership can make AΣN conversations about leadership distinctive.

Modeled on the Jesuit-inspired Woodstock Business Conference (WBC), a network of local Alpha Sigma Nu men and women would gather to explore the relevance of their religious faith to their business responsibilities. Groups can meet monthly for prayer, shared reflection, and discussion of a previously agreed-upon topic. The purpose of the conversations would be to assist participants in enhancing their leadership capability and infusing it with the Ignatian spirit. Recommended meeting times are work day early mornings or later afternoon/evenings. Meetings can be held on or near the local Jesuit campus or a location convenient to the participants.

The typical Woodstock meeting format is: (1) opening prayer; (2) a reading of the mission statement; (3) reading from Scripture and/or the *Spiritual Exercises*, followed by silent reflection; (4) sharing of insights from the Scripture reading; (5) discussion of a previously distributed article, speech, report, or book chapter on a relevant theme; (6) summary review and final prayer.

With endorsement from the Central Office, local AΣN Chapters and Alumni Clubs could assist in recruiting members and organizing groups. Groups could also come together in cities where there are no Clubs by communicating through the Central Office. Linked In and Facebook could be employed in networking members as well.

I see this as a service to be offered by AΣN, to members when and as they wish. It would be a local decision as to whether a given group should continue to meet indefinitely, or end when sufficient leadership “training” has been achieved.

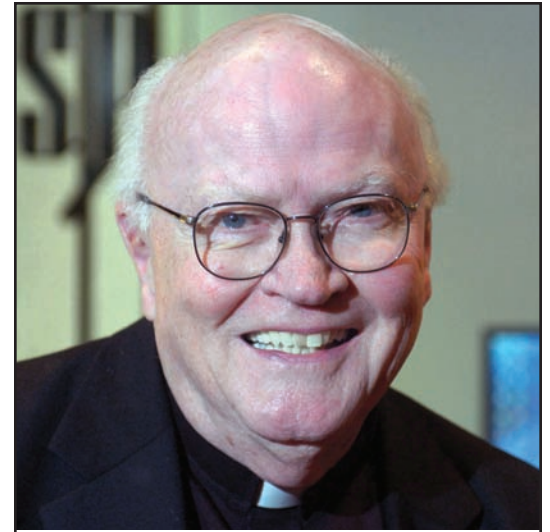
I would recommend this bibliography:

- (1) *Heroic Leadership: Best Practices from a 450-Year-Old Company that Changed the World*, by **Chris Lowney** (Fordham '04) (Loyola Press, 2003). Lowney speaks of “whole-person leadership” in his book which compares with the management practices in the secular business world and the “best practices” that were initiated in the 16th century by Ignatius of Loyola. “Jesuits,” writes Lowney, “focus on engendering four unique values that created leadership substance: (1) self-awareness, (2) ingenuity, (3) love, (4) and heroism. In other words, Jesuits equipped their recruits to succeed by molding them into leaders who (1) understood their strengths, weaknesses, values, and worldview; (2) confidently innovated and adapted to embrace a changing world; (3) engaged others with a positive, loving attitude; and (4) energized themselves and others through heroic ambitions.”
- (2) *Jesuit Saturdays: Sharing the Ignatian Spirit with Friends and Colleagues*, by **William J. Byron, SJ** (Loyola Press, revised edition 2008). From the proper noun Ignatius comes the adjective Ignatian, which identifies a spirituality and a spirit that reflect the soul of the founder of the Society of Jesus. This same spirit should be part of the life and career of every AΣN member.
- (3) *Next-Generation Leadership: A Toolkit for Those in Their Teens, Twenties, and Thirties, Who Want to be Successful Leaders* by William J. Byron, S.J. (University of Scranton Press, 2010). This is an introduction to leadership theory and practice. Each of the chapters in this book can be a topic for discussion at a monthly meeting of the AΣN leadership conversation group. “Principles of Ignatian Leadership,” compiled by the author and James L. Connor, SJ, is the Appendix to *Next-Generation Leadership*; it is recommended for use by way of discussion in local meetings.

To assist in guiding groups, AΣN could provide a simple three-ring binder “workbook” to include: (a) a mission statement for the guidance of participants in the leadership conversations; (b) a description of the typical format of every meeting; (c) recommended Scripture texts; (d) the text of key passages from the text of the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius; (e) other readings related to Ignatian spirituality; (f) references to (and in some cases the text of) secular readings that will be useful for group discussion.

I beg forgiveness for immodest self-promotion in recommending my own books. But I am so convinced of the power of Ignatian spirituality and the leadership potential of AΣN members, that I’ll gladly risk criticism for beating my own drum if that drumbeat stimulates some interest in getting AΣN conversations up and running.

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FALL ALUMNI CLUB EVENTS

Cleveland Alpha Sigma Nu Alumni Club Attends Loyola Club

AΣN alumni are gathering quarterly at the Loyola Club luncheons. The Loyola Club gathers Jesuit-educated alums for food, fellowship and guidance in the application of Jesuit Spirituality in their current lives. The Club promotes "the idea of service to others never grows old as we continue to learn, earn and be 'Men and Women for Others.'" Previous luncheons have featured Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities President **Charles Currie, SJ** (Wheeling Jesuit '72), and New England Provincial Myles Sheehan, SJ. On September 29, **Gregory Boyle, SJ** (Loyola Marymount '90), spoke on "Nothing Stops a Bullet Like a Job." An acknowledged expert on gangs and intervention approaches, "Father Greg" is Founder and Chief Executive Officer Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles. Homeboy's mission is to create an environment that provides training, work experience, and above all, the opportunity, for rival gang members to work side by side. Homeboy Industries has had an important impact as young people from over half of LA's 1,100 known gangs seek a way out through Homeboy. "I read Father Greg's book, *Tattoos on the Heart*, prior to hearing him speak," said Club President **Elaine Hocevar** (John Carroll '97). "He is both a gifted writer and speaker; but what impressed me most was his compassion for the young people he serves and the respect he receives in return."

Danihy Club Fellowship Mass

The Danihy Alumni Club of Southeastern Wisconsin kicked off the fall alumni event season with the annual Fellowship Mass Sunday, Sept. 19. The Mass and breakfast brought alumni and students together to celebrate the new academic year. Faculty Adviser **Jeffrey LaBelle, SJ** (Marquette '08), celebrated the Mass with a sermon inspiring members to a life of scholarship, loyalty, and service. **John Pustejovsky, PhD** (Marquette '75), Marquette faculty member and former Danihy Club President, shared a reflection on the critical role of Jesuit education and AΣN values in his personal and professional lives. This 'new Club tradition' gathered many student members, alumni, and their families.

Denver Alpha Sigma Nu Alumni Club hosts Vice-President of Mission and Ministry

On October 6, **Thomas Reynolds, PhD** (Regis '04), Regis Vice-President of Mission and Ministry, spoke with AΣN members and alumni on various opportunities for AΣN members to get involved with Regis mission activities. The Club is planning the annual Fr. Woody Christmas Wrap and Party for the Poor, which provides Christmas dinner and gifts to the needy. This year's wrapping events will be at Regis University November 20, and at the Downtown Sheraton on December 18 with the Father Woody Christmas Party December 19. See the Denver Club's page on the Alpha Sigma Nu web site for more information. Finally, the Denver Club announces that **Kelly Darby** (Regis '05) is President elect and **Rachelle Lauck** (Regis '08) is Vice President-elect; they will assume office in Jan. 2011.



Creighton Faculty Adviser **Gregory Carlson, SJ** (Creighton '94), Chapter President **Brittany Mascio** (Creighton '10), **Rianne Hoos** (Creighton '10), **Daniel Daly, PhD** (Creighton '82), **Megan Gombold** (Creighton '10), **Starlette Dossou** (Creighton '10), and Alumni Club Moderator **Thomas Shanahan, SJ** (Creighton '97)

Los Angeles AΣN Alumni Club and the Loyola Marymount Chapter Host Networking Night

Alumni at last spring's "Networking in an Ignatian State of Mind," asked for a social and career networking evening, hence "ASN for AΣN - Alumni Social Networking for Alpha Sigma Nu," hosted by the Club and the Loyola Marymount Chapter November 4. Students practiced business social skills and made valuable connections. Alumni shared their wisdom and experience and made new friends.

Alumni Club of New York City - Islam and Violence

Is Islam an intrinsically violent religious tradition or is it, as faithful Muslims proclaim, a religion of peace? Speaking from his friendship with Muslims for more than four decades, **Patrick Ryan, SJ** (Fordham '08) raised these important considerations about the basic themes of Islam and their relevance to contemporary political developments at the NY Club's fall lecture event, held October 28, at Fordham's Lincoln Center campus. Father Ryan, is the McGinley Professor of Religion and Society at Fordham University, having served as Vice President for University Mission and Ministry from 2005-2009. He spent 26 years as a teacher and academic administrator in West Africa. His PhD is from Harvard University where he studied comparative history of religion, specializing in Arabic and Islamic studies. He was the first President of Loyola Jesuit College, a high school in Nigeria's federal capital, Abuja. As McGinley Professor, Fr. Ryan hopes to establish a 'trialogue' of Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

Omaha Alpha Sigma Nu Alumni Club presents the Alpha Sigma Nu William F. Kelley SJ Endowed Lecture

The 52nd annual Alpha Sigma Nu **William F. Kelley SJ** (Creighton '74), Endowed Lecture was held Saturday, October 2, at the Harper Center for Student Life and Learning. Featured speaker **Daniel L. Daly, PhD** (Xavier '69), Executive Vice President and Director of Youth Care, Boys Town, shared adolescent mental health and science-based programs with positive outcomes that address challenges facing today's parents. Daly is considered one of the principal architects of Boys Town's science-based youth care and education programs, directing the Youth Care Department of the world famous Father Flanagan's Boys' Home. Influential on national policy regarding child care and service programs, Daly has enhanced custodial, palliative care to include research-based services.

Scranton Alpha Sigma Nu Alumni Club Fall Lecture

The Alpha Sigma Nu Alumni Lecture featured **John Donaghy, PhD** (U. of Scranton '70), as he shared "From Scranton, to Iowa, to Honduras, via New Orleans" Thursday, Oct. 14. The lecture is sponsored by the Scranton Alpha Sigma Nu Alumni Club in cooperation with the University's Political Science Department, the Department of Latin American and Women's Studies, the Catholic Studies Program, and the Education for Justice Program. Dr. Donaghy discussed his journey from the University of Scranton to his present lay missionary experience in Honduras. He has worked in the formation of lay leaders, formation programs in Catholic Social Teaching, and in campus ministry at the Santa Rosa de Copán campus of the Universidad Católica de Honduras. A reception for students, alumni, and the Scranton community followed.



Executive Director **Kate Gaertner** (Marquette '04), **Tracey Clark** (Saint Peter's '07), **Melissa Alvarenga** (Fordham '06), **Adam Harrington** (Rockhurst '00), **John Mercuri** (U. of Scranton '07), **Cassandra Clark** (Holy Cross '01) and **Jennifer Illig** (Fordham '08) meet in New York to discuss Alumni Club programming